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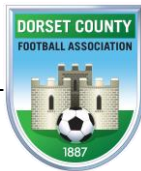


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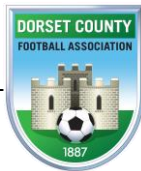
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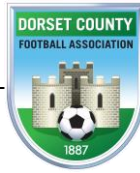


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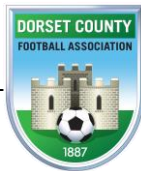
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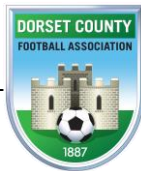
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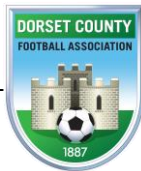
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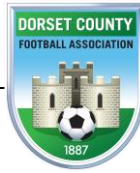
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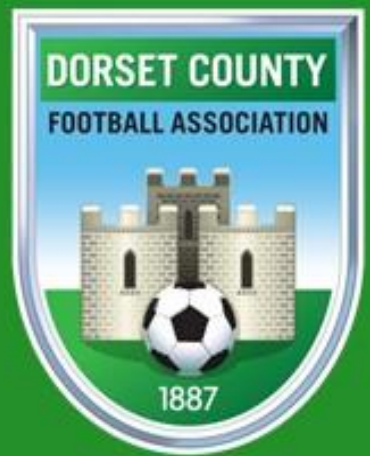
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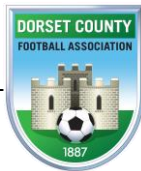
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### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

R Amey (1 & 2)

D Corbin (1 & 2)

V Dade (2 & 3)

D Drew\* (1, 2 & 3)

J Joyce (1 & 3)

M Hansford (2 & 3)

D Hollands (2 & 3)

A Mercer (1 & 3)

M Noble (1 & 2)

D Skakich (1 & 2)

S Whittle (2 & 3)

**Secretariat:** J Mosley

(\* Chairman since 2014)

### **DEVELOPMENT SUB COMMITTEES**

**1) Player Pathway** (J Mosley) 5 September 2019 & 25 February 2020

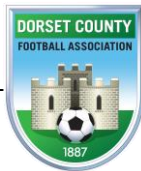
**2) Coaching & Volunteer Pathway** (J Tewkesbury)  
8 October 2019 & 4 February 2020

**3) Facilities** (K Purnell) 6 November 2019 & 11 March 2020

### **FULL COMMITTEE**

9 July 2019  
12 May 2020





## **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

H Billimore

R Brittain

D Corbin

V Dade

D Drew

M J Hansford\*

G Pike

S Pike

G A Theobald

S N Whittle

A Cross (Independent)

J Horgan (Independent)

D McWilliam (Independent)

R Monksummers (Independent)

Colin Stupack (Independent)

**Secretariat:** P S Hough/A Rush-Fear

(\* Chairman since 2019)

**Local Football Anti-Discrimination Panel Member**

D Corbin

## **DISCIPLINE COMMISSIONS**

Monday 7 October 2019

Monday 4 November 2019

Monday 12 December 2019

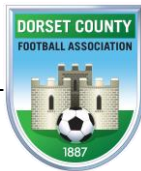
Monday 13 January 2020

Monday 10 February 2020

Monday 9 March 2020

Monday 20 April 2020

Monday 11 May 2020



## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

H Billimore

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A Clarke

M Dobson

D Frampton

P Hughes

I Kellett

H Legg

M Lucas

S D Miles

G Pike

S Pike

N Speed

G Theobald

Seat 17 (Referees' Rep)

**Secretariat:** C G Chainey

## **DATE OF MEETINGS**

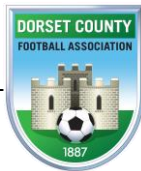
Tuesday 31 July 2019

Wednesday 9 October 2019

Wednesday 11 December 2019

Wednesday 22 January 2020

Wednesday 4 March 2020



### **WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**

R Amey

V Dade

I A Kellett

J Moseley

A M Mercer

M Noble

S Pike\*

D Skakich

Seat 17 (Referees' Rep)

#### **Secretariat:**

A Rush-Fear

(\* Chairman since 2016)

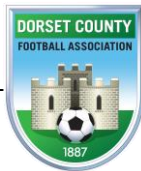
### **DATE OF MEETINGS**

Thursday 17 October 2019

Thursday 13 February 2020

Thursday 21 May 2020





## PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS

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1978-1996	Mr J S Clare, J.P
1996-1998	Mr B A White, M.B.E
1998-	Mr S D Miles

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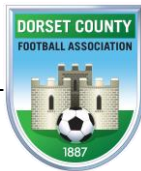
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1995-1997	Mr A P Humphries
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2002-2007	Mr D H Smurthwaite
2007 -2013	Mr J G Masters
2013-2019	Mr S N Whittle
2019-	Mr G A Theobald

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1999-2002	Mr D H Smurthwaite
2002-2008	Mr G Pike
2008-2012	Mr P S Hough
2012-2018	Mr G Pike
2018-	Mr S D Miles

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1892-1896	Mr W Watkins (as Hon Secretary)
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1923-1943	Mr W H Saunders



1943-1946	Mr C H Fish (as Hon Secretary)
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1949-1968	Mr J J Hodges
1968-1971	Mr G T Evans
1971-1973	Mr B C Bush
1973-1979	Mr G J Mitchell
1979- 1999	Mr P S Hough

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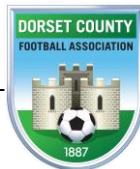
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1994-1995	Mr S W Hedges
1995- 2001	Mr D R Martin
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Mr A T Witherington (dec)	Mr D H Smurthwaite
Mr H S Bailey (dec)	Mr J G Masters
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Mr F W Leleu (dec)	Mr A F Ambrose (dec)
Mr R Light (dec)	Mr G Pike
Mr J R Porter (dec)	Mr S D Miles
Mr T R Croad (dec)	Mr T W Schorah
Mr S A Fordham (dec)	Mr B R Stockley
Mr L C Parker (dec)	Mr M J Webber (dec)
Mr T G Wellman (dec)	Mr D G Frampton
Mr W W Hookway (dec)	Mr G A Theobald
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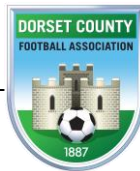
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## **Membership Rules of the Dorset County Football Association Limited**

### **1. Registration and Particulars of Clubs**

On or before 1 July in each year, or within one week of joining, each club shall forward to the Secretary of the Association a return (Form A) stating the name of the Club, year of formation, number of members, name and address of President, Chairman and Secretary, who will be its registered Secretary for all purposes of the Association until proper notification of a change is given, in writing to the Secretary of the Association - address of its playing ground or grounds, not to exceed two in number, where the members register, cash book and minute book are kept, whether Annual General Meetings are held to which a statement of accounts is submitted, whether gate and other receipts are entirely placed to the credit of the Club, or if not, how applied, and the distinguishing colours of the Club.

No Club shall be allowed to change its registered name after 1 August in any year.

**NB** A second ground may not be registered by a Club after 1 October in any season without the consent of Council.

All clubs in Membership of the Association shall provide proof that they have arranged financial cover for its players in the event of injury as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix.

Each Club shall forward with Form 'A' Registration a Fee in accordance with its status (see Section 'A' of the

The payment of the Registration Fee shall entitle the Club to receive a link to a copy of the online Handbook.

Clubs shall not be allowed to take part in any Competition until and unless the Affiliation Form has been received and the monies paid by the due date. Failure to pay by this date will result in a Fine being imposed (See Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix). Each team shall be required to have Public Liability Insurance in place at the point of affiliation in accordance with the Rules of The Football Association. Failure to pay by 1 July each year will result in additional Fines being imposed by the Council.

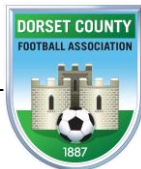
Clubs wishing to place Advertising on players' clothing shall be required to make Application to Council.

### **2. Books of Competitions and Clubs**

All Competitions and Clubs, members of this Association, shall keep accounts and a minute book of their meetings - showing the election of any new member and the date of his election - and shall produce such minute book, and all other books of the Competition or Club, to the Council as and when required.

All books and Vouchers for at least two seasons preceding the season must be retained by the Club, and be ready for production whenever required by the Association. At least two Clubs each season shall be required to produce their books for inspection by the Council. All clubs must produce a Receipts and Payments Statement made up to 31 May of the previous calendar year or to 31 December of the previous calendar year.





However, if the club is now in financial difficulty, such information must accompany the Receipts and Payments Statement. This Statement must accompany the Annual Affiliation Forms and a club will not be permitted to affiliate without this submission.

### **Clubs in Step 7 and above**

In addition to the above, each Club must provide Administration Records – ie Minutes of the previous AGM and all Committee Meetings to 31 March in the current calendar year and confirm in respect of financial matters that:

A A separate bank account(s) is open in the name of the Football Club and is used for all transactions Each account must require at least two signatories.

B All limited companies must submit the Accounts that have previously been approved by the Board of Directors, in the format seen by the Board of Directors.

C All other clubs (in Step 7 and above) must submit as seen and independently checked. These accounts must include the verifiers full name, date and date of verification.

This information must accompany the Annual Affiliation Form and clubs in Step 7 and above will not be permitted to affiliate without the above information. Please note that the information will be stored in secure storage for a maximum period of five years.

### 3. **Cup Competitions**

A Club having membership with the Dorset County Football Association Limited shall be required, if considered eligible, to enter and play its recognised 1st XI in one of the Cup Competitions of the Association according to its status, which status shall be decided by the Dorset County Football Association Limited (Cup Entry Fees - see Section 'A' of the Financial Appendix). Such fees to be paid by 1 July in each year. Obligations in all County Cup Competitions shall take precedence over all League and other Competitions with the exception of Numbers 1-10 in the Match Precedence List in the Directory. Exemption from Cup Competitions may be allowed by the Council of the Association subject to the payment of exemption fees shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix.

### 4. **Sanctioned Competitions**

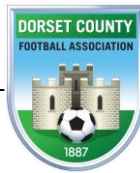
Each League and Competition granted sanction by the Association - other than Charity Competitions, shall pay to the Association an Annual Subscription (See Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix) and no League or Competition shall be allowed unless sanctioned by the Council. The Subscription payable by a Competition the whole of the net profits of which are devoted to recognised charitable objects shall be as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix.

Each Sanctioned Competition may make application for the appointment to its Management Committee of a representative of the Association, and where such appointment is made the travelling expenses of the representative so appointed shall be borne by the Competition concerned, if claimed.

In the case of a Club or Sanctioned Competition being disbanded, a financial statement, together with all books, shall be forwarded when called upon, to the Secretary of the Association and any balance in hand shall be dealt with by the Council.

No Six-a-Side or similar Tournament shall be arranged without permission of the Council. Application in respect of such Tournaments shall be forwarded so as to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association at least 21 days previous to the date of the proposed Tournament and be accompanied by a fee as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix, and the date thereof shall not be altered, except by permission of the Council. Ten per cent of entry fees of such Tournaments shall be payable to the Dorset County Football Association Benevolent Fund. An audited Balance Sheet shall





be submitted to the Secretary of the Association within 28 days of the Tournament.

Scratch teams shall not compete in any Tournament without special permission.

Any player taking part in an unsanctioned Competition shall be liable to be dealt with by the Council.

Applications for the sanction of "Friendly Matches" must be made to the Dorset County Football Association at least seven days prior to the date of the match.

5. **Privileges of Members of the Council**

Each Member of the Council shall be furnished with a pass, and all Clubs belonging to the Association shall admit the holder to their grounds and stands upon production of such pass without requiring any other authority.

6. **Long Service Medals**

A Medal shall be presented by the Association to each Council Member upon completion of 20 years' service on the Council.

7. **Appeals**

Appeals from the decisions of League Management Committees, League Management Disciplinary Committees, Sanctioned Leagues or Competitions, may be made to the Association, who shall have the power to reverse or vary any decision appealed against, and to order payment of such expenses as they may deem fit. Each appeal must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association in duplicate, within fourteen days of the date of posting of the decision, accompanied by a deposit (See Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix) which may be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld: the reason for the Appeal shall be clearly stated. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be the final ruling of the Association.

8. **Alterations to Rules**

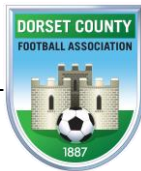
Alterations to these membership rules may be made by Council in accordance with the Articles of Association. Any member of the Association wishing Council to consider a proposed alteration of these Rules must give written notice of its proposal to the County Secretary on or before 1 March in any year.

9. **County Matches**

All Clubs, members of the Association, shall be bound to place their players at the disposal of the Council for County Matches. The Council shall have the power of selecting any matches they may deem fit.

Any player who is selected to play for the Association and fails to do so shall not play for any Club on that day or the preceding day unless he first obtains the consent of the Chairman of the County Match Committee. Any player failing to comply with this Rule may be judged by the Council guilty of misconduct. Any Club found to have encouraged or instigated such a player to commit such an offence shall be deemed guilty of a similar offence.

A Club having its goalkeeper or having two or more players selected to play for a County Team or accepted for a County Coaching Course shall be allowed to postpone a Dorset County Cup fixture in which they are engaged on that day, if they so desire. Postponements for League matches will be at the discretion of the League concerned. The Council shall have the power to select any dates and grounds they may deem fit for County or Representative matches.



10. **County Honours**

The Awards will be presented as follows:

Male teams – an award for the first appearance, a County Cap for eight appearances, a second County Cap for sixteen appearances: a special Award for twenty-five appearances.

Female teams – an award for the first appearance, an award for eight appearances, an award for sixteen appearances, a special award for twenty five appearances.

11. **Matches outside the County**

Members of the County Match Committee shall be entitled to travelling expenses as from time to time agreed by the Board of Directors to male County matches and members of the Women's Committee shall be entitled to traveling expenses as from time to time agreed by the Board of Directors to all female County Matches played in Dorset. The Chief Executive of the Association shall make arrangements for at least one member of the Committee to attend matches played outside the County.

12. **Registration of players**

Players must register in accordance with their League Rules: the registration for Cup Competitions will be in accordance with the League Registration for the appropriate competition. For the purpose of this Rule the current season shall end on the 31 May each year. Players eligibility for Cup Competitions shall be as shown in the Players Cup Eligibility List. No player under the age of sixteen years at midnight 31 August in the current season shall play in an Open Age County Cup Competition.

A player under written contract with the Football Association shall play only for the club by which he is registered (FA Rule C1).

13. **Notice of Approach**

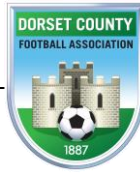
No Club nor any person shall, during the current season, attempt to induce any player of a Club in Membership or Associate Membership of this Association or of any affiliated Association as hereinafter provided to sign for another Club without at least seven days' notice in writing to the Secretary of the Club for which the player was last known to have played in a recognised Competition and negotiations with the player must cease at the expiration of 21 days from the date of such notice being given. The notice must be forwarded by registered post or recorded delivery and the receiving Club shall supply written acknowledgement within 7 days of receipt of such notice. A second notice shall not be given by the same Club in respect of the same player during the current season. The approaching Club or person shall not give notice of intention to approach more than one player of a Club at the same time and shall not give notice of intention to approach another player of the same Club within 28 days of a prior notice. Except with the written consent of the Club 7 days notice is necessary if the first approach is made by the player, but this consent shall not be unreasonably withheld where circumstances of a special character exist e.g. change of residence or non-selection for any team of the Club for three consecutive weeks.

14. **Age Limit Competitions**

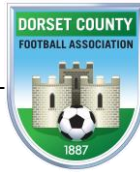
Any individual judged to have knowingly broken the age limit rule of any competition, or by furnishing false information as to age, shall be suspended for a period not exceeding 12 months, and be dealt with in any other manner as the Council may deem fit.

15. **Rules relating to schoolchildren**

1. Whilst a pupil remains on the roll of a recognised school priority must at all times be given to school or school organisations activities.



2. A Club selecting a pupil to play in any match under the jurisdiction of the Association shall clear the availability of the pupil on every occasion with his Head Teacher.
  3. Children who are under eleven years of age shall not be allowed to participate in eleven a side football.
16. **Discipline**  
The Council shall have the power to deal by Suspension from taking part in football or football management, fine or otherwise, as they may decide, any person charged with violations of the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association, or of this Association or of any League or Competition, or with misconduct on the part of any person, League or other Competitions, Organisation or Club or on the part of their members, players or officials, and deciding all disputes that may arise including the determinations of such actions which may be deemed to have brought the game into disrepute.



## Equality and Diversity Policy and Statement June 2019

This statement demonstrates the commitment of **Dorset County Football Association** to meet the legislative requirements of Equality and Diversity, specifically the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in order to comply with the general equality duty of the Equality Act 2010 and extra specific duties.

The Equality Duty is a duty on public bodies and others carrying out public functions. It ensures that public bodies consider the needs of all individuals in their day to day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services, and in relation to their own employees.

### The three aims of the Equality Duty

The Equality Duty has three aims. It requires public bodies to have **due regard** to the need to:

**1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination**, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act.

- Direct discrimination in services and public functions happens when someone is treated less favourably than another person because of a protected characteristic.
- Harassment is “unwanted conduct related to a relevant protected characteristic, which has the purpose or effect of violating an individual’s dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment for that individual”.
- Victimisation occurs when someone is treated badly because they have done something in relation to the Equality Act, such as making or supporting a complaint or raising a grievance about discrimination, or because it is suspected that they have done or may do these things.

**2. Advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. This involves considering the need to:

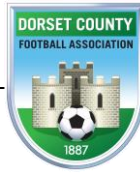
- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics
- Meet the needs of people with protected characteristics
- Encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is low

**3. Foster good relations** between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Fostering good relations involves tackling prejudice and promoting understanding between people who share a protected characteristic and others.

### Protected Characteristics

The Equality Duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- age
- disability (Including mental health)
- gender reassignment
- race – this includes ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality
- religion or belief – this includes lack of belief
- sex
- sexual orientation
- pregnancy and maternity

**Background:**

As the governing body for football in Dorset, the Dorset County Football Association is responsible for setting standards and values that apply throughout the game at every level. Football belongs to, and should be enjoyed by, anyone who wants to participate in it.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect and that football is equally accessible to all and where all can feel welcome. It has been compiled to reflect the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, and everyone who participates in football across the County should be aware of, and comply with the principles that underpin the policy.

Dorset County FA's commitment is to promote inclusion, to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status or civil partnership, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, pregnancy and maternity, and to encourage equal opportunities. This Policy is fully supported by the Board of Dorset County FA, and the Chief Executive and Board Equality Champion have overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy, with Dorset FA Inclusion Advisory Group guidance and support.

**Statement**

The Equality Standard (A Framework for Sport) was launched by the UK in November 2004 to help address the inequalities that exist within the sports sector. It is a framework to guide sports organisations, including national governing bodies of sport, towards achieving equality. In 2010 Dorset FA achieved the Foundation Level of the Standard and we are currently in the process of reviewing the Standard to ensure we fulfil the criteria. It is important that we comply with the Standard to ensure that we continue to be an inclusive organisation who are committed to offer football for all, no matter age, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status or civil partnership, race, religion or belief, ability or disability including mental health, pregnancy or maternity to encourage equality and inclusion at all levels.

We recognise that there are still in the case of some of our diverse / protected characteristics communities, for example those from sexual minorities, major challenges to their feeling and being welcome, safe, and valued in the setting of football. Dorset FA is committed to explore with all our partners, members and beyond, effective solutions to address these issues.

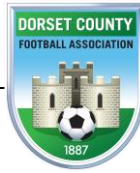
The FA have a clear Equality & Inclusion Strategic Plan in place and The County Association are funded by The FA to deliver on National Game Strategy targets for male, female and disability players and female and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) coaches and referees. As an organisation we must also ensure that any players, coaches, referees or volunteers wishing to access football in Dorset have the opportunity to do so, regardless of those protected characteristics described above.

This work will include our Equality Policy and Equality Statement, our staff and board members, how we communicate with our stakeholders and customers, and our Human Resources policies. This work will be led by the Board Champion for Equality, Andy Mercer and the Equality Lead, Justine Mosley, supported by the Chief Executive, Sue Hough.

We will also look to support others in our community not covered by legislation.

We continue to make considerable strides in realising our statutory obligations to pay due regard and to promote equality across the equality strands, which we can be proud of and encouraged by.





We will continually build on our foundations that have been laid to achieve high standards in equality, diversity and inclusion.

Dorset FA is committed to developing, supporting and sustaining a diverse workforce, representative of the community it serves, through the creation of a work environment where staff are able to do their jobs to the best of their abilities without having to face discrimination or harassment.

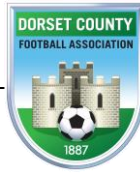
### **Key Principles:**

**Dorset County FA** will ensure that it treats people fairly and with respect, and will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, football activities. Dorset County FA will not tolerate harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of any participant, or any form of discrimination direct or indirect, whether physical or verbal (including 'banter').

**Dorset County FA** will work to ensure that any such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs, and actively encourages its reporting from those targeted and those witnessing/aware of it. Dorset County FA commits itself to the immediate investigation of any allegation of harassment, bullying or discrimination, as soon as it is brought to their attention, and where such is found to be the case, applying relevant and proportionate sanctions

**Dorset County FA** is committed to inclusion and anti-discrimination and will raise awareness of these issues through education, campaigning, the achievement and maintenance of independently verified equality standards, widening diversity and representation and the promotion of diverse role models all key actions to promote inclusion and eradicate discrimination within football, encouraging maximum opportunities for talent to be nurtured, not lost.

Dorset FAs commitment is that in the 2018/19 season our aim is to confirm the Foundation Level of the Standard so that we can achieve the Preliminary Level during the 2019/20 season.



## Safeguarding

The Dorset County Football Association's Senior Safeguarding Lead is **Kevin Pike** who can be contacted on **01202 688270** or email: [kevin.pike@dorsetfa.com](mailto:kevin.pike@dorsetfa.com).

The Designated Safeguarding Officer is **Zoe Pollard** who can be contacted on **01202 688281** or email: [Zoe.Pollard@dorsetfa.com](mailto:Zoe.Pollard@dorsetfa.com).

Every child or young person (CYP) 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, thus every club is required to endorse and adhere to The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy.

The FA recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of CYP who play or participate in football by protecting them from abuse and harm. This means creating a safe and inclusive atmosphere where everyone works together to tackle both bullying and discrimination, ensure safer recruitment, and tackle poor practice which leads to harm and reduces equal opportunities. Best practice in inclusion, anti-bullying, equality and the respect agenda are all part of making safer cultures and prevention of harm and abuse.

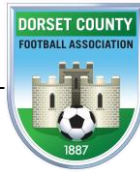
The FA is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all CYP to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities for as long as they choose to do so.

For a full copy of The FA Safeguarding Children Policy go to <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding>

### Reporting your concerns about the welfare of a child or young person

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you are worried about a child it is important that you report your concerns – no action is not an option.

1. If you are worried about a child then you need to report your concerns to the Club Welfare Officer.
2. If the issue is one of poor practice the Club Welfare Officer will either:
  - a. Deal with the matter themselves, or;
  - b. Seek advice from our League Welfare Officer.
  - c. Seek advice from Dorset FA Designated Safeguarding Officer.
3. If the concern is more serious – possible child abuse, where possible, contact the Dorset FA Designated Safeguarding Officer first, then immediately contact the Police or Children's Social Care.
4. If the child needs immediate medical treatment take them to a hospital or call an ambulance and tell them this is a child protection concern. Let your Club Welfare Officer know what action you have taken, they in turn will inform the Dorset FA Designated Safeguarding Officer.
5. If at any time you are not able to contact your Club Welfare Officer or the matter is clearly serious then you can either:
  - a. Contact Dorset FA Designated Safeguarding Officer directly;
  - b. Contact The FA Safeguarding Team on 0800 169 1863 or [Safeguarding@TheFA.com](mailto:Safeguarding@TheFA.com);
  - c. Contact the Police or Children's Social Care;
  - d. Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).



## RESPECT League

RESPECT is a continuous FA programme, not a one-off initiative, aimed at creating a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. Leagues are pivotal in the promotion of RESPECT; this is achieved through four main steps:

### ***Step 1 – Codes of Conduct***

Specific RESPECT codes of conduct for players, spectators and parents/carers, coaches and team managers, match officials.

### ***Step 2 – Manage the match day environment***

Creation of designated spectator areas.

### ***Step 3 – Captain takes responsibility***

Referees will look towards Captains to manage their players and be accountable for their actions.

### ***Step 4 - Referee manages the game***

Referees should manage the game effectively and diffuse situations appropriately in conjunction with team captains and the application of the laws of the game.

The Dorset Women's League will be actively promoting RESPECT at all league fixtures. For more information on respect please visit:



[www.thefa.com/RESPECT](http://www.thefa.com/RESPECT)



# Set the standards for a great game.

Use your position to set a  
positive example for the people  
you're responsible for and lead  
a better game for everyone.

## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

#### Play your part and support The FA's Code of Respect:

##### On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away



# RESPECT



##### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

##### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn

# We ONLY do Positive.



*If we behave positively  
during practice and matches,  
our children will too.*

*By setting a good example, we'll help  
build a supportive environment in which  
everyone can enjoy themselves.*

## **Play Your Part** (Code of Conduct)

### **Spectators and Parents/Carers**

**Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:**

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- When players make mistakes, offer them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code,  
I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended or have my membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents and/or issued a fine



**RESPECT**

**we ONLY  
do  
Positive.**



# Make your impact a positive one.

*By managing the game in a positive,  
calm and confident way, you'll  
encourage everyone to have fun.*



## Play Your Part (Code of Conduct)

### Match Officials

**Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:**

**I will:**

- Respect the game, the competition and all other participants
- Maintain my integrity and approach each game with a positive mind set
- Be knowledgeable of the laws of the game, regulations and competition rules
- Set a positive personal example, by promoting good behaviour
- Embrace and empathise with the spirit of the game
- Submit accurate and concise reports and misconduct
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports
- Apply the laws of the game, promoting positive actions and not tolerating actions that do not fit the image of the game

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code,  
I may be:**

- Required to meet with The FA, County FA Referee Development Staff or Referees Committee
- Suspended by the County FA



# RESPECT

*We ONLY  
do  
Positive.*



*whether you win or lose,  
make it a better game.*

*Treat your team, other players  
and Match Officials with  
respect so that everyone  
has a more enjoyable time,  
on and off the pitch.*

## **Play Your Part** (Code of Conduct)

### **Adult Players**

**Play your part and support  
The FA's Code of Respect:**

**On and off the field, I will:**

- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Never engage in public criticism of the Match Officials and abide by their final decisions
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands at the end of every game
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Never engage in abusive language, bullying or intimidating behaviour

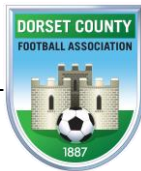
**I understand that if I do not follow the Code,  
I may:**

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be required to attend a FA education course
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be asked to leave the club and/or issued a fine



# **RESPECT**





## THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

### Company Limited by Guarantee

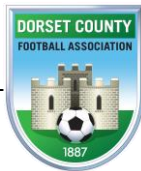
## ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION of DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

**Adopted by Members Resolution 10 January 2013**

### Interpretation

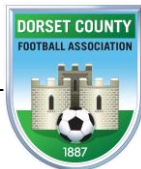
1. The model Articles of Association for a private company limited by guarantee set out in Schedule 2 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/3229) and any amendment or replacement from time to time shall not apply to the Association, but the regulations contained in the following clauses (as originally adopted or from time to time altered by Special Resolution) shall be the Articles.
2. In these Articles:
 

“the Act”	means the Companies Act 2006 as amended, restated or re-enacted from time to time;
“Affiliated Club”	Means a football club which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Association as a Member;
“Affiliated League”	Means a league of Affiliated Clubs which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Association.
“Area”	Means such a geographical area of the County as is determined from time to time by the Council;
“Area Representative”	Means a Council Member elected pursuant to Article 44;
“Armed Forces FA’s”	means the branch of the Armed Forces Football Associations operating within the County;
“Articles”	Means these Articles of Association;
“Association”	Means Dorset County Football Association Limited;
“Chairman”	Means the Chairman of the Association appointed from time to time in accordance with Article 66
“Clear Days”	In relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is giving or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;



“Competition”	Means a Competition of Affiliated Clubs which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Association;
“the Council”	Means the Council of the Association as constituted under these Articles and any Rules made pursuant thereto;
“Council Members”	Means the persons appointed or elected from time to time to be members of the Council in accordance with these Articles;
“County”	Means the area described in Article 111 (b);
“Chief Executive”	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Chief Executive for the Association appointed in accordance with Article 65; (The Chief Executive also acts as the Company Secretary)
“Deputy Chairman”	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Deputy Chairman of the Association in accordance with Article;
“Directors of the Board”	Means the directors of the Association for the purposes of the Act as appointed from time to time under these Articles;
“Executed”	Includes any mode of execution;
“FA Representative”	Means the person appointed from time to time in accordance with Article 51 to be the Association’s representative at The Football Association under the Articles of The Football Association;
“The Football Association”	Means The Football Association Limited of Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS;
“Dorset Schools FA”	Means the Dorset division of the English Schools Football Association;
“Women’s Football”	Means the committee of the Association with responsibility for Women’s Football and appointed pursuant to the Membership Rules from time to time;
“Honorary Solicitor”	Means the person appointed from time to time by the directors to be the honorary solicitor in accordance with Article 65;
“Laws of the Game”	Means the laws of Association Football as settled by the Federation Internationale de Football Associations (“FIFA”) from time to time;
“Life Vice-Presidents”	Means the persons appointed from time to time to be the Life Vice-Presidents of the Association in accordance with Article 48;
“Vice Presidents”	means the Vice-Presidents of the Association appointed in accordance with Article 49.
"Life Members"	means the life members of the Association appointed in accordance with Article 50;
“Honorary Life Members”	Means Life Members who have attained the age of 75



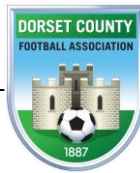


“Members”	Means those Affiliated Leagues, Competitions, Clubs, Associate Members and individuals admitted into the membership of the Association in accordance with Article 3;
“Membership Rules”	Means the membership rules of the Association created and amended from time to time pursuant to Article 6;
“Office”	Means the registered office of the Association;
“President”	Means the person elected from time to time to be the President of the Association in accordance with Article 47;
“Rules”	Means the rules, regulations, standing orders and bye-laws of the Association as amended from time to time;
“Rules of The Football Association”	Means the rules of The Football Association as amended from time to time;
“Seal”	Means the common seal of the Association;
“Secretary”	Means the Company Secretary of the Association or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the Company Secretary of the Association pursuant to the Act, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;
“Senior Club”	Means a football club which the Association has designated as being a Senior Club and which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Association;
“Senior Club Representative”	Means a Council Member elected pursuant to paragraph (xiv) of Article 33 and in accordance with Articles 35 to 46;
“Standing Committees”	Means the Standing Committees of the Council as created in accordance with Article 54 as amended from time to time in accordance with Article 54;
“Finance Director”	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Finance Director of the Association in accordance with Article 65;
“United Kingdom”	Means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
“Referees Representative”	Means the person elected to represent Dorset Registered Referees
“Marketing Director”	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Marketing Director of the Association in accordance with Article 65;

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Association.

References to writing include references to any visible substitute for writing and to anything partly in one form and partly in another form.



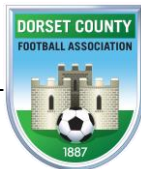


Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine gender; and words denoting persons include bodies corporate (however incorporated) and unincorporated, including unincorporated associations of persons and partnerships.

Headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the construction of these Articles.

## MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. The Members as at the date of adoption of these Articles and such other persons as are admitted to membership by the Council in their absolute discretion in accordance with the Articles shall be the members of the Association. Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Association an application for membership in such form as the Council requires executed by him. The provisions of section 114 of the Act shall be observed by the Association and every member shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member. For the purposes of registration, the number of members is declared to be unlimited. Every corporation and unincorporated association which is admitted to membership may exercise such powers as are prescribed by section 323 of the Act. Council Members shall be members, but any person who ceases to be a Council Member shall automatically cease to be a member and his name shall be erased from the Register of Members.
4. A member may withdraw from membership of the Association on seven days' clear notice to the Association. Membership shall not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on death or dissolution or on the failure of the member to comply or to continue to comply with any condition of membership set out in these Articles or the Rules or the Membership Rules.
5. The directors may from time to time make, vary and revoke Rules relating to the levels of subscriptions or affiliation fees to be paid by the different categories of members.
6. Subject to Article 5, the Council may from time to time make, vary and revoke membership Rules relating to all aspects of membership of the Association including (without limitation) Membership Rules:
  - (a) setting out different categories of membership of the Association including Rules for Associate Members;
  - (b) setting out rights, privileges and obligations of the different categories of members;
  - (c) relating to the organisation of members including (without limitation) rules of, finances of and financial and other records and minute books to be kept by members;
  - (d) setting out which office holder(s) of a member may represent the member at general meetings of the Association;
  - (e) setting out disciplinary procedures for members and players.
7. It shall be the duty of the directors, if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Association so require, by notice in writing sent by prepaid post to a



member's address, to request that member to withdraw from membership of the Association within a time specified in such notice. No such notice shall be sent except on a vote of the majority of the directors' present and voting, which majority shall include one half of the total number of the directors for the time being.

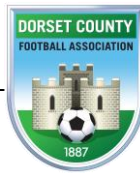
8. If, on the expiry of the time specified in such notice, the member concerned has not withdrawn from membership by submitting written notice of his resignation, or if at any time after receipt of the notice requesting him to withdraw from membership the member shall so request in writing, the matter shall be submitted to a properly convened and constituted meeting of the directors. The directors and the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 14 days' notice of the meeting, and such notice shall specify the matter to be discussed. The member concerned shall at the meeting be entitled to present a statement in his defence either verbally or in writing, and he shall not be required to withdraw from membership unless half of the directors present and voting shall, after receiving the statement in his defence, vote for his expulsion, or unless the member fails to attend the meeting without sufficient reason being given. If such a vote is carried, or if the member shall fail to attend the meeting without sufficient reason being given, he shall thereupon cease to be a member and his name shall be erased from the register of members.
9. The members shall pay any subscription, affiliation and other fees set by the directors. Any member whose subscription or affiliation fee is more than one month in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned his membership of the Association.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

10. The Association shall hold a general meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the directors and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes:
  - (a) to receive from the directors a full statement of account;
  - (b) to receive from the directors a report of the activities of the Association since the previous annual general meeting;
  - (c) to elect the President;
  - (d) to appoint the Association's auditors as defined in Article 98
  - (e) to transact such other business as may be brought before it in accordance with these Articles. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
11. The directors may call General Meetings and, on the requisition of one-tenth of the members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall within twenty one days proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for a date not later than twenty eight days after the date of the notice convening the meeting. Such requisition must state the object of the meeting. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or the secretary may call a General Meeting.

## **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

12. An Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the



passing of a special resolution shall be called by at least 21 clear days' notice and every other Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by at least 14 days' notice. A General Meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:

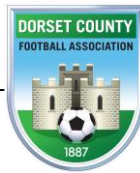
- (a) in the case of an Annual General Meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than 90% of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the members.
13. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of such business. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting and also all business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting with the exception of:
- (a) the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the directors and auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts;
  - (b) the appointment of auditors (and the fixing of their remuneration) where special notice of the resolution for such appointment is not required by the Companies Act.

The notice shall, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, specify the meeting as such, and, in the case of a meeting to pass a special resolution, specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.

14. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

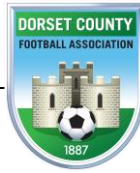
15. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of 25 members (excluding Associate Members) is present in person or by proxy or in the case of a corporate member by a representative.
16. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.
17. The President, or in his absence the Chairman, or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the President, the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman of the meeting.
18. If no director is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, or if no director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members entitled



to vote and present in person or by proxy or in the case of a corporate member by representative shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

19. The chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.
20. The chairman of the meeting may at any time without the consent of the meeting adjourn any meeting (whether or not it has commenced or a quorum is present) either without fixing a day for the meeting or to another time or place where it appears to him that:
  - (a) members wishing to attend cannot be conveniently accommodated in the place appointed for the meeting;
  - (b) the conduct of persons present prevents or is likely to prevent the orderly continuation of business; or
  - (c) an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted.
21. If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration, but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. With the consent of the Chairman of the meeting, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is voted upon. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a typographical error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.
22. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:
  - (a) by the Chairman of the meeting; or
  - (b) by at least three members present in person or by proxy or having the right to vote at the meeting.
23. Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
24. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
25. A poll shall be taken at such time and place and in such manner as the chairman of the



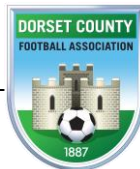


meeting directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

26. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, if the Chairman of the meeting is a member of the Association then he shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
27. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman of the meeting or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the Chairman of the meeting directs not being more than 14 days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
28. No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
29. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of such number of members who would have been entitled to vote for the resolution had it been proposed in general meeting at which all of the members were present and voting shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members

## **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

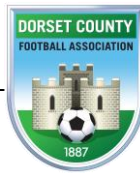
30. Subject to Article 26, on a show of hands every member who is present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every member present in person by proxy or in the case of a corporate member by a representative shall have one vote. Associate Members shall not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at general meetings.
- 30a. Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing which:
  - (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
  - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
  - (d) is delivered to the Association in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- 30b. A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Association by or on behalf of that person.



- 30c. An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Association a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given. A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
31. If any votes are given or counted at a general meeting which shall afterwards be discovered to be improperly given or counted, the same shall not affect the validity of any resolution or thing passed or done at the said meeting, unless the objection to such votes be taken at the same meeting, and not in that case, unless the Chairman of the meeting shall then and there decide that the error is of sufficient magnitude to affect such resolution or thing.
32. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

## COUNCIL

33. The Council shall comprise:
- (i) the President;
  - (ii) the Chairman;
  - (iii) the Deputy Chairman;
  - (iv) the Life Vice-Presidents;
  - (v) six Vice-Presidents;
  - (vi) the Life Members
  - (vii) the Honorary Life Members
  - (viii) the Chief Executive;
  - (ix) the Finance Director;
  - (x) the County Development Manager;
  - (xi) representative(s) elected by each of the Recognised Leagues as detailed below:
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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Blackmore Vale League              | 1 Representative  |
| Dorset Ability Counts League       | 1 Representative  |
| Dorset Premier League              | 1 Representative  |
| Dorset League                      | 3 Representatives |
| Dorset Women's League/Girls League | 2 Representatives |
| Dorset Youth League                | 3 Representatives |
| Dorset Mini Soccer League          | 2 Representatives |
| Weymouth Sunday Football League    | 1 Representative  |

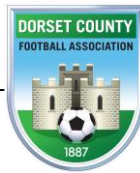


- (xii) one representative from Dorset Clubs who play in (a) Leagues sanctioned by Hampshire and Wiltshire and (b) one representative from Dorset Clubs who play in Leagues sanctioned by Somerset and Devon
  - (xiii) one representative from Dorset Clubs who play in Step 6 of the pyramid or above
  - (xiv) one representative from each of the Dorset Schools FA and the Armed Forces FA's
  - (xv) One representative from Dorset Registered Referees' (Referee must be registered by 31 January in year of election)
  - (xvi) one representative from Dorset members of the FA Licensed Coaches Club
  - (xvii) one representative for Equality and Inclusion
  - (xviii) Such other persons as the Council may from time to time co-opt to such new positions as it thinks fit.
34. No person may be appointed or elected as a Council Member for the first time who has attained the age of 70.

## **ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL**

35. The Chief Executive shall send to the Recognised Leagues by 1 May every third year, commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021 etc. a nomination form for the election of their League Representative(s). The Recognised Leagues shall organise an election for their League Representative (s) or nominate their League Representative(s) in a manner in which they consider appropriate and shall send the name of the elected Representative(s) to the Chief Executive, to arrive no later than first post on 1 June. The Chief Executive shall send to affiliated clubs by 1 May every third year commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021 etc who play at Step 6 of the Football Pyramid and above, Clubs who compete in Leagues sanctioned by Hampshire and Wiltshire and Clubs who compete in Leagues sanctioned by Devon and Somerset and Registered Referees', Coaches who reside in Dorset and who are members of the FA Licensed Coaches Club and members of the Dorset Inclusion Advisory Group a nomination form. Representative to fill these vacancies must be nominated by an Affiliated Club playing within the relevant League on the nomination form prescribed by the Board of in the case of the Referees' Representative, nominated by a Registered Referee. In the case of the Coaches Representative the Coach must be nominated by a Coach who resides in Dorset who is a member of the FA Licensed Coaches Club. For the Equality and Inclusion Representative the Representative must be nominated by a member of the DCFA Inclusion Advisory Group.

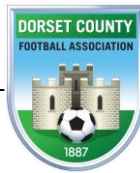
Such form must be submitted to the Chief Executive on or before 1 June every third year, commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021 and must be signed by the Chairman of the meeting of the Affiliated Club at which the candidate was nominated and counter signed by the Secretary of the affiliated club and by the candidate himself. No affiliated club may nominate more than one candidate for any one vacancy. The nomination form for the Referees' Representative must be signed by the proposer, nominee and seconded, all of whom must be Dorset Registered Referees' by 31 January in the appropriate year. The nomination form for the Coaches Representative must be signed by the



proposer, nominee and seconded, all of whom must be Coaches who reside in Dorset and are members of the FA Licensed Coaches Club by 31 January in the appropriate year. The nomination form for the Equality and Inclusion Representative must be signed by the proposer, nominee and seconder all of whom shall be members of the DCFA Equality and Inclusion Advisory Group.

36. Any person nominated as a League Representative, or Referee's Representative, or Coaches Representative, or Equality and Inclusion Representative, must reside within the County and must not be over 70 when nominated for the first time. No member of a County Football Association Staff or FA Staff may be nominated as a League Representative, or Referee's Representative, or Coaches Representative, or Equality and Inclusion Representative, the proposer and seconder must be a Dorset Coach who is a member of the FA Licensed Coaches Club by 31 January in the appropriate year. In the case of the Equality and Inclusion Representative, the proposer and seconder must be members of the DCFA Inclusion Advisory Group.
37. If there is only one candidate nominated to be the Representative for a particular Seat, that candidate shall be declared elected unopposed as the Representative for that particular Seat. If there is more than one candidate to be the Representative for a particular Seat, other than for a recognised League seat, there shall be a postal ballot for that particular Seat in accordance with the provision of Articles 38-41.
38. The names of the candidates and voting papers shall be sent not later than 3 June in the appropriate year, commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021 to the members (at that date) of the Recognised League(s), the Registered Referees', Dorset Coaches who are members of the FA Licenced Coaches Clubs, members of the DCFA Equality and Inclusion Group, concerned. Each candidate shall be sent a list of the nominations for their particular seat.
39. Voting papers must be delivered in a sealed envelope not later than the first post on the day of the appropriate annual general meeting to the office. The directors shall appoint scrutineers who shall open the envelopes and count the voting papers at the appropriate annual general meeting. The results of the election shall be declared at the appropriate annual general meeting.
40. In the case of two or more candidates polling an equal number of votes the Council shall at its first Council meeting after the annual general meeting every third, commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021, etc. year elect (in its discretion) one such candidate to be the Representative for that particular Seat. In the event of no nomination having been received for a particular Seat, the Representative for that particular Seat may be appointed by the Council at the first Council meeting after the next Annual General Meeting.
41. Those persons elected as Representatives shall hold office for a period of three years commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021, etc. Representatives shall be eligible for re-election.
42. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring for any Representative, the Council shall have power (but shall not be obliged) to appoint a substitute Representative, other than in a recognised League, suitably qualified to represent that constituency until such time as the person who was replaced was due to retire and such person shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with these Articles. In the event of a vacancy in a seat from a recognised League then that League shall be asked to nominate an alternative representative.





43. No person shall be elected or serve as a Council Member if they are a member of the Council of any other County Association, either at the time of nomination or after election.
44. The Officers and Council Members shall remain in office until their successors have been elected and appointed. In addition to the power set out in Article 43, Council shall have power to fill any other vacancy which may occur on Council during the year. A Council Member so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until such time as the person who was replaced was due to retire but shall be eligible for re-appointment in accordance with these Articles.
45. The persons proposed to be nominated to be Council Members each year by Dorset County Schools FA and Armed Forces FAs shall be submitted to the County Secretary by 1 June each year.
46. The Board shall in its entire discretion appoint such persons (whether or not already Council Members) as it thinks fit and believes to be best qualified, to fill the relevant positions as Council Members set out in Article 33(viii) to (xii) (inclusive). Such persons shall hold office for such period as the Board thinks fit and can be removed by the Board at any time.

## **PRESIDENT**

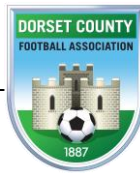
47. At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting in each subsequent year the President shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations for the office of President shall be made on the prescribed form and must be sent together with the names of proposers and seconders to the Company Secretary before 1 May in each year. Any member of the Association may propose or second a nomination for President. Such person shall hold office for a one year term until the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. The President shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.

## **LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS**

48. No person shall be eligible for election as a Life Vice-President unless he has served as Chairman of Council or the Board of Directors. Life Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council meetings. Life Vice-Presidents shall on being elected pursuant to this Article, be entitled to remain on Council for the rest of their lives without the need to be re-appointed, but shall not have a vote after the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after they have reached the age of 75 years. Life Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.

## **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

49. No person may be elected as a Vice-President unless he is a current Council Member who has rendered at least 10 years' service (either consecutively or in aggregate) to the Council. Nominations for the office of Vice-President shall be forwarded, on the form prescribed by the directors, signed by two Council Members as the proposer and seconder, and by the nominee and sent by registered post or recorded delivery so as to reach the Chief Executive on or before 31 December every third year commencing in 2014, 2017, 2020 etc. The sealed envelope will be opened and up to six Vice-Presidents may be elected every third year commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021 etc by the Council at their January meeting. Such persons shall hold office for a three year



term but shall be eligible for re-election. Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council Meetings. Vice Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.

## **LIFE MEMBERS AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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- (a) A Council Member who has served as a Council Member for at least 20 years either continuously or in aggregate shall become a Life Member provided that there are not already 15 Life Members. Life Members shall be entitled to receive notices of and attend all Council Meetings and vote. When a Life Member reaches the age of 75 they will become an Honorary Life Member.
- (b) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to receive notices of and attend all Council Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote. Life Members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to remain on Council for the rest of their lives without the need to be re-elected. Life Members and Honorary Life Members shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.

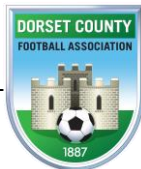
## **FA REPRESENTATIVE**

51. Council, at the last meeting of the appropriate season, shall decide which of their number should be the FA Representative. Such person shall be appointed for a three-year term, commencing in 2015, 2018, 2021, etc. Any person so appointed may be removed at any time by the Council.

## **POWERS OF COUNCIL**

52. The Council has the power to appoint and remove the directors and to co-opt additional persons to the Council in accordance with these Articles.
53. Council has the power to regulate and manage all footballing matters referred to it, to include (without limitation) all disciplinary, selection, referees, league sanctions and other matters pertaining to the regulation and conduct of football in the County.
54. Pursuant to this Article, at the first Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting each year the President, Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall appoint such Council Members as they think fit to the following committees of the Council to hold office until the first Council meeting following the next annual general meeting:
- (a) Appeals Board;
  - (b) Development Committee;
  - (c) Disciplinary Committee;
  - (d) Governance Committee;
  - (e) Women's Committee;
  - (f) such other ad hoc committees to deal with footballing matters as Council sees fit.

Provided that the Council may in its absolute discretion at any time amend or add to



the list of Standing Committees set out above and the Council may at any time dispense with the need for any of the Standing Committees set out above. The Council may also amend the name of any Standing Committee at any time.

55. The Board may at its discretion, award honoraria to the Public Relations Officer, the Secretary of the Dorset Women's League, the General Secretary of the Dorset Mini Soccer League together with the League Secretaries, the Managers of agreed County Representatives Teams, and any additional persons.
56. Each committee appointed in accordance with Article 54 shall decide which of its number shall be chairman of the committee. Each committee shall conduct its business in accordance with any terms of reference and standing orders set by the Council from time to time. Three members in addition to any ex-officio members who may be present shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business at a Committee Meeting.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

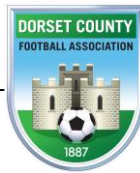
57. The Directors may and on the request of any six Council Members, the directors shall call Council Meetings. The notice shall be sent to all the Council Members individually. At least five days' notice shall be given of Council Meetings. The accidental omission to give notice of a Council Meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any Council Member shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting. The Council shall meet quarterly. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of 15 Council Members is present.
58. The Council shall have the power to make Standing Orders for the conduct of Council Meetings and Council may otherwise regulate their proceedings as they think fit. Council Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with those Standing Orders. Each Council Member shall have one vote.
59. Any elected Council Member who does not attend three consecutive meetings of Council or three consecutive meetings of any Committee of which he is appointed shall be deemed to have resigned his membership of Council. Any Life Member who does not attend three consecutive meetings of any Committee on which they are appointed shall be deemed to have resigned their membership of that Committee. The only exception to this Article is a prolonged period of ill health.

### **DIRECTORS**

60. Subject to Articles 5 and 52, the affairs of the Association shall be governed by the directors who may authorise all such acts and the exercise of all such powers of the Association by the directors, on whom executive management powers are conferred as directors, as may be required to give effect to the objects as described in the provisions of the Memorandum of Association, and which are not by statute or these Articles required to be done or exercised by the Association in General Meeting or by Council.
61. In the absence of any expression to the contrary in these Articles, the Rules or any regulations, or standing orders, or decisions of the directors, a matter shall be carried if supported by a simple majority of the directors present and voting.

### **NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

62. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors shall be



subject to a maximum of ten but shall be not less than four.

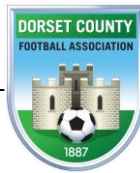
## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

63. The Directors shall be:
- (a) the President:
  - (b) the Chairman:
  - (c) the Deputy Chairman:
  - (d) the Chief Executive:
  - (e) the Finance Director:
  - (f) the FA Representative:
  - (g) up to two Independent Directors (these must not be members of a County FA Council)
  - (h) two further persons appointed by Council.
64. The Directors set out in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (h) of Article 63 shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with Article 44.
65. The Directors shall decide who shall be appointed as the Chief Executive, County Development Manager, Financial Director, two Independent Directors and who shall be the Honorary Solicitor for such term and upon such conditions as they think fit. Any person so appointed may be removed by the Directors in accordance with the terms and conditions of that employee at any time. The directors may fill any casual vacancy in the position of Chief Executive, County Development Manager, Financial Director, Independent Directors or Honorary Solicitor.

## **ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD**

66. At the first Council Meeting the directors set out in paragraphs (a) to (c) of Article 63 shall retire but are eligible for re-appointment: at the first Council Meeting and at the first Council Meeting following the Annual General Meeting in each subsequent year, the Council, shall decide which two Council Members shall be appointed as the Chairman and Deputy Chairman: at the first Council Meeting in every 3<sup>rd</sup> year commencing in 2014, 2017, 2020, the directors set out in paragraphs (h) shall retire and the Council shall decide which two Council Members shall be elected as directors by the Council. Those persons appointed as the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Council and Committees shall hold office for a maximum of six years consecutively. For the avoidance of doubt any period of time served as Deputy Chairman shall not count as part of any period of service as Chairman and vice versa. The two persons elected as directors shall hold office until the first Council Meeting following the third Annual General Meeting, unless they are no longer members of the DCFA Council, but are eligible for re appointment.
67. The Officers shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Committees of the Council and shall be entitled to attend and speak at such meetings and shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.





68. The directors shall regularly report to the Council, through the Chief Executive, on their activities.

### **DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

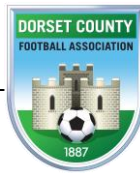
69. The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying.

### **APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

70. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 168 of the Act, the members may by ordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his period of office, and may by an ordinary resolution appoint another suitably qualified person in his stead; but any person so appointed shall retain his office so long only as the director in whose place he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed.
71. The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director to fill a casual vacancy provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles as the maximum number of directors. A director so appointed shall hold office until the person he has replaced was due to retire but shall be eligible for re-election.
72. If any director is not re-appointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.

### **DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

73. The office of a director shall be vacated if:
- (a) he ceases to be a Council Member;
  - (b) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or
  - (c) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
  - (d) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
    - (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, or
    - (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or



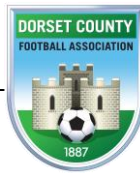
- (e) he resigns his office by notice to the Association; or
- (f) he shall without sufficient reason for more than three consecutive Board meetings have been absent without permission of the directors and the directors resolve that his office be vacated; or
- (g) he is suspended from holding office or from taking part in any footballing activity relating to the administration or management of the Association by a decision of The Football Association; or
- (h) he reaches the age of 75;
- (i) he is removed from office by a resolution duly passed pursuant to section 168 of the Act; or
- (j) he is removed from office by three quarters majority of Council Members present and voting at the Council meeting at which the resolution to remove him is proposed.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' EXPENSES**

74. The Directors and Council Members may be paid all reasonable travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or other meetings of the Association or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties save where the Rules provide otherwise. The Association may also fund a director's expenditure for the purposes permitted under the Act and may do anything to enable a director to avoid incurring such expenditure as provided in the Act.

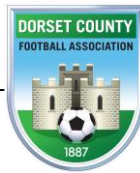
#### **DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS**

75. Subject as otherwise provided in the Act or these Articles, a director may be in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract or arrangement or transaction with the Association and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor of the Association) under the Association and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Association and be remunerated and in any such case (save as otherwise agreed) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him in consequence of so acting.
- 76.
- (a) A director must declare to the other directors any situation of which he is aware in which he has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly might conflict, with the interests of the Association unless it relates to a contract, transaction or arrangement with the Association or the matter has been authorised by the directors or the situation cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.
  - (b) The directors may (subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as they may think fit to impose from time to time, and subject always to their right to vary or terminate such authorisation) authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law any conflict or potential conflict disclosed under Article 77(a). Provided that for this purpose the director in question and any other interested director are not counted in the quorum for any resolution at any board meeting pursuant to which



such conflict or potential conflict is authorised and it is agreed without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.

- (c) A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Association for any benefit which he derives from any matter where the conflict or potential conflict has been authorised by the directors pursuant to Article 77 (b) (subject in any such case to any limits or conditions to which such authorisation was subject).
- 77.
- (a) A director who becomes aware that he is in any way, directly or indirectly interested in a proposed or existing contract, transaction or arrangement with the Association must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other directors unless it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.
- (b) Save as herein provided, or otherwise agreed in writing by all of the directors, a director shall not vote in respect of any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Association in which he has an interest which is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of being a member. A director shall not be counted in the quorum at the meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is debarred from voting.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of the Act and always to the provisions of Article 83 a director shall (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning:
- (i) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Association or any subsidiary for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security; or
- (ii) any arrangement for the benefit of directors or employees of the Association or Directors or employees of any subsidiary which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the other persons to whom such arrangement relates.
- (d) If any question shall arise at any time as to the materiality of a director's interest or as to the entitlement of any director to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting (or if the director concerned is the Chairman to the other directors at the meeting) and his or their ruling (as the case may be) shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interests of such director has not been fairly disclosed.
- (e) Subject as otherwise provided in the Act or these Articles, a director may be in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract or arrangement or transaction with the Association and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor of the Association) under the Association and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Association and be remunerated and in any such case (save as otherwise agreed) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him in consequence of so acting.



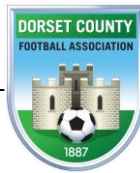
## **DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS**

78. The directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any director who has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the Association or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the Association or a predecessor in business of the Association or of any such subsidiary, and for any member of his family (including a spouse and a former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (as well before as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.

## **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

79. The President, Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Financial Director shall be members of all Standing Committees ex officio and are entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Standing Committees and shall be entitled to attend and speak at such meetings and shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.
80. The Chief Executive shall be entitled to receive notice of all general meetings, all meetings of the Council, all meetings of the Standing Committees and all Directors' meetings and shall be entitled to attend and speak at such meetings and shall be entitled to vote at such meetings.
81. The directors shall regularly report to the Council on all their activities.
82. The Board may at its discretion, award honoraria to such persons as it thinks fit.
83. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
84. Any director may participate in a meeting of the Board, or of a committee of directors, by way of video conferencing or conference telephone or similar equipment which allows every person participating to hear and speak to one another throughout such meeting. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall accordingly be counted in the quorum and be entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting is.
85. A meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the regulations of the Association for the time being vested in the Association generally. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be three.
86. The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of calling Council meetings, filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
87. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the Chairman of the Board shall preside at every meeting of the directors at which he is present. But if there is no person holding that





office, or if the Chairman is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the Deputy Chairman of the Board shall preside. If there is no Deputy Chairman or if he is unwilling to preside, or if he is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

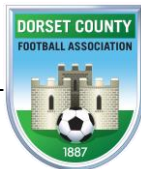
88. All acts carried out by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
89. A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors.
90. Save as otherwise provided by the Articles, a director shall not vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Association.
91. A director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
92. The Association may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the Articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.
93. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the Association or any body corporate in which the Association is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
94. If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.

## **SECRETARY**

95. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Chief Executive shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. For the avoidance of doubt the Chief Executive shall be appointed as the Secretary.

## **MINUTES**

96. The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:



- (a) of all appointments made by the directors; and
- (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Association, which shall include without limitation proceedings of the Council, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting. Any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the chairman of such meeting, or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.

## THE SEAL

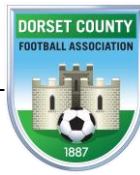
97. The seal shall only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or by a second director.

## ACCOUNTS

98. The directors shall cause accounting records of the Association to be kept in accordance with section 386 of the Act and any regulations made pursuant thereto (or as the same may be hereafter amended or altered). No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the Association except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the Association. Once at least in every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the profit and loss account and balance sheet independently ascertained by one or more appropriately qualified Auditors. Auditors shall be as defined currently by Section 12.12 of the Act and will provide an assurance report or its equivalent. Additionally the Directors may appoint (an) qualified Auditor(s) for the purpose of carrying out an Audit in accordance with Auditing Standards.

## NOTICES

99. Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles shall be in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the directors need not be in writing.
100. The Association may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Association an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Association.
101. A member present at any meeting of the Association shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
102. Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted.



## **DISSOLUTION**

103. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association equally.

## **RULES**

104. The Association and its members shall be bound by and subject to and shall act in accordance with the Rules and the Rules of The Football Association and any regulations, standing orders, decisions, rulings or other findings or orders of any nature made pursuant to the Rules or the Rules of The Football Association. In the case of any difference between provisions under these Articles, the Rules and the Rules of The Football Association, the Rules of The Football Association and any provisions made pursuant to them shall take precedence.

## **INDEMNITY**

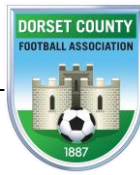
105. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the Association shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Association against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Association.

## **ALTERATIONS TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES**

106. Any proposal to alter the Memorandum or Articles not being such as by statute requires a special resolution or to wind-up the Association shall require the approval of the Association in General Meeting and the same may be passed or approved by a resolution of the Association passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the members of the Association for the time being entitled to vote who may be present in person in accordance with the Act and (in the case of a winding-up) in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended from time to time).
107. The Football Association shall, if invited by the directors to the meeting, have all the rights of a Member of the Company in relation to receiving notice of, and attending and speaking at General Meetings and to receiving minutes of General Meetings, but shall have no right to vote at General Meetings.

## **RULES, STANDING ORDERS AND BYE-LAWS**

108. The directors have the power from time to time to make, repeal and amend regulations for the better administration of the Association.
109. The Council has the power to make, repeal and amend regulations for the sanction and control of Leagues and Competitions, regulations for disciplinary proceedings of players and members, and regulations relating to referees.
110. Any such rules made pursuant to Articles 108 and 109 must be consistent with and subject to the Rules of The Football Association.

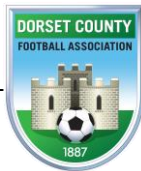


## OBJECTS

111. The objects for which the Association is established are:

- (a) to promote, foster, develop and support the game of Association Football ("the game") in every way, without discrimination, and to take all steps as shall be thought necessary or advisable for preventing infringements of the Laws of the Game as they apply from time to time, or any improper methods or practices in the game, and for protecting the game from abuses; Develop and Administer County Football for All.
- (b) to make, adopt, vary and publish rules, regulations, bye-laws and conditions for the regulation of the game or otherwise within the county boundaries of Dorset (as defined on 31 March 1974) or such other area as shall be determined from time to time by The Football Association Limited ("the County"), and to take all such steps as shall be thought necessary or advisable for enforcing such rules, regulations, bye-laws and conditions;
- (c) to promote, foster, develop and support the principle of fair play in the game by encouraging everyone involved in the game to show respect to each other and to behave in a sporting manner both on and off the field of play;
- (d) to promote, foster, develop and support organisations designed in any way to promote, foster, develop and support the game, including playing the game, the training and regulation of players, coaches and referees, the promotion of sportsmanship, the promotion of security in relation to spectating and the advancement of science and medicine as they apply to the game, and in any way in relation to all other aspects of the game, including by subscribing for shares, loan stock, warrants and other instruments in such organisations, or becoming involved as a member or affiliate of such organisations, or facilitating the drafting and adoption of the Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association of such organisations or by making payments by way of grant or otherwise to such organisations;
- (e) to maintain, continue and provide for the affiliation and registration of Competitions, Clubs and other organisations for promoting or playing the game;
- (f) to maintain, continue and provide for the affiliation and registration of players, referees, coaches and others involved in the game;
- (g) to promote, provide for, regulate and manage competitions and matches, in the County or elsewhere, and to do or provide for all or any such matters and things as may be considered necessary for or ancillary to such promotion, provision, regulation or management, including for the comfort, conduct, conveyance, convenience or benefit of players and of the public, and of any other persons concerned or engaged in such competitions or matches;
- (h) to provide for the proper custody, insurance, protection, exhibition, awarding, distribution or loan of or other dealing with all or any of the cups, shields and other prizes of or relating to Dorset County Football Association;
- (i) to provide for representation at general meetings and on the Council of The Football Association Limited of persons involved in the game within the County by such means and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time under



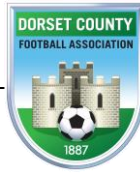


the rules, regulations or bye-laws, conditions or articles of the Association;

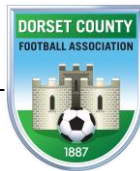
- (j) to provide for, make and vary all such rules, regulations and bye-laws as they relate to persons involved in the game in the County from time to time;
  - (k) to provide by rules, regulations, conditions, bye-laws, or otherwise, for deciding and settling all differences that may arise between associations, clubs, competitions, players or any persons who are members of or who are employed or engaged by any such association, competition or club, or any other person in reference to due compliance with the Laws of the Game (as from time to time prescribed by The Football Association Limited) or the rules, regulations, conditions or bye-laws of the Association or of The Football Association Limited, or in reference to contracts, or to any other matter of dispute or difference arising between such, or persons, or any of them, and whether the Association is concerned in such dispute or difference or not, and to make such provisions for enforcing any award or decision as shall be thought proper;
  - (l) to co-operate with or assist any association or club or competition or other person involved in the game in any way which the Association shall think proper, and to enter into or adopt any agreement or arrangements with such;
  - (m) to co-operate with The Football Association Limited in all matters relating to the game, including compliance with the Rules of The Football Association Limited and the rules and regulations of any body to which The Football Association Limited is affiliated; and
  - (n) to adopt and carry out all such rules and regulations, conditions, bye-laws, agreements and arrangements of The Football Association Limited, as are now in existence and from time to time, and to comply with or to enforce the due compliance with the same unless and until the same shall have been duly varied in accordance with the terms thereof.
112. The objects stated in each part of Article 111 shall not be restrictively construed but shall be given the widest interpretation. In Article 116, the word "Association" shall, except where used to refer to the Association, mean any partnership or other body or person, whether corporate or unincorporated, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. Except where the context expressly so requires, none of the objects stated in Article 111 shall be limited by, or be deemed subsidiary or auxiliary to, any other object stated in Article 111.

## **MEMBERS' LIABILITY AND APPLICATION OF PROPERTY**

113. The liability of the members is limited.
114. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in these Articles and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of distribution, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members of the Association save that the provisions of Article 116 shall apply on the winding-up or dissolution of the Association. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Association:



- a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any director, member, officer, servant or consultant of the Association for any services rendered to the Association and of reasonable and proper travelling, conference and study expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the duties of any such director, member, officer, servant or consultant of the Association;
  - b) to any director who is a Solicitor, Accountant or other person engaged in a profession of all reasonable professional and other charges for work done by him or his firm when instructed by the other directors to act in that capacity on behalf of the Association;
  - c) of interest on money lent by a member of the Association or its directors at a commercial rate of interest;
  - d) to any director of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses or other costs as permitted further to Article 74;
  - e) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Association or by any director;
  - f) of any premium in respect of the purchase and maintenance of indemnity insurance in respect of liability for any act or default of the directors (or any of them) in relation to the Association.
115. Every Member of the Association undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Association's assets if it should be wound-up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the Association's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.
116. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association equally.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS**

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The entire control and management of these Competitions shall be vested in the Council of the Dorset County Football Association Limited.

### **2. TITLE**

Each Cup shall be named appropriately and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **3. TRUSTEE**

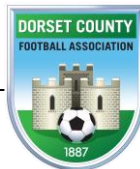
The Secretary of the Association for the time being shall be, to all intents and purposes, the legal holder of the Cup in trust for the Association.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS**

The Competitions for the Cups shall be annual and open to all Clubs who are affiliated to the Dorset County Football Association, subject to the approval of Council. Applications from affiliated Clubs to enter reserve teams will not be accepted

### **5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

- a) A player must be correctly registered to that Team with the League in which the team plays, by no later than 12 noon the day prior (excluding Saturday's, Sunday's and Bank Holiday's) to the original scheduled date of the Cup Tie (see also Rule 5e below).
- b) A player shall not in the same Season play for more than one competing Club in the same Competition.
- c) In the case of replayed and postponed matches, only players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date of the original match.
- d) Provided he/she is otherwise eligible, a player who has been suspended may play in postponed, drawn, or replayed Cup Ties after the term of his/her suspension has expired.
- e) No player shall be eligible to play in the Semi-Final or Final Tie unless he/she is a registered player of his/her club at least seven clear days before the *original date* set for the Semi-Final Ties.
- f) Opposing clubs in a Cup Tie shall exchange team sheets in the Referee's dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match. At the same time each Club shall provide the Referee with a copy of the Team Sheet.
- g) Each Club may use a maximum of three substitutes in a match in any Cup Competition providing that they do not substitute for players who have been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. A maximum of five substitutes shall be named to the Referee in his/her dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the kick-off and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not. Unless a substitute actually plays, his Cup Eligibility will not be affected. A person who has been accepted to act as Referee may not be used as a substitute in that match.
- h) No player under the age of sixteen shall be eligible to play in this competition.
- i) Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be removed from the Competition.
- j) In Final Ties and Semi Final Ties of these Competitions clubs must submit to the Referee at least 30 minutes prior to kick off the names of a maximum of 8 persons, five of which must be substitutes, to be within the dugout area during the match. **NO OTHER PERSON MAY BE PERMITTED IN THE DUG-OUT AREA DURING THE MATCH.**



## 6. REGISTERED PLAYERS

On the request of a competing Club, and upon payment of a fee as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix, the Secretary of the Association shall supply a list of all players registered by any other competing Club during the current season, together with full particulars. The registration book for the current season shall be open to inspection by the Secretary or other official of any Club upon due notice being given and upon payment of a fee as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix.

## 7. PARTICULARS OF GROUND

The ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

When the Club drawn at home cannot comply with the grading criteria, the club must provide a suitable alternative ground, or the Council will nominate a suitable ground.

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, touchlines and goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix.

The size of the Match Officials dressing room must be adequate for three officials.

The Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

Artificial Football Pitches are allowed in these Competitions providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of 3G (Third Generation) Football Turf Pitches. To meet the criteria a Football Turf pitch must pass a test every three years as defined in the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf.

The home club is responsible for advising their opponents and Match Officials of limitations or recommendations on the types of boot or stud that may be used on the surface when confirming the match details.

All other Competition Facility criteria shall still apply to this Competition as does the pitch and goal size.

All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.

## 8. DURATION OF MATCH

The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes. In the event of a draw after 90 minutes an extra 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in the given in the Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of a match.

The referee is the sole judge of allowance of time, whether lost through accident or other cause, and also the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches. His decision on these matters is not subject to Appeal or Protest.

## 9. COLOURS

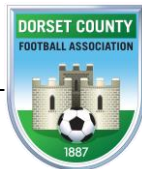
Clubs shall provide their players with individually numbered shirts. Clubs failing to comply with this section of the Rule shall be fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

In the event of two clubs having the same or similar colours the visiting Club shall make some distinctive change. No club shall wear colours that clash with the referee, who shall wear black. In the event of two Clubs playing upon a neutral ground the club drawn first, or in the case of the Final Tie the winning club from the first drawn Semi Final Tie, shall have the choice of colours. The club drawn first, or in the case of the Final Tie the winning club from the first drawn Semi Final Tie, shall also use the designated Home Dressing Room. The Club changing shall notify their opponents of proposed colours at least seven days before the match.

## 10. DRAWS, ETC.

- a) Order of Procedure. The names of the Clubs entered for the Competition shall be placed by the Council in one or more lots, and shall be drawn from such lot or lots in





- couples. The teams comprised in each couple shall compete, the one against the other, and the names of the winning teams shall be placed in one lot, drawn in couples, and competed as in the first round, and so on until the final tie is played, when the winning Club shall hold the Cup for the ensuing year.
- b) Date of Matches. The ties shall be drawn, and the matches played, as the Council may determine. The Council shall fix the date for the Rounds, Semi- Finals and Final ties of all County Cup Competitions. After each drawing the Secretary shall intimate to each Club the name of its opponents and the date on which the match shall be played. For the avoidance of doubt a Club which reaches the quarter final, semi final or final of an FA National Cup Competition shall not be required to play a Dorset Senior Cup Tie (or replay) in the week preceding the FA National Competition date.
  - c) A tie which is not played owing to the exigencies of the weather or which is abandoned for any reason beyond the control of either Club must be played on the ground of the Club having first choice of ground seven days later, unless decided by Council.
  - d) Final Venues. The County Cup Committee shall arrange suitable venues for Final Ties.
  - e) Choice of Ground: Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Club first drawn in each couple shall have the home advantage. In the event of the "home club" postponing the match on two consecutive occasions owing to pitch conditions the Dorset County Football Association reserve the right to order the cup tie to be played on the opponents ground or a neutral ground. If the tie is reversed the hosting club will then be responsible for the ground and match officials expenses and the visiting club shall be responsible for their travelling expenses. Except in County Cup Final ties in the event of a neutral ground being selected for any County Cup Tie, then ten per cent of the nett gate shall be paid to the Club on whose ground the tie is played.
  - f) Byes. No Club shall, under normal circumstances, receive more than one bye, but the Council shall have the power to give a sufficient number of Clubs byes to ensure four Clubs competing in the Semi-Final Ties.

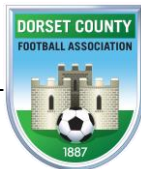
## 11. CLUBS REFUSING TO PLAY

- a) Any Club refusing or failing to play a Club against which it has been drawn, upon the day, or within the time allotted to it, and without sufficient reason for so doing, shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to such fine as may be imposed by the Council.
- b) Scratching. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Association Secretary and the opposing Club not less than seven clear days before the date fixed for playing the tie, and in default the Council shall have power to punish such offending Club in any manner they think fit. Any Club scratching shall be liable to such penalty as may be imposed by the Council.

## 12. TIME OF STARTING MATCHES

The time of starting matches shall be 2.30 p.m. with the exception of November, December, January and February, when the starting time will be 1.30 p.m. In the event of any variation of the above times being required, written application must be made to the Secretary of the Association, whose decision shall be final. In mid-week and holiday matches the time of kick-off may be agreed by mutual agreement, but no match shall begin at a time that will not permit of its conclusion not later than thirty minutes after sunset (according to calendar), other than floodlit matches.

It shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify the match officials, the visiting Club and the DCFA Member in Charge, if appointed, of match particulars i.e. ground, dressing room, advertised time of kick-off, etc. at least five days before the match where possible. Clubs failing to notify the visiting Club, match officials or the DCFA Member in Charge shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix in each instance. Clubs and referees reported for late start without providing a satisfactory



explanation shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

### 13. RESULTS OF TIES

Home Clubs shall telephone or email results of ties to the Cup & Competitions Manager within *90 minutes* of the completion of matches. Notice of the result of each match shall be sent by both competing Clubs, together with the names and initials of the players, so as to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association within three days of the date on which the match has been played. If a match is postponed, the home club shall inform the Cup & Competitions Manager within one hour of the Tie being postponed. Referees shall also notify within three days the result of ties in which they officiate. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall pay a Fine as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix within seven days of demand; in default of their so doing they shall be struck out of the Competition, or, in the case of a losing Club, be dealt with by the Council.

### 14. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

Referees and Assistant Referees, whose fees and expenses shall be the first charge upon the receipts, shall be appointed by the Council. Fees for Referees and Assistant Referees shall be as shown in Section "B" of the Financial Appendix.

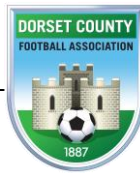
Referees and Assistant Referees shall be entitled to travelling expenses. Match Officials must be paid in their dressing room within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the match. If a Referee or Assistant Referee keeps an appointment (unless advised of the postponement) and the match for any reason is not played, the match official/s shall be entitled to travelling expenses and half fee. In the Semi Finals of adult Cup Competitions the DCFA will meet the cost of the match officials, however, if a match is postponed and the home club does not notify the match officials in adequate time the home club shall then be responsible for paying half match fee and travelling expenses of the match officials. The home club shall provide Assistant Referees Flags.

In all matches where Assistant Referees are not officially appointed each Club shall provide an Assistant Referee. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix. Where an appointed Official does not attend, it shall be the responsibility of the home club to provide an Assistant Referee. Where there is only one appointed Official and that Official fails to attend, either or both clubs shall have the option to postpone the Tie: should they mutually agree upon a replacement Official, both clubs shall signify this agreement on their team sheet prior to the commencement of the match. Where a Cup Tie is not played in these circumstances any expenses shall be shared equally between the competing clubs.

A player dismissed from the field of play by the Referee may not act as an Assistant Referee in that game.

### 15. PROTESTS

- a) Protests which must disclose grounds of same, must be intimated to the Secretary of the opposing Club and lodged, in duplicate, with the Secretary of the Association within seven days of the match being played accompanied by a deposit as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Council should they consider the protest trivial or groundless.
- b) In the Final Tie the Secretary of the Club he/she represents shall, at least two days prior to the match, give in writing to the Secretary of the opposing Club the names of the players from which the team he represents will be selected and no protests as to the qualification of the competing players shall be entertained unless notice is given in writing to the referee before the commencement of the match. Such notice having been given the protest must be proceeded with in accordance with paragraph (a).



- c) Any objections relative to the ground, goal-posts or bars, or other appurtenances of the game, must be lodged with the Referee before the start of the game and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Council.
- d) If the Council shall subsequently discover that any Rule or spirit of the Rule has, in their opinion been violated by mutual agreement or otherwise, by two Clubs or otherwise, it shall be in the power of the Council to disqualify one or both from further competing in the ties, or to order the match or matches to be replayed and that without any protest having been made by either or any Club.

## 16. VOTING OF COUNCIL

Should any member of the Council be an official or member of a Club concerning which there is any protest, dispute or question, the said official or member shall not be eligible to sit on the Council while the said protest, dispute or question is being considered.

## 17. GUARANTEE FOR THE CUP

When the winners of the Cup have been ascertained by the match aforesaid, the Secretary of the Association shall hand over the Cup to such winners on their subscribing a document to the following effect:-

"We, A.B., the Secretary of the ..... Club, and C.D., E. F., and G.H., members of, and representing the said Club, having been declared the winners of the Dorset County Football Association Limited Challenge Cup and the same having been delivered to us by J. K., the Secretary of the Association, do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, and individually, and collectively, engage to return the same to the said J.K., or Secretary of the Association for the time being, on or before 1 February next, in like good order and condition, with the name of the said Club duly engraved thereon, and undertake to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safe keeping and condition of this trophy whilst in our possession".

Any Club failing to return the Cup by 1 February, as provided by the above undertaking shall be liable to a Fine as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

The County Association shall insure and pay for all County Cups and Trophies.

## 18. HONOURS

In addition to the Cup, sixteen awards shall be presented to the teams in the Final Tie. A Club may make application to the Council to purchase not more than four additional awards. The reason for the application must be submitted in writing to the Council within fourteen days of the Final Tie.

When a player taking part in the Final Tie is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct the award to which he may become entitled shall be presented unless the misconduct is for Violent Conduct for an Assault on a Match Official.

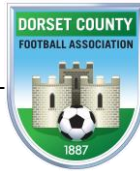
The Referee and Assistant Referees officiating in the Final Tie shall also be presented with an award.

## 19. FINANCE

Admission charges for Final Ties shall be fixed by Council.

In all matches except replayed matches in consequence of breach of Rules, the proceeds shall be equally divided between the two clubs after the following expenses have been paid:

- 1 Match Officials Expenses
- 2 Printing and Advertising
- 3 Police and Gatekeepers



Ten per cent of the net receipts, after deducting items 1 to 3 shall be paid to the Association. If the gate receipts are insufficient to pay items 1 – 3 the Home Club shall be responsible for these amounts.

Where Clubs are given special permission for a match to be played under floodlights the amount to be charged against the match receipts must not exceed £60.

The Home Club shall provide for the sale of tickets, and the Visiting Club for the checking of same and their own travelling expenses.

A full match statement, on Form DC1, which is supplied by the Association, shall be made to the Association and the Opposing Club within fourteen days of the match. Clubs not complying with this clause may be fined the sum of £50.

In replayed matches in consequence of breach of Rule the receipts shall be dealt with as the Council may determine.

In Semi Final Ties one half of the net receipts after deducting items 2 and 3 shall be paid to the Association, and the balance divided equally between the competing Clubs. In all adult Cup Competitions in the Semi Final Ties the match officials' fees and their travelling expenses shall be paid by the Dorset County Football Association. In other semi final ties the match officials may be a charge against the gate receipts.

In the Final Tie, after deducting Match Officials expenses and items 2 and 3, one half of the remainder shall be paid to the Association and the balance divided equally between the competing Clubs providing the balance exceeds the sum of £20.

For Semi Final Ties in the Senior Cup Competition and in all Final Ties the amount charged by the Hosting Club for Ground Hire may not exceed £60.

## **20. MATCH BALLS**

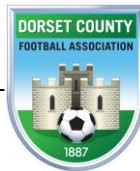
It shall be the duty of the Home Club to provide match balls with the exception of the Final Ties, when they shall be supplied by the DCFA.

## **21. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

In the case of any event arising not covered by these Rules, the Council shall have full power to adjudicate and deal with same.

**Please Note:** Temporary Dismissals should be implemented in all Dorset County Cup Competitions.





## **RULES OF DORSET SENIOR CUP COMPETITION**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Dorset County Football Association Limited.

### **2. TITLE**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Senior Challenge Cup, and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **3. TRUSTEE**

The Secretary of the Association for the time being shall be, to all intents and purposes, the legal holder of the Cup in trust for the Association.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS**

The Competition for the Cup shall be annual and open to all Clubs playing at Step 7 and above of the National League System who have floodlights at their home ground and are affiliated to the Dorset County Football Association, subject to the approval of Council. Applications from affiliated Clubs to enter Reserve teams will not be accepted.

### **7. PARTICULARS OF GROUND**

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of Council and the minimum Grading Criteria shall be that required for entry to Step 6 of the National League System (*National Ground Grading – Category H*).

The Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order. In the Senior Challenge Cup it is the responsibility of the Home or Hosting Club to provide two members wearing clearly identified jackets to escort the Referee from the pitch to the changing rooms.

### **10. DRAWS, ETC.**

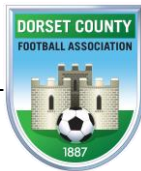
c) The tie shall be played during the midweek of the date set for the Round on the normal nominated day that the home club plays its midweek matches. In the case of the club being involved in a match of higher precedence the DCFA shall determine the date. Each Club shall make every effort to make sure its Ground is in a fit playing condition. Should there be any doubt on the fitness of the playing surface on the day of the match a minimum Level 5 Referee shall be called in by the home drawn club to inspect the pitch, by no later than 3:00pm on the day of the match.

The Home club shall keep their opponents and the Match Referee informed of any further developments concerning the fitness of the playing surface.

### **12. TIME OF STARTING MATCHES**

The time of starting matches shall be 7:45pm unless otherwise agreed by the two competing clubs.

It shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify the match officials, the visiting Club and the DCFA Member in Charge of match particulars i.e ground, dressing room, advertised time of kick-off, etc. at least five days before the match where possible. Clubs failing to notify the visiting Club, match officials or the DCFA Member in Charge shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix in each instance. Clubs and referees

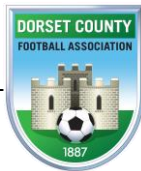


reported for late start without providing a satisfactory explanation shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

## **21. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council shall appoint a member in charge for all matches.

In the case of any event arising not covered by these Rules, the Council shall have full power to adjudicate and deal with same.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET SENIOR TROPHY**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Senior Trophy and shall not become the property of any one club.

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

The Competition for the Cup shall be annual and open to all Clubs who compete in: Dorset Premier League, Dorset Senior League, Bournemouth Premier League and Wyvern Football League inclusive of Reserve teams provided that their first team play in the Dorset Senior Cup Competition or the Senior Cup Competition of their parent County Association, in the current season. No club shall be permitted to enter two teams in this competition.

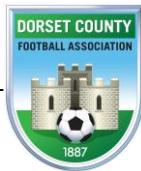
### **RULE 7: (Particulars of Ground)**

The ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and shall be required to meet the Grading Criteria currently applicable to the Senior Division of the Dorset League. The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1 and goal nets used. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. The Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

### **RULE 10: (Draws)**

(c) Where the home club has floodlights the tie **may** be played in the mid week prior to the date set for the round if both teams agree in writing unless either club is involved in a match of higher precedence. On such occasion the Dorset County Football Association shall determine the date. A tie which is not played owing to the exigencies of the weather or which is abandoned for any reason beyond the control of either Club must be played on the ground of the Club having choice of ground on the following Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by Council.

(f) Byes. No Club shall, under normal circumstances, receive more than one bye, but the Council shall have the power to give a sufficient number of Clubs byes to ensure four Clubs competing in the Semi-Final Ties.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE CUP**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Intermediate Challenge Cup and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

The Competition shall be annual and open to such Clubs who compete in the Dorset League Division One and Two or equivalent Competitions.

### **RULE 5: (Qualification of Players)**

Please consult Player eligibility List contained in this Handbook.

### **RULE 7:**

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and the dimensions of the field of play shall be:- Maximum Length 130 yards (120 metres), Minimum Length 100 yards (90 metres), Maximum Breadth 100 yards (90 metres), Minimum Breadth 50 yards (45 metres).

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. In Semi-Final and Final Ties, touchlines must also be roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities must be provided and the Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

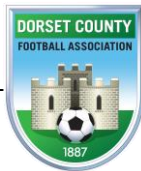
### **RULE 19: (Finance)**

Gate money or a collection shall be taken in all matches.

### **RULE 21: (Powers of the Council)**

The first sentence shall not apply.





## **RULES OF THE DORSET JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Junior Challenge Cup and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

The Competition shall be annual and open to all Club affiliated to the Association who compete in Dorset League Division Three or equivalent Competitions.

### **RULE 5: (Qualification of Players)**

Please consult Player eligibility List.

### **RULE 7:**

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and the dimensions of the field of play shall be:- Maximum Length 130 yards (120 metres), Minimum Length 100 yards (90 metres), Maximum Breadth 100 yards (90 metres), Minimum Breadth 50 yards (45 metres).

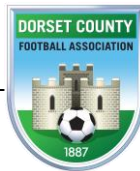
The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. In Semi-Final and Final Ties, touchlines must also be roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities must be provided and the Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

### **RULE 19: (Finance)**

Gate money or a collection shall be taken in all matches.

### **RULE 21: (Powers of the Council)**

The first sentence shall not apply.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET MINOR CHALLENGE CUP**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Minor Challenge Cup and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

The Competition shall be annual and open to all Dorset Affiliated Clubs who compete in Dorset League Division Four and below or equivalent competitions.

### **RULE 5: (Qualification of Players)**

Please consult Player eligibility List contained in this Handbook.

### **RULE 7:**

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and the dimensions of the field of play shall be:- Maximum Length 130 yards (120 metres), Minimum Length 100 yards (90 metres), Maximum Breadth 100 yards (90 metres), Minimum Breadth 50 yards (45 metres).

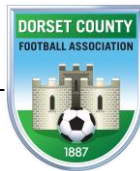
The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. In Semi-Final and Final Ties, touchlines must also be roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities must be provided and the Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

### **RULE 19: (Finance)**

Gate money or a collection shall be taken in all matches.

### **RULE 21: (Powers of the Council)**

The first sentence shall not apply.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS**

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The entire control and management of these Competitions shall be vested in the Council of the Dorset County Football Association Limited.

### **2. TITLE**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Sunday Football Challenge Cup and shall not become the property of any one club. Teams knocked out of the Competition prior to the last 16 of the Sunday Football Challenge Cup, shall be entered into a Supplementary Competition that shall be known as the Dorset Sunday Plate Competition. One Entry fee will cover both Competitions.

### **3. TRUSTEE**

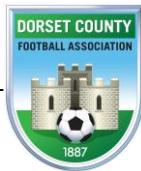
The Secretary of the Association for the time being shall be, to all intents and purposes, the legal holder of the Cup in trust for the Association.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS**

The Competition shall be annual and open to all Dorset affiliated Clubs playing in Dorset Sanctioned Leagues, together with those Clubs affiliated to neighbouring County FA's and playing in a Dorset sanctioned Sunday League, subject to the approval of Council.

### **5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

- a) A player shall not in the same Season play for more than one competing Club. For the purpose of Sunday player qualification, the Dorset Sunday Football Challenge Cup and the Dorset Sunday Plate Competition, shall be deemed to be one Competition.
- b) In the case of replayed and postponed matches, only players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date of the original match.
- c) Provided he is otherwise eligible, a player who has been suspended may play in postponed, drawn, or replayed Cup Ties after the term of his suspension has expired.
- d) No player shall be eligible to play in the Semi-Final or Final Tie unless he is a registered player of his club at least seven clear days before the *original date* set for the Semi-Final Ties.
- e) Opposing clubs in a Cup Tie shall exchange team sheets in the Referee's dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match. At the same time each Club shall provide the Referee with a copy of the Team Sheet.
- e) Each Club may use a maximum of three substitutes in a match in any Cup Competition providing that they do not substitute for players who have been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. A maximum of five substitutes shall be named to the Referee in his/her dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the kick-off and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not. Unless a substitute actually plays, his Cup Eligibility will not be affected. A person who has been accepted to act as Referee may not be used as a substitute in that match.
- f) No player under the age of sixteen shall be eligible to play in this competition.
- g) Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be removed from the Competition.
- h) In Final Ties and Semi Final Ties of these Competitions clubs must submit to the Referee at least 30 minutes prior to kick off the names of a maximum of 8 persons, five of which must be substitutes, to be within the dugout area during the match. **NO OTHER PERSON MAY BE PERMITTED IN THE DUG-OUT AREA DURING THE MATCH.**



## **6. REGISTERED PLAYERS**

On the request of a competing Club, and upon payment of a fee as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix, the Secretary of the Association shall supply a list of all players registered by any other competing Club during the current season, together with full particulars. The registration book for the current season shall be open to inspection by the Secretary or other official of any Club upon due notice being given and upon payment of a fee as shown in Section 'C' of the Financial Appendix.

## **7. PARTICULARS OF GROUND**

The ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

When the Club drawn at home cannot comply with the grading criteria, the club must provide a suitable alternative ground, or the Council will nominate a suitable ground.

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, In the semi finals and final ties touchlines and goal lines roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix.

The size of the Match Officials dressing room must be adequate for three officials.

The Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

Artificial Football Pitches are allowed in these Competitions providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of 3G (Third Generation) Football Turf Pitches. To meet the criteria a Football Turf pitch must pass a test every three years as defined in the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf.

The home club is responsible for advising their opponents and Match Officials of limitations or recommendations on the types of boot or stud that may be used on the surface when confirming the match details.

All other Competition Facility criteria shall still apply to this Competition as does the pitch and goal size.

All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.

## **8. DURATION OF MATCH**

The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes. In the event of a draw after 90 minutes an extra 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in the given in the Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of a match.

The referee is the sole judge of allowance of time, whether lost through accident or other cause, and also has the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches. His/Her decision on these matters is not subject to Appeal or Protest.

## **9. COLOURS**

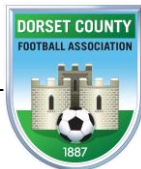
Clubs shall provide their players with individually numbered shirts. Clubs failing to comply with this section of the Rule shall be fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

In the event of two clubs having the same or similar colours the visiting Club shall make some distinctive change. No club shall wear colours that clash with the referee, who shall wear black. In the event of two Clubs playing upon a neutral ground the club drawn first, or in the case of the Final Tie the winning club from the first drawn Semi Final Tie, shall have the choice of colours. The club drawn first, or in the case of the Final Tie the winning club from the first drawn Semi Final Tie, shall also use the designated Home Dressing Room. The Club changing shall notify their opponents of proposed colours at least seven days before the match.

## **10. DRAWS, ETC.**

- a) Order of Procedure. The names of the Clubs entered for the Competition shall be placed by the Council in one or more lots, and shall be drawn from such lot or lots in





couples. The teams comprised in each couple shall compete, the one against the other, and the names of the winning teams shall be placed in one lot, drawn in couples, and competed as in the First Round, and so on until the Final Tie is played, when the winning Club shall hold the Cup for the ensuing year.

- b) Date of Matches. The ties shall be drawn, and the matches played, as the Council may determine. The Council shall fix the date for the Rounds, Semi- Finals and Final ties of all County Cup Competitions. After each drawing the Secretary shall intimate to each Club the name of its opponents and the date on which the match shall be played.
- c) A tie which is not played owing to the exigencies of the weather or which is abandoned for any reason beyond the control of either Club must be played on the ground of the Club having first choice of ground seven days later, unless decided by Council.
- d) Final Venues. The County Cup Committee shall arrange suitable venues for Final Ties. Final Ties shall be arranged midweek and will be played at a venue with floodlights.
- e) Choice of Ground: Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Club first drawn in each couple shall have the home advantage. In the event of the "home club" postponing the match on two consecutive occasions owing to pitch conditions the Dorset County Football Association reserve the right to order the cup tie to be played on the opponents ground or a neutral ground. If the tie is reversed the hosting club will then be responsible for the ground and match officials expenses and the visiting club shall be responsible for their travelling expenses. Except in County Cup Final ties in the event of a neutral ground being selected for any County Cup Tie, then ten per cent of the nett gate shall be paid to the Club on whose ground the tie is played.
- f) Byes. No Club shall, under normal circumstances, receive more than one bye, but the Council shall have the power to give a sufficient number of Clubs byes to ensure four Clubs competing in the Semi-Final Ties.
- g) Teams playing in the top two divisions of the Bournemouth Sunday League shall be exempt until the last 16 of the Dorset Sunday Football Challenge Cup, together with the top placed teams in the Blackmore Vale Football League and the Weymouth Football League, if the top placed team does not enter this will revert to the second placed team of the appropriate League.

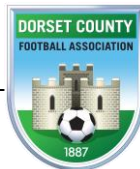
## **11. CLUBS REFUSING TO PLAY**

- a) Any Club refusing or failing to play a Club against which it has been drawn, upon the day, or within the time allotted to it, and without sufficient reason for so doing, shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to such fine as may be imposed by the Council.
- b) Scratching. Any Club intending to scratch must give information of their intention to do so to the Association Secretary and the opposing Club not less than seven clear days before the date fixed for playing the tie, and in default the Council shall have power to punish such offending Club in any manner they think fit. Any Club scratching shall be liable to such penalty as may be imposed by the Council.

## **12. TIME OF STARTING MATCHES**

The time of starting matches shall be 10.30 a.m. In the event of any variation of the above times being required, written application must be made to the Secretary of the Association, whose decision shall be final. In mid-week and holiday matches the time of kick-off may be agreed by mutual agreement, but no match shall begin at a time that will not permit of its conclusion not later than thirty minutes after sunset (according to calendar), other than floodlit matches.

It shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify the match officials, the visiting Club and the DCFA Member in Charge, if appointed, of match particulars i.e. ground, dressing room, advertised time of kick-off, etc. at least five days before the match where possible. Clubs failing to notify the visiting Club, match officials or the DCFA Member in Charge shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix in each



instance. Clubs and referees reported for late start without providing a satisfactory explanation shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

### 13. RESULTS OF TIES

Home Clubs shall telephone or email results of ties to the Cup & Competitions Manager within *90 minutes* of the completion of matches. Notice of the result of each match shall be sent by both competing Clubs, together with the names and initials of the players, so as to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association within three days of the date on which the match has been played. If a match is postponed, the home club shall inform the Cup & Competitions Manager within one hour of the tie being postponed.

Referees shall also notify within three days the result of ties in which they officiate.

Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall pay a Fine as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix within seven days of demand; in default of their so doing they shall be struck out of the Competition, or, in the case of a losing Club, be dealt with by the Council.

### 14. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

Referees and Assistant Referees, whose fees and expenses shall be the first charge upon the receipts, shall be appointed by the Council. Fees for Referees and Assistant Referees shall be as shown in Section "B" of the Financial Appendix.

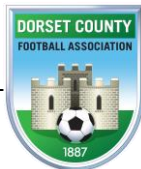
Referees and Assistant Referees shall be entitled to travelling expenses. Match Officials must be paid in their dressing room within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the match. If a Referee or Assistant Referee keeps an appointment (unless advised of the postponement) and the match for any reason is not played, the match official/s shall be entitled to travelling expenses and half fee. In the Semi Finals of adult Cup Competitions the DCFA will meet the cost of the match officials, however, if a match is postponed and the home club does not notify the match officials in adequate time, the home club shall then be responsible for paying half match fee and travelling expenses of the match officials. The home club shall provide Assistant Referees' Flags.

In all matches where Assistant Referees are not officially appointed each Club shall provide an Assistant Referee. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be Fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix. Where an appointed Official does not attend, it shall be the responsibility of the home club to provide an Assistant Referee. Where there is only one appointed Official and that Official fails to attend, either or both clubs shall have the option to postpone the Tie: should they mutually agree upon a replacement Official, both clubs shall signify this agreement on their team sheet prior to the commencement of the match. Where a Cup Tie is not played in these circumstances any expenses shall be shared equally between the competing clubs.

A player dismissed from the field of play by the Referee may not act as an Assistant Referee in that game.

### 15. PROTESTS

- a) Protests which must disclose grounds of same, must be intimated to the Secretary of the opposing Club and lodged, in duplicate, with the Secretary of the Association within seven days of the match being played accompanied by a deposit as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Council should they consider the protest trivial or groundless.
- b) In the Final Tie the Secretary of the Club he/she represents shall, at least two days prior to the match, give in writing to the Secretary of the opposing Club the names of the players from which the team he/she represents will be selected and no protests as to the qualification of the competing players shall be entertained unless notice is given in writing to the referee before the commencement of the match. Such notice having been given the protest must be proceeded with in accordance with paragraph (a).



- c) Any objections relative to the ground, goal-posts or bars, or other appurtenances of the game, must be lodged with the Referee before the start of the game and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Council.
- d) If the Council shall subsequently discover that any Rule or spirit of the Rule has, in their opinion been violated by mutual agreement or otherwise, by two Clubs or otherwise, it shall be in the power of the Council to disqualify one or both from further competing in the ties, or to order the match or matches to be replayed and that without any protest having been made by either or any Club.

## 16. VOTING OF COUNCIL

Should any member of the Council be an official or member of a Club concerning which there is any protest, dispute or question, the said official or member shall not be eligible to sit on the Council while the said protest, dispute or question is being considered.

## 17. GUARANTEE FOR THE CUP

The following shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Dorset Sunday Challenge Cup.

We (A)\_\_\_\_\_ and (B)\_\_\_\_\_, the Chairman and Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of the Dorset Sunday Football Challenge Cup and it having been delivered to us by the Dorset County Football Association Ltd., do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agreed to return the Cup to the Competition Secretary on or before 1 February, suitably engraved. If the Cup is lost or damage whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Dorset County Football Association Ltd. The amount of it's value or the cost of its repair.

Failure to comply will result in a fine as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix.

The County Association shall insure and pay for all County Cups.

## 18. HONOURS

In addition to the Cup, sixteen awards shall be presented to the teams in the Final Tie of both the Sunday Challenge Cup and the Sunday -----Competition. A Club may make application to the Council to purchase not more than four additional awards. The reason for the application must be submitted in writing to the Council within fourteen days of the Final Tie.

When a player taking part in the Final Tie is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct the award to which he may become entitled shall be presented unless the misconduct is for Violent Conduct for an Assault on a Match Official.

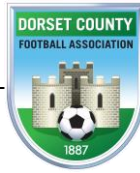
The Referee and Assistant Referees officiating in the Final Tie shall also be presented with an award.

## 19. FINANCE

Admission charges for Final Ties shall be fixed by Council.

In all matches except replayed matches in consequence of breach of Rules, the proceeds shall be equally divided between the two clubs after the following expenses have been paid:

- 1 Match Officials Expenses
- 2 Printing and Advertising
- 3 Police and Gatekeepers



Ten per cent of the net receipts, after deducting items 1 to 3 shall be paid to the Association. If the gate receipts are insufficient to pay items 1 – 3 the Home Club shall be responsible for these amounts.

Where Clubs are given special permission for a match to be played under floodlights the amount to be charged against the match receipts must not exceed £60.

The Home Club shall provide for the sale of tickets, and the Visiting Club for the checking of same and their own travelling expenses.

A full match statement, on Form DC1, which is supplied by the Association, shall be made to the Association and the Opposing Club within fourteen days of the match. Clubs not complying with this clause may be fined the sum of £50.

In replayed matches in consequence of breach of Rule the receipts shall be dealt with as the Council may determine.

In Semi Final Ties one half of the net receipts after deducting items 2 and 3 shall be paid to the Association, and the balance divided equally between the competing Clubs.

In the Semi Final Ties the match officials fees and their travelling expenses shall be paid by the Dorset County Football Association.

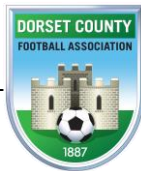
In the Final Tie, after deducting Match Officials expenses and items 2 and 3, one half of the remainder shall be paid to the Association and the balance divided equally between the competing Clubs providing the balance exceeds the sum of £20.

## **20. MATCH BALLS**

It shall be the duty of the Home Club to provide match balls with the exception of the Final Ties, when they shall be supplied by the DCFA.

## **21. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

In the case of any event arising not covered by these Rules, the Council shall have full power to adjudicate and deal with same.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET WOMEN'S CUP**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd Challenge Cup Competition shall apply to this competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2:**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Women's Cup and shall not become the property of any one club.

### **RULE 4:**

The Competition shall be annual and shall be open to all Women's Clubs affiliated to the Association and to Women's Clubs that compete in the Dorset County Women's League.

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and the dimensions of the field of play shall be:- Maximum Length 130 yards (120 metres), Minimum Length 100 yards (90 metres), Maximum Breadth 100 yards (90 metres), Minimum Breadth 50 yards (45 metres).

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. In Semi-Final and Final Ties, touchlines must also be roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, must be provided and the Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

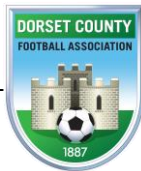
### **RULE 5:**

g) Each Club may use a maximum of five substitutes in a match in any Cup Competition providing that they do not substitute for players who have been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. A maximum of five substitutes shall be named to the Referee in his/her dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the kick-off and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not. Unless a substitute actually plays, her Cup Eligibility will not be affected. A player who has been substituted herself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. A person who has been accepted to act as an assistant Referee may not be used as a substitute in that match.

### **RULE 12:**

Time of starting matches shall be 2.00pm.





## **RULES OF THE DORSET COUNTY YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP (UNDER 18)**

The Rules of the DCFA Ltd County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Competition with the following exceptions/adjustments:-

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup shall be called the Dorset Youth Challenge Cup and shall not become the property of any one Club.

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

The Competition shall be annual and open to such Dorset Clubs who have a team competing in a sanctioned 11 aside Sunday based League and teams from other Counties who compete in the Dorset County Youth League: entries shall be approved by Council. Entry shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association by 1 June in each year. The fee shall be as shown in Section A of the Financial Appendix.

### **RULE 5: (i)(Qualification of Players)**

No player whose age as at midnight 31 August in the current season has reached 18 years, or is less than 15 years shall be allowed to play in this Competition. No Contract or YTS players shall be allowed to take part in the Competition.

f) A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing team.

### **RULE 7:**

The Ground shall be subject to the approval of the Council and the dimensions of the field of play shall be:- Maximum Length 130 yards (120 metres), Minimum Length 100 yards (90 metres), Maximum Breadth 100 yards (90 metres), Minimum Breadth 50 yards (45 metres).

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1, goal lines roped off, and goal nets used. In Semi-Final and Final Ties, touchlines must also be roped off. Clubs in breach of this section of the Rule will be fined as shown in Section C of the Financial Appendix. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, must be provided and the Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

### **RULE 8:**

The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes. In the event of a draw after 90 minutes an extra 30 minutes must be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in the Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of a match.

### **RULE 15: (Protests)**

In the case of a protest with respect to a player's age that player shall produce for inspection his birth certificate. If the protest is not upheld the protesting Club may be required to pay the expenses incurred by the player in obtaining such certificate.

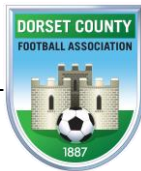
The Council shall have power to deal further with a Club adjudged to have lodged a frivolous protest.

### **RULE 19: (Finance)**

Gate money or a collection shall be taken at all matches.

### **RULE 21: (Power of the Council)**

The first sentence shall not apply.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET YOUTH CUPS (Under 13 – Under 16)**

The Rules of the Dorset County Cup Competitions shall apply to these Cup Competitions except where indicated below:

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup Competitions are as follows:

- Under 16 Cup – Glassey Cup
- Under 15 Cup – Dorset Old Boys Cup
- Under 14 Cup – Harold Puley Cup
- Under 13 Cup – Braytown Cup

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

All the Dorset affiliated Youth Clubs aged Under 13 – Under 16 years will be required to enter the appropriate Cup Competition, as will those Dorset Clubs who compete in Leagues sanctioned by other County Football Associations. Teams affiliated to any other County Association and who compete in the Dorset Youth League (Under 13 – Under 16 years) may enter the appropriate Cup Competition. Teams whose designated day for playing League matches is not Sunday shall not be permitted to enter the Competition.

### **RULE 5: (Qualification of Players)**

b) line 3 – delete “-club” insert “-team”.

g) Each Club may use a maximum of five substitutes in a match in any Cup Competition providing that they do not substitute for players who have been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. A maximum of five substitutes shall be named to the Referee in his/her dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the kick-off and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not. Unless a substitute actually plays, his Cup Eligibility will not be affected. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. A person who has been accepted to act as Referee may not be used as a substitute in that match.

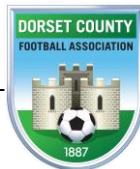
- h) **Under 16** Under 16 years but over 14 years as at midnight 31 August
- Under 15** Under 15 years but over 13 years as at midnight 31 August
- Under 14** Under 14 years but over 12 years as at midnight 31 August
- Under 13** Under 13 years but over 11 years as at midnight 31 August

### **RULE 7: (Particulars of Grounds)**

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, must be provided.

#### **Artificial Football Pitches:**

Artificial Football Turf pitches are allowed in these Competitions providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of 3G (Third Generation) Football Turf pitches. To meet the criteria a Football Turf pitch must pass a test every three years as defined in the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf.



When booking the facility, the home club must remember that the tie may require extra time and kicks from the penalty mark, therefore the facility would need to be booked for a suitable period to cover these contingencies.

The home club is responsible for advising their opponents and Match Referee of limitations or recommendations on the types of boot or stud that may be used on the surface when confirming the match details.

All other Competition Facility criteria shall still apply to this Competition as does the pitch and goal size.

All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.

#### **RULE 8: (Duration of Match)**

The duration of match and size of the ball shall be:

Size of Ball		Duration
Under 16	5	40 minutes each way
Under 15	5	35 minutes each way
Under 14	4	35 minutes each way
Under 13	4	30 minutes each way

In all Cup matches, extra time will be played as follows:

Under 16	15 minutes each way
Under 15	15 minutes each way
Under 14	10 minutes each way
Under 13	10 minutes each way

If the scores are still level after extra time the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in the Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of the match.

#### **RULE 10: (b)**

Teams playing in Division One of the Bournemouth Youth League and the Dorset Youth League are exempt until the last sixteen of the Competition. Should the exemptions be greater than 10 then this shall be the last 32.

#### **RULE 12: (Time of Starting Matches)**

All matches will kick off at 2.00pm.

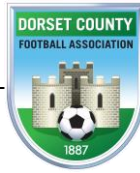
#### **RULE 13: (Results of Ties)**

Home Clubs shall telephone results of ties to the Public Relations Officer within three hours of the completion of matches. Notice of the result of each match shall be sent by both competing Clubs, together with the names and initials of the players, so as to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association within three days of the date on which the match has been played.

Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall pay a Fine as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix within seven days of demand; in default of their so doing they shall be struck out of the Competition, or, in the case of a losing Club, be dealt with by the Council.

#### **RULE 14: (Referees)**

a) Unless a Referee is appointed by the Dorset County Football Association, it is the responsibility of the home club to provide the referee and he/she shall be recognised by the Dorset County FA as the referee for that match and shall exercise all the powers of the referee in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Teams failing to play the fixture



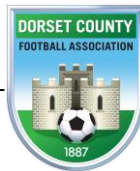
will be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00 and the team/teams found to be at fault will be removed from the Competition.

(b) The Referee (whether qualified and registered or not) shall report to the Secretary of the Dorset County Football Association Limited all details of misconduct relating to :

- (i) Sending Off Offences
- (ii) Caution Offences
- (iii) Misconduct by players after the match has ended
- (iv) Misconduct by Club Officials
- (v) Misconduct by Spectators

The Official Report Forms are available from the County Office.

(c) **Club Assistant Referee** - Clubs will provide their own Club Assistant Referee for the duration of the game, who will report to the referee in his/her dressing room before the game. Clubs must provide Club Assistant Referee's flags. Any Club failing to provide a Club Assistant Referee shall be fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.



### **RULES OF THE DORSET YOUTH CUP (Under 12 & Under 11 – 9 v 9)**

The Rules of the Dorset County Cup Competitions shall apply to this Cup Competition except where indicated below:

#### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Cup Competition is as follows:

Under 12 Cup – Freddie Hobbs Cup

Under 11 Cup – Val Newbury Cup

#### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

All the Dorset affiliated Youth Clubs aged Under 11 years will be required to enter the Under 11 County Cup Competition, as will those Dorset Clubs who compete in Leagues sanctioned by other County Football Associations. Teams affiliated to any other County Association and who compete in the Dorset Youth League (Under 11 years) may enter the Under 11 Cup Competition if they so wish.

#### **RULE 5: (Qualification of Players)**

b) line 3 – delete “-club” insert “-team”.

e) No player shall be eligible for the Semi-Final or Final Tie unless he is registered twenty eight (28) days before the date set for the Semi Final Ties.

g) Each team may use a maximum of nine substitutes in a match in the Under 11 County Cup Competition providing that they do not substitute for players who have been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. A maximum of nine substitutes shall be named to the Referee in his/her dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the kick-off and shall be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Referee whether called upon to play or not. Unless a substitute actually plays, his Cup Eligibility will not be affected. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. A person who has been accepted to act as Referee may not be used as a substitute in that match.

No team shall play with six or less players.

Under 12--- Under 12 years but over 10 years as at midnight 31 August

Under 11--- Under 11 years but over 9 years as at midnight 31 August

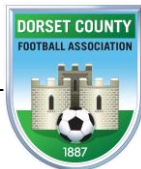
#### **RULE 7: (Particulars of Grounds)**

The field of play must be clearly defined as in Law 1. Adequate dressing room accommodation, including toilets and washing facilities, must be provided. The recommended pitch size for 9v9 football is: 80 x 50 yards, goals being 16 or 21 feet x 7 feet.

#### **Artificial Football Pitches:**

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All other Competition Facility criteria shall still apply to this Competition as does the pitch and goal size.

All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.

#### **RULE 8: (Duration of Match)**

The duration of match and size of the ball shall be:

Size of Ball		Duration
Under 12	4	30 minutes each way
Under 11	4	30 minutes each way

Extra time will be played as follows: Under 12--- 10 minutes each way

Extra time will be played as follows: Under 11 ---10 minutes each way

If the scores are still level after extra time the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in the Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of the match.

#### **RULE 12: (Time of Starting Matches)**

All matches will kick off at 2.00pm.

#### **RULE 13: (Results of Ties)**

Home Clubs shall telephone results of ties to the Public Relations Officer within three hours of the completion of matches. Notice of the result of each match shall be sent by both competing Clubs, together with the names and initials of the players, so as to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association within three days of the date on which the match has been played.

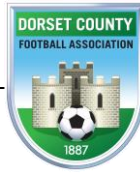
Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall pay a Fine as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix within seven days of demand; in default of their so doing they shall be struck out of the Competition, or, in the case of a losing Club, be dealt with by the Council.

#### **RULE 14: (Referees)**

a) Unless a Referee is appointed by the Dorset County Football Association, it is the responsibility of the home club to provide the referee and he/she shall be recognised by the Dorset County FA as the referee for that match and shall exercise all the powers of the referee in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Teams failing to play the fixture will be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00 and the team/teams found to be at fault will be removed from the Competition.

(b) The Referee (whether qualified and registered or not) shall report to the Secretary of the Dorset County Football Association Limited all details of misconduct relating to :

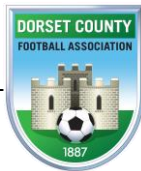
- (i) Sending Off Offences
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- (iii) Misconduct by players after the match has ended
- (iv) Misconduct by Club Officials
- (v) Misconduct by Spectators



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(c) **Club Assistant Referee** - Clubs will provide their own Club Assistant Referee for the duration of the game, who will report to the referee in his/her dressing room before the game. Clubs must provide Club Assistant Referee's flags. Any Club failing to provide a Club Assistant Referee shall be fined as shown in Section "C" of the Financial Appendix.

Footnote: Normal rules of Association Football apply concerning: Ball in and out of play, method of scoring, Offside and Fouls and misconduct.



### **RULES OF THE UNDER 10 CUP**

The Rules of the Dorset County Mini-Soccer League shall apply to this Competition except where stated below;

**RULE 1:**

All Dorset Affiliated Clubs with teams competing in the Under 10 Dorset Mini-Soccer League will be required to enter this Competition, as will those Dorset Under 10 teams competing in Mini-Soccer Leagues sanctioned by any other County Association. Teams affiliated to any other County Association and who compete in the Dorset Under 10 Mini-Soccer League may enter this Competition.

**RULE 2:**

Application shall be to the Secretary of the Dorset County Football Association Limited by 1 June each season, using the proforma provided and accompanied by the entry fee. Any Club withdrawing a team from this Competition may be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

**RULE 3:**

A team failing without reasonable cause to play its match on the appointed date will forfeit the match

**RULE 4:**

The Rounds of the Competition shall be played on a Sunday on dates determined by the Dorset County Football Association Limited. The time of starting matches shall be 2.00 pm, unless mutually agreed otherwise, except in the case of the Final Tie. The Home Club shall take proper precautions to preserve Law and Order.

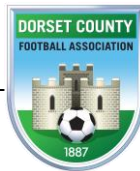
**RULE 5:**

Duration of matches shall be 25 minutes each way. If scores are equal at the end of normal time, extra time of five minutes each way shall be played. If still level at the end of extra time, the match shall be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with guidance given in Laws of Association Football under the procedures to determine the winner of the match.

**RULE 6:**

- a) A
  - b) No player shall play for more than one team in this Competition in the same season.
  - c) Emergency Registrations will not be permitted.
  - d) No player may play in a Semi-Final or Final Tie of this Competition unless eligible to play for his/her team seven days before the date set for the Semi Final ties.
  - e) In the case of matches not played on the original date, only players who were eligible on the date of the original match and those returning from suspension shall be allowed to play.

Any team infringing this Rule or part thereof, shall be removed from the Competition.

**RULE 7: (Match Administration)**

- a) The home team must confirm match details with their opponents no later than five days prior to the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in the Club being fined the sum of £5.
- b) The home team must telephone the result to the Public Relations Officer by no later than 5.30 pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in the Club being fined the sum of £5. Clubs with more than one team having a home tie on the same day should arrange for one person only to telephone.
- c) Result sheets from both teams must be sent to the County Office within three days of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5.
- d) The home club must telephone the appointed referee no later than three days prior to the match and notify the Referee of any postponement or changes of details. Failure to do so will result in the club being fined £10.

**RULE 8:**

The Final Tie shall be played on a ground to be determined by the Dorset County F.A. Ltd. In the Final Tie extra time shall be played if necessary. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the match should be decided on kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decision of 27 June 1970.

**AWARDS**

In addition to the Cup, the Association shall present up to fourteen awards to both teams in the Final Tie.

**Artificial Football Pitches:**

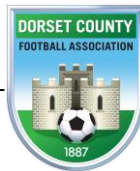
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All other Competition Facility criteria shall still apply to this Competition as does the pitch and goal size.

All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.



## **RULES OF THE DORSET GIRLS' CUPS (Under 11 - 17, & Plate Competitions)**

The Rules of the Dorset County Cup Competition shall apply to these Cup Competitions except where indicated below:

### **RULE 2: (Title)**

The Dorset County Football Association shall decide annually which of the following County Cup Competitions shall be administered by the DCFA:

Under 11 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 12 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 13 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 14 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 15 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 16 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions  
Under 17 Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions

### **RULE 4: (Eligibility of Clubs)**

All the Dorset affiliated Girls Clubs aged Under 11 – Under 17 years will be required to enter the appropriate Cup Competition, as will those Dorset Clubs who compete in Leagues sanctioned by other County Football Associations. Teams affiliated to any other County Association and who compete in the Dorset Youth League (Under 11 – Under 17 years) may enter the appropriate Cup Competition.

Age banding and playing format for Girls' County Cup Competitions are run in line with the Dorset Youth League (Girls Section).

The 'Cup' and 'Plate' Competitions are only run at the discretion of the Women's Committee of the Dorset County Football Association and provided there are a minimum of eight entrants in the 'Cup' Competition. Teams knocked out prior to the semi-final stage will automatically be entered into the relevant 'Plate' Competition.

### **Rule 5: (Qualification of Players)**

a) A player shall not in the same Season play for more than one competing Club. For the purpose of Girls Cup Competitions player qualification, the Girls' Cup & Plate Competitions, shall be deemed to be one Competition.

g) Substitutes: As in the Rules of the Dorset Girls League.

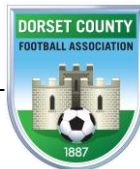
k) A Player who is registered with a Regular Weekly run FA Girls Centre of Excellence may not play in the Competition, although players registered with an FA Advanced Coaching Centre are eligible, as are players registered with the FA South West Girls' Centre of Excellence.

### **RULE 7: (Particulars of Ground)**

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#### **RULE 8: (Duration of Match)**

The duration of match and size of the ball shall be:

<b>Size of Ball</b>		<b>Duration</b>
Under 11	4	25 minutes each way
Under 12	4	30 minutes each way
Under 13	4	30 minutes each way
Under 14	4	35 minutes each way
Under 15	5	35 minutes each way
Under 16	5	35 minutes each way
Under 17	5	35 minutes each way

In all Cup matches, extra time will be played as follows:

Under 11	5 minutes each way
Under 12	5 minutes each way
Under 13	10 minutes each way
Under 14	10 minutes each way
Under 15	10 minutes each way
Under 16	10 minutes each way
Under 17	10 minutes each way

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#### **RULE 10: (c)**

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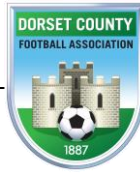
#### **RULE 11: (a)**

Any Club refusing or failing to play a Club against which it has been drawn, upon the day, or within the time allocated to it, and without sufficient reason for so doing, shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and shall be liable to such fine as may be imposed by the Council.

Clubs who are affected by school commitments may make written application for a postponement in writing at least 7 days prior to the game: the request should include a signed letter from the school giving the players names and the nature of the school commitment: once written confirmation has been accepted the re arranged tie shall be played the following Saturday.

#### **RULE 12: (Time of Starting Matches)**

All matches will kick off at 10:30am except on the Finals Day, when kick off times may be staggered.

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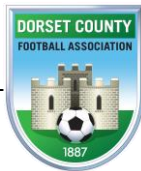
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**AWARDS**

In addition to the Cup, the Association shall present up to a maximum of sixteen awards to both teams in the Final Tie of the Under 15 -17 Competition and a maximum of fourteen awards in the Under 11 - 14 Competitions.



## FINANCIAL APPENDIX

### **SECTION A**

#### Charges to Clubs:

#### **AFFILIATION FEES**

Senior	£75.00
Intermediate	£75.00
Junior and Women	£75.00
Minor	£75.00
County Youth (Under 18 - Under 17)	£40.00
Dorset Youth Teams (Under 11 – Under 16)	£25.00
Veteran's	£25.00
Girls'	£25.00
Mini-Soccer	£15.00
Occasional Teams	£15.00
Walking Football	£15.00
U6/U5 Development Squads	£15.00
Additional Adult Teams	£5.00 per team
Additional Youth Teams	£3.00 per team

#### **PUBLIC LIABILITY**

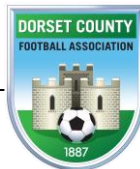
Club	£23.00 per club
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#### **COUNTY CUP ENTRY**

Senior	£70.00
Senior Trophy	£70.00
Intermediate	£63.00
Junior	£54.00
Women	£25.00
Minor	£52.00
Sunday Challenge Cup (including Plate Competition)	£65.00
County Youth (Under 18)	£45.00
Youth (Under 11 – Under 16)	£44.00
Youth (Under 10)	£30.00
Girls	£30.00
Veteran's	£25.00

#### **LEAGUE ENTRY**

Women	£25.00
Mini Soccer	£25.00
Girls'	£25.00
Mini Soccer Player Membership Fee	£4.00
Girls League Player Membership Fee	£3.00
Women's League Membership Fee	£3.00



## **SECTION B** (Referees' Registration Fees and Match Fees)

### **ADMINISTRATION OF REFEREES**

Rule 4	Registration Fee	£20.00
Rule 6		35p per mile

### **COUNTY CUP MATCH FEES**

#### **Senior Cup:**

Referee:	£35.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£20.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Senior Trophy Cup:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Intermediate Cup:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Junior Challenge Cup:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Minor Challenge Cup:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referee:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Sunday Challenge Cup:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Sunday Plate Competition:**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Women's Cup:**

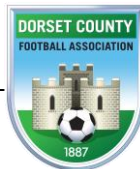
Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Youth Cup (Boys and Girls Under 17 and 18):**

Referee:	£25.00	+ 35p per mile
Assistant Referees:	£18.00	+ 35p per mile

#### **Boys and Girls' Youth Cups (Under 10 – Under 16):**

Referee:	Rounds £20.00 + 35p per mile	
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## **SECTION C** (Subscription, Administration Charges and Fines)

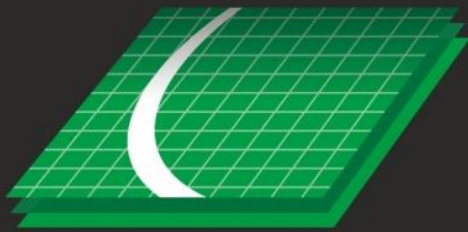
### **MEMBERSHIP RULES OF THE DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Rule 1:	Financial Cover – Accidental Death	Minimum £30,000
Rule 1:	Per week for 2 weeks	£20.00
Rule 2:	Balance Sheet	£20.00
Rule 3:	Clubs competing in Step 1, 2, 3 & 4	£800.00
	Clubs competing in Step 5 & 6	£550.00
	Clubs competing in Step 7	£500.00
Rule 4:	Sanctioned League and Competitions	£50.00
	Charity Competitions	£2.00
Rule 7:	Appeals	£50.00

### **RULES OF THE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

Rule 7:	Minimum	£16.00
	Maximum	£41.00
Rule 9:		£41.00
Rule 12:	Failure to notify: Visiting Clubs	£21.00
	Match Officials	£21.00
	DCFA Member in Charge	£21.00
	Late start for every 15 minutes or part thereof	£11.00
Rule 13:	Failing to telephone result	£21.00
	Failing to notify result	£21.00
Rule 14:		£21.00
Rule 15:		£51.00
Rule 17:		£51.00
Rule 19:	Match Statement	£21.00
	Final tie - balance to exceed	£21.00





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