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We work with the utmost integrity
We show unwavering commitment
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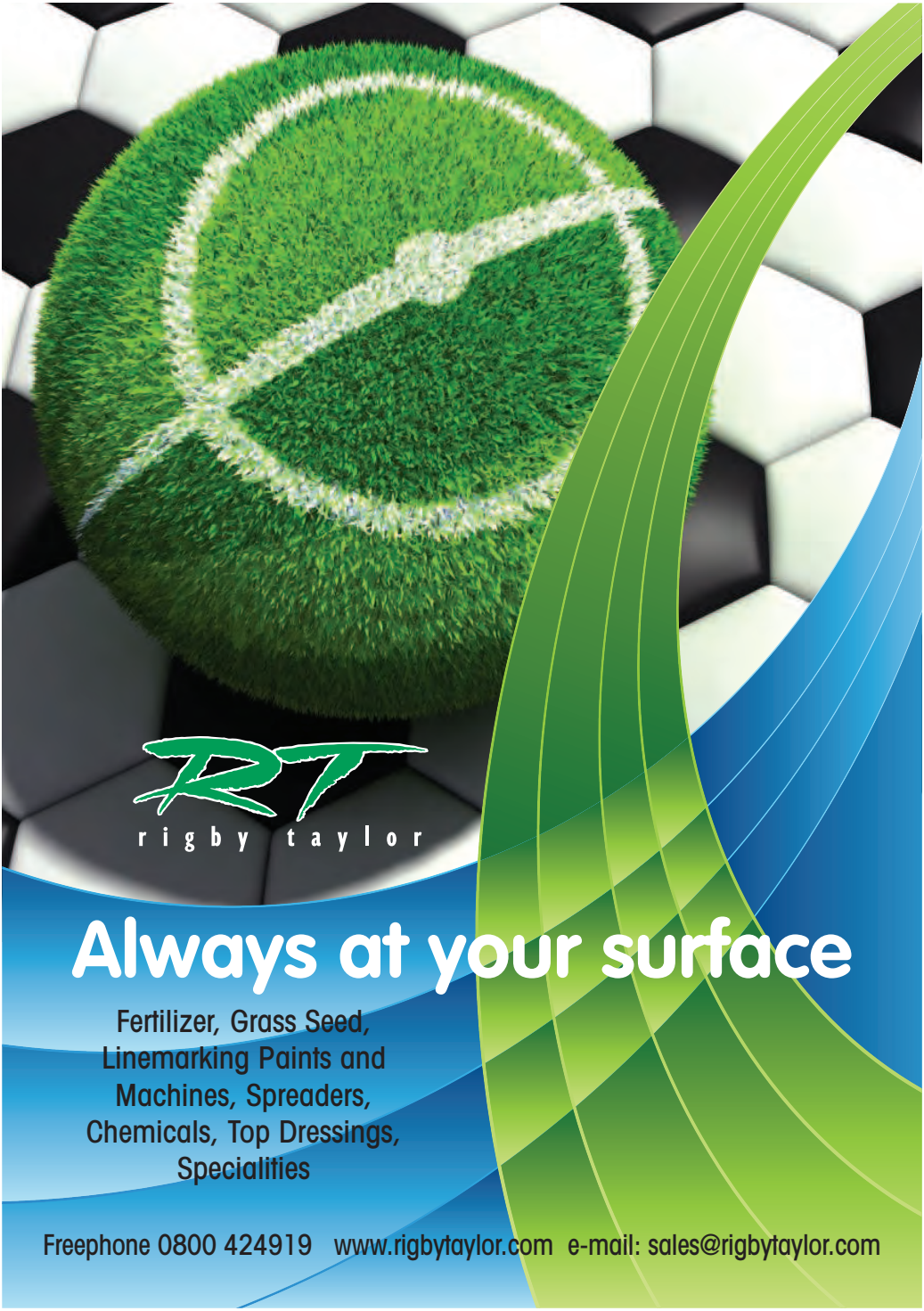
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LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Patron: The Right Hon. The EARL OF DERBY

THE COUNCIL FOR 2018/2019

President: Mr. M. DEVITT

Life Past President: Mr. D.J. LEWIN & Mr G. HOWARD

President's Deputy: Mr. D. RICHARDSON

Life Vice-Presidents:
Messrs. C. ACKERS, E. ALEXANDER, E. HART, D. RICHARDSON, W. SHAW

Vice-Presidents:
Messrs. J.M. EDELSON, R.FLOUNDERS, F. PARR

Representatives of Divisions:

Area 1	Mr K Inckle	To serve until 2020
Area 2	Mr P Mathuada	To serve until 2020
Area 3	Mr A Ahmed	To serve until 2020
Area 4	Mr J Croke	To serve until 2021
Area 5	Mr R Haydock	To serve until 2021
Area 6	Mrs. N Nye	To serve until 2021
Area 7	VACANT	
Area 8	Mr J Knagg	To serve until 2019
Area 9	Mr A Greenhalgh	To serve until 2019

Youth Section
Mrs. L. Allon To serve until 2019

Professional Section
Mr I Silvester (Blackburn Rovers FC) To serve until 2019
Mr S Marland (Bolton Wanderers FC) To serve until 2019

F.A. Council Representative:
VACANT
c/o Lancashire Football Association, The County Ground, Thurston Road, Leyland, PR25 2LF

PHONE NUMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Elected to Council:

President:

M. DEVITT

.....1988

Life Past President:

D. J. LEWIN

.....1972

Life Vice-Presidents:

C. ACKERS

.....1982

E. ALEXANDER

.....1979

E. HART

.....2000

D. RICHARDSON

.....1983

W. SHAW

..... 1985

Vice-Presidents:

**** J. M. EDELSON**

.....1991

**** R. FLOUNDERS**

.....2000

*** F. PARR**

.....1990

DIVISIONAL MEMBERS

DIVISIONAL AREA 1
BURNLEY - PENDLE - ROSSENDALE Elected to Council
K. INCKLE
.....2001

DIVISIONAL AREA 2
BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN - HYNDBURN - RIBBLE VALLEY
P. MATHUADA
..... 2011

DIVISIONAL AREA 3
BOLTON
A. AHMED
..... 2008

DIVISIONAL AREA 4
BURY - ROCHDALE
J. CROKE
..... 2004

DIVISIONAL AREA 5
CHORLEY - LIVERPOOL - WEST LANCASHIRE
R. HAYDOCK
..... 2003

DIVISIONAL AREA 6
BLACKPOOL - FYLDE - PRESTON - SOUTH RIBBLE
MRS N. NYE,
..... 2015

DIVISIONAL AREA 7
MANCHESTER - OLDHAM
VACANT

DIVISIONAL AREA 8
BARROW - LANCASTER - WYRE
J. KNAGG
..... 2005

DIVISIONAL AREA 9
ST HELENS - WIGAN - WARRINGTON
A. GREENHALGH
..... 2007

YOUTH SECTION REPRESENTATIVE
MRS. L. ALLON
..... 2008

PROFESSIONAL SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

S. MARLAND

..... 2004

I. SILVESTER

..... 2014

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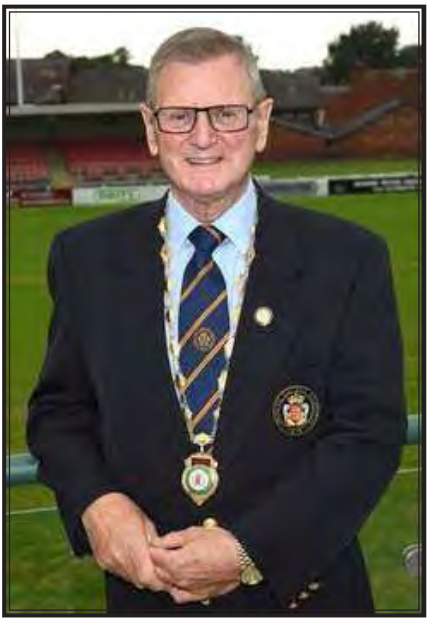

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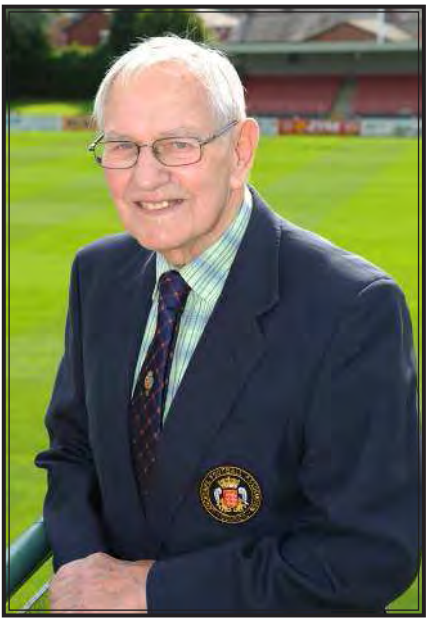
President



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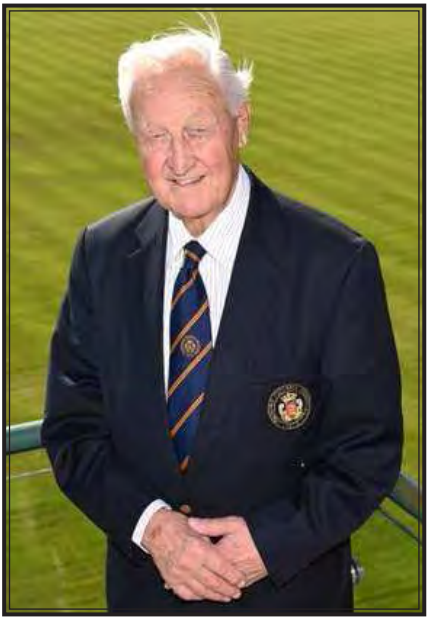

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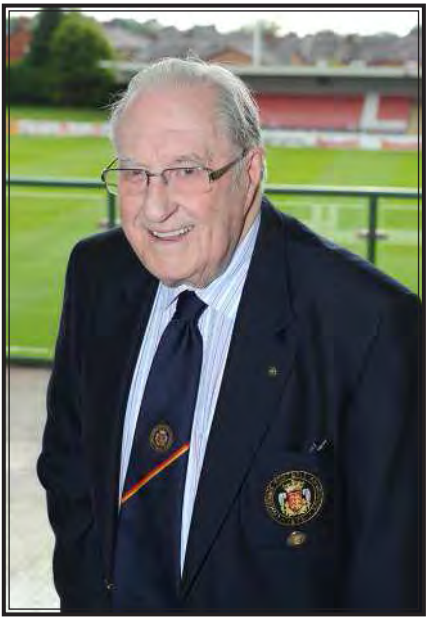

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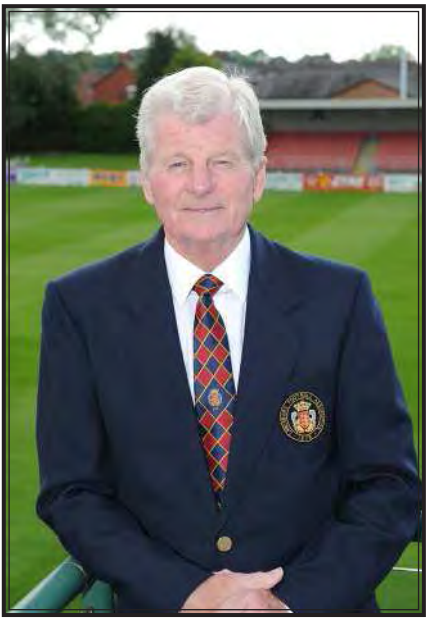

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Vice-President

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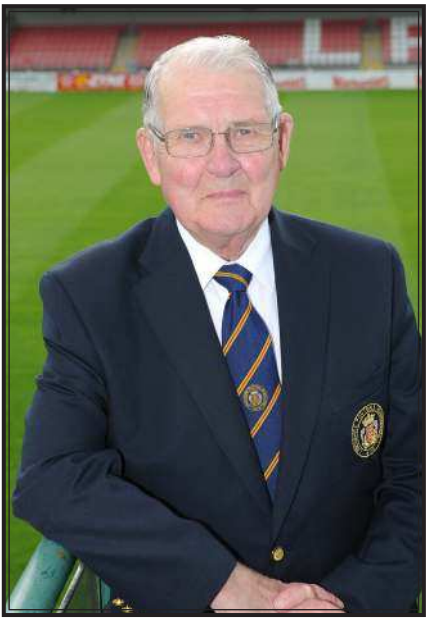
Vice-President



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Vice-President

S Gerrard
Chief Executive

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Partners Foundation offers quality housing for its tenants based on their individual needs and choices, to enable them to have valued lives in and as part of the community. The company supports and encourages its staff to be committed to a practice that is underpinned by values of:

Choice, Respect, Independence, Equal Opportunities and Rights

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman: R. Haydock
P. Brown, G. Blakeley, Miss A. Hashmi, P. Thornton, D. West

COUNCIL SECTIONS FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JUNE, 2018

President: Ex-Officio Member of all Sections
Chairman Board of Directors: Ex-Officio Member of all Sections
Trustees: M Devitt, C. G. Howard, D. J. Lewin

EMERGENCY SECTION:

M. Devitt (President), D.J. Lewin (Life Past President),
R. Haydock (Chairman)
S. Gerrard (Chief Executive)

THE WHOLE OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

SECTION	CHAIRMAN
DISCIPLINARY	A. AHMED
REFEREES SECTION	J. CROKE
SANCTIONS & REGISTRATIONS	J. CROKE
LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP	A. GREENHALGH
LANCASHIRE CHALLENGE TROPHY	P. MATHUADA
ADULT COMPETITIONS	R. HAYDOCK
YOUTH COMPETITIONS	J. KNAGG
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT	VACANT
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION	MRS L. ALLON
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT WELFARE	K. INCKLE
SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL	VACANT
WOMEN & GIRLS FOOTBALL	K. INCKLE

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

ADULT COMPETITIONS SECTION

R. G. Bowker,

YOUTH COMPETITIONS SECTION

S. Walker
W. Yates

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 6th September 2018 - Thursday 10th January 2019
Thursday 25th April 2019
All the above meetings will commence at 10.30am

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The County Ground, Thurston Road, Leyland PR25 2F
A confirmed date for this year's AGM is yet to be decided

PRESIDENT'S DEPUTY:

In the event of the Association President being unable to attend any Meeting, Council will appoint an official deputy with full powers in accordance with the Company Memorandum and Articles of Association.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CUP ENTRIES

Season 2018/2019

Category A: CLUBS - FULL MEMBERS

Premier League and Championship	£250.00
Football League 1 & 2	£200.00
Football Conference, Northern Premier League & North West Counties League	£100.00
Other Clubs	£90.00

Category B: CLUBS - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Subscription for each Associate Member is	£45.00

Category C: CLUBS - YOUTH MEMBERS

The Subscription for each Youth Member is	£55.00

Category D: LEAGUES

Full Member	£60.00
Associate & Youth	£45.00
The Subscription for a one day Medal Competition	£20.00
The Subscription for a two or more day Medal Competition	£30.00

i. The Association also provides Group Cover for Public Liability for Category A Clubs playing below Contributory League Level, Category B and Category C Clubs. The subscription payment for this insurance provision is added to the fee payable.

Cup Competition Entry Fees

Senior Cup Competition	£50.00
Challenge Trophy Competition	£50.00
Amateur Shield Competition	£20.00
Amateur Cup Competition	£20.00
Sunday Trophy Competition	£20.00
Women's Challenge Cup Competition	£20.00
Under 21 Competition	£20.00
Youth Under 18,16,15,14,13,12 Competitions	£15.00

PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS

PRESIDENTS

1878 - 1889	MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON	1965 - 1968	S.T. PILKINGTON
1889 - 1901	W. FORREST	1968 - 1976	J.E. BREARLEY
1901 - 1918	D.B. WOOLFALL	1976 - 1981	R.W. LORD
1918 - 1926	J. LEWIS	1982 - 1995	A.O. HORROCKS
1926 - 1939	C.E. SUTCLIFFE	1995 - 2004	D.J. LEWIN
1939 - 1945	T.A. BARCROFT	2004 - 2017	C. G. HOWARD
1945 - 1958	J. TAYLOR	2017 -	M. DEVITT
1958 - 1965	H.P. HARDMAN		

LIFE PAST PRESIDENT

2004 -	D.J. LEWIN

HON. TREASURERS

1878 - 1882	W.T. DIXON	1934 - 1958	H.P. HARDMAN
1882 - 1919	T. HINDLE	1958 - 1968	J.M. HOWARTH
1919 - 1926	T.Y. RITSON	1968 - 1970	T.C. PRESTON
1926 - 1927	E. LITTLE	1970 - 1972	R. BOOTHMAN
1927 - 1934	T. LAITHWAITE	1972 - 1974	H. ASHWORTH

LIFE-VICE PRESIDENTS

1988 - 1995	F. JONES (Deceased)	2000 - 2004	C.G. HOWARD
1991 - 2003	W.H. CALVERT (Deceased)	2003 - 2004	C.R. KING (Deceased)
1991 - 1995	W.J. SINGLETON (Deceased)	2004 -	D. RICHARDSON
1996 - 2008	S. DAVENPORT (Deceased)	2004 -	W. SHAW
2000 -	C. ACKERS	2005 - 2006	F. SOUTHERN (Deceased)
2000 -	E. ALEXANDER	2008 - 2017	M. DEVITT

VICE PRESIDENTS

C. ACKERS	(Manchester)	1995 - 2000	J. FARRIMOND	(Wigan)	1970 - 1972
R.H. AINSWORTH	(Bolton)	1878 - 1879	R. FLOUNDERS	(Nelson)	2011 -
A.E. ALEXANDER	(Manchester)	1991 - 2000	W. FORREST	(Turton)	1882 - 1889
A.E. ALEXANDER	(Gatley)	1951 - 1954	C.E. FOWERAKER	(Bolton)	1938 - 1950
W.H. BANCROFT	(Blackburn)	1988 - 1991	E. GREEN	(Liverpool)	1955 - 1957
C.N. BANKS	(Bolton)	1958 - 1969	W.Y. HARGREAVES	(Bolton)	1878 - 1886
T.A. BARCROFT	(Blackpool)	1928 - 1939	E. HART MBE	(Preston)	2010 - 2014
J.J. BENTLEY	(Bolton)	1901 - 1918	T.R. HASLAM	(Great Lever)	1881 - 1882
J. BICKERSTAFFE	(Blackpool)	1893 - 1895	H. HODGSON	(Barrow)	1959 - 1972
R. BIRTWISTLE	(Blackburn)	1919 - 1927	H. HOPKINSON	(Rochdale)	1945 - 1958
J.N. BOOTHMAN	(Blackburn)	1880 - 1882	A.O. HORROCKS	(Wigan)	1972 - 1982
J. BOWNESS	(Newchurch)	1886 - 1889	C.G. HOWARD	(Lydiate)	1991 - 2004
W.E. BRACEWELL	(Burnley)	1936 - 1945	G. HOWARTH	(Oldham)	1970 - 1971
J.E. BREARLEY	(Rochdale)	1965 - 1968	C.L. JACKSON	(Wigan)	1982 - 1988
A.W. BRIDGE	(Southport)	1974 - 1982	F. JOHNSTON	(Blackburn)	1884 - 1885
J. BULLOUGH	(Accrington)	1884 - 1888	F. JONES	(Bolton)	1970 - 1988
W.H. CALVERT	(Barrow)	1982 - 1991	J. KERR	(Church)	1881 - 1881
W.H. CARTWRIGHT	(Liverpool)	1945 - 1947	C.R. KING	(Nelson)	2000 - 2004
R.A. CLARKE	(Bury)	1991 - 1995	W. KNOWLES, J.P.	(Darwen)	1947 - 1956
T. CLEGG	(Burnley)	1953 - 1958	D.J. LEWIN	(Blackpool)	1985 - 1995
J.J. COOPER	(Pleasington)	1889 - 1919	J. LEWIS	(Blackburn)	1901 - 1918
J. CLOUGH	(Southport)	1972 - 1975	E. LITTLE	(Blackpool)	1927 - 1936
S. DAVENPORT	(Wigan)	1994 - 1996	R.W. LORD	(Burnley)	1968 - 1976
M. DEVITT	(Blackburn)	2003 - 2008	R.E. LYTHGOE	(Liverpool)	1922 - 1928
W. DICKINSON	(Barrow)	1936 - 1950	J. MAHER	(Bury)	2009 - 2010
T. DUXBURY	(Darwen)	1889 - 1904	C.J. MASSEY	(Burnley)	1888 - 1889
H. DUCKWORTH	(Bury)	1939 - 1955	J. McKENNA	(Liverpool)	1918 - 1936
J.M. EDELSON	(Manchester)	2005 -	T. MILNE	(Accrington)	1880 - 1884
F. EVANS	(Blackpool)	1972 - 1984	R. W. MILLS	(Barrow-in-Furness)	2005 - 2010

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VICE PRESIDENTS (continued)

Dr. E.S. MORLEY	(Blackburn)	1882 - 1884	F. SOUTHERN	(Preston)	2000 - 2005
W.E. ORD	(Preston)	1904 - 1922	W. SUDDELL	(Preston)	1886 - 1893
S. ORMEROD	(Accrington)	1889 - 1901	C.E. SUTCLIFFE	(Rawtenstall)	1918 - 1926
H. PARKINSON	(Bolton)	1989 - 1994	R. SWINDELLS	(Oldham)	1957 - 1960
F. PARR	(Burscough)	2004 -	A. TAYLOR	(Wigan)	1960 - 1961
J. K. PARR	(Blackpool)	1996 - 1999	J. TAYLOR	(Bolton)	1932 - 1945
S.T. PILKINGTON	(Accrington)	1954 - 1965	G.TWIST	(Westhoughton)	1962 - 1976
R.T. PORTER	(Blackburn)	1960 - 1968	J. TWIST	(Preston)	1950 - 1959
G. W. PYE	(Liverpool)	2000 - 2005	W.B. WARBURTON	(Bolton)	2004 - 2015
F.S. RATCLIFFE	(Rochdale)	1976 - 1985	G. WATSON	(Accrington)	1968 - 1970
E.W. RAYNOR	(Southport)	1961 - 1962	R. WATSON	(Accrington)	1918 - 1930
D. RICHARDSON	(Nelson)	1996 - 2004	D.B. WOOLFALL	(Blackburn)	1885 - 1901
T.Y. RITSON	(Bolton)	1926 - 1936	H. WINDLE	(Burnley)	1936 - 1938
J.S. ROSCOW	(Bolton)	1901 - 1918	D. WILSON	(Preston)	2008 - 2008
W. SHAW	(Atherton)	2000 - 2004	K. WOOD	(Bury)	1995 - 1996
W.J. SINGLETON	(Nelson)	1985 - 1991			

SECRETARIES

1878 - 1882	T. HINDLE	1948 - 1963	J. ROBINSON
1882 - 1911	R.P. GREGSON	1963 - 2005	J. KENYON
1911 - 1948	F. HARGREAVES	2006 - 2015	D. P. BURGESS
		2016 -	R. DE NOBREGA

LIFE MEMBERS

1962 - 1978	G. BROWN (Deceased)	2010 - 2015	R.W. MILLS (Deceased)
1984 - 1995	S.B. PRICE (Deceased)	2004 - 2008	A. PORTER (Deceased)
1984 - 1991	B.T. BIRCHALL (Deceased)	2006 - 2013	J. KENYON (Deceased)
1988 - 2002	R.W. COOPER (Deceased)	2007 - 2015	M. TAYLOR (Deceased)

LONG SERVICE MEDALS

Medals have been presented to the following Members of Council:

D.B. WOOLFALL	T.A. BARCROFT	H. HODGSON
J.J. COOPER	J. TAYLOR	R.T. PORTER
J.S. ROSCOW	W. DICKINSON	G. TWIST
T. HINDLE	A.O. HORROCKS	J.E. BREARLEY
A.E. HEAP	A.H. DOWNS (Hon Auditor)	F. JONES
T. DUXBURY	F. HARGREAVES (Secretary)	R.W. LORD
J.J. BENTLEY	W.E. BRACEWELL	F. EVANS
J. LEWIS	C.E.FOWERAKER	J. KENYON (Secretary)
J. COOPER	H. DUCKWORTH	A.O. HORROCKS
R.P. GREGSON	H.P. HARDMAN	W.H. CALVERT
W.A DUCKWORTH	H. HOPKINSON	D.J. LEWIN
R.E. LYTHGOE	W. KNOWLES, J.P.	A. E. ALEXANDER
R. WATSON	J. TWIST	C. G. HOWARD
W.E. ORD	A.E. ALEXANDER, J.P.	S. DAVENPORT
C.E. SUTCLIFFE	T. CLEGG	C. ACKERS
J. McKENNA	E. GREEN	D. RICHARDSON
R. BIRTWISTLE	S.T. PILKINGTON, J.P.	W. SHAW
T.Y. RITSON	R.H. TAYLOR (Hon Auditor)	M. DEVITT
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G. WOLFENDEN	(Lancs & Cheshire League)	1984
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B.L. SEDDON	(Lancs Amateur League)	1990
T.C. PATTINSON	(Longridge United F.C.)	1990
B. BARKER	(Monton Amateurs F.C.)	1990
J.H. SMITH	(Rochdale Nomads F.C.)	1990
E. MELVIN	(Rochdale Sunday League)	1990
R. MYERS	(Springfields F.C.)	1990
H. CROFT	(West Lancashire League)	1990
A. LEE	(Burnley & District League)	1991
P.A. KELLETT	(Morecambe & Lancster Lge)	1991
R. MOFFATT	(Furness F.A.)	1991
E.C. PERCIVAL	(Morecambe & Lancaster Lge)	1991
R. SIMPSON	(Bury & Disrrict League)	1991
N. VERNON	(Park United F.C.)	1991
E. WALTERS	(Preston GSA F.C.)	1991
W. ALEXANDER	(Colne British Legion)	1992
K.H. DEAN	(Bass N. West Counties Lge)	1992
D. BIRCH	(Cartmet & District F.C.)	1992
E. MARSH	(Cartmel & District F.C.)	1992
R.HODGE	(Southport Trinity F.C.)	1992
A.GRUNDY	(Atherton L.R.F.C.)	1992
P.MULACHY	(Atherton L.R.F.C.)	1992
G. HUGHES	(Westhoughton Town F.C.)	1992
R.NAYLOR	(Westhoughton Town F.C.)	1992
D.F.LEE	(Bolton Combination)	1993
R.D.ENNION	(Bolton Referees Society)	1993
F. SCHOLES	(Bolton Referees Society)	1993
B.T. ROSBOTHAM	(Brickcroft Social Club)	1993
J. McNABB	(Burnley Referees Society)	1993
R. BALDWIN	(Burscough F.C.)	1993
J.V. HEYES	(Chorley F.C.)	1993
A. MOIR	(Chorley Referees Society)	1993
P. WESTHEAD	(Chorley Referees Society)	1993
R. ANDERTON	(Little Lever F.C.)	1993
G. YATES	(Little Lever F.C.)	1993
J. OPENSHAW	(Little Lever F.C.)	1993
B. KERSHAW	(Little Lever F.C.)	1993
H. MILLINGTON	(Little Lever F.C.)	1993
M. ROBINSON	(North Lancashire League)	1993
C. GILBERT	(Old Chorltonians F.C.)	1993
T. GARDNER	(Rossendale Referees Soc)	1993
G. DIGGLE	(Squires Gate FC)	1993
R. BLACK	(Wigan Referees)	1993
W. HAYES	(Wigan Sunday League)	1993
R. GIRVIN	(Wigan Sunday League)	1993
G.W. PYE	(Merseyside Police FC)	1993
J. BRINDLE	(Blackburn Combination)	1994
J. HOWARTH	(Blackburn Combination)	1994
R.W. COOPER	(Burnley Referees Society)	1994
A. NEWALL	(Bury Amateur League)	1994
A. ROBINSON	(Chorley F.C.)	1994
C.G. HOWARD	(Collegiate O.B. F.C)	1994
J. BADLEY	(Colegiate O.B. F.C.)	1994
F. MCPARLAND	(Barrow Celtic F.C.)	1994
J. HICKSON	(Leyland Motors Athletic)	1994
H. WARBURTION	(Rossendale Referees Soc.)	1994
T. GARDNER	(Rossendale Referees Soc.)	1994
D.BARNES	(Rossendale Referees Soc.)	1994
G.T. REED	(Wigan College F.C.)	1994
E. FORSHAW	(Wigan Amateur League)	1994
K.D. ORMROD	(M'cambe & L'caster Lge)	1994
B. BURKE	(Preston Churches League)	1995
E. CRAGG	(Preston Churches League)	1995
J. HEATON	(Springfields F.C.)	1995
T. THRELFALL	(Springfields F.C.)	1995
R. TOMLINSON	(Feniscowles F.C.)	1995
T. JONES	(Rochdale F.C.)	1995
W.G.SHAKESPEARE	(Preston & District League)	1995
J. BIRKENHEAD	(Preston & District League)	1995
N. CRAGG	(Preston & District League)	1995
F. MITCHELL	(Blackburn Sunday League)	1996
P. COLLINS	(Blackpool Sunday Allian.)	1996
D. GRIFFITHS	(Bolton County A.F.C.)	1996
A. CLARKE	(Bolton Wyresdale A.F.C.)	1996
B. ALLEN	(Burnley & District League)	1996
F. WHALLEY	(Burnley & District League)	1996
W. NEVISON	(Burnley & District League)	1996
D. SCOTT	(Burnley Referees' Assoc.)	1996
G. BOOTHMAN	(Burnley Referees' Assoc.)	1996
G. PORTER	(Burnley Referees' Assoc.)	1996
G. PRESTON	(Bury Referees' Assoc.)	1996
D. MARTIN	(Furness & District Assoc.)	1996
D. RICHARDS	(Hindsford A.F.C.)	1996
J. CLANCY	(Lancs Referees' Assoc.)	1996
A. WORRELL	(Leyland Motors Athletic)	1996
B. POWELL	(Mostonians A.F.C.)	1996
K. AKRIGG	(North Lancashire League)	1996

R. DOYLE	(Radcliffe Borough F.C.)	1996
D. HAIR	(South Lancs Counties Lge.)	1996
J.B. CLARKE	(Chorley Referees' Assoc.)	1996
J. FIELDING	(Atherton Colleries F.C.)	1997
K. GRAHAM	(Blackpool & Fylde Comb.	1997
T. HELM	(Padiham F.C.)	1997
J. RATCLIFFE	(Furness F.C.)	1997
J. WADSWORTH	(North Western League)	1997
J. COLTON	(Bolton Referees' Society)	1997
N. RILEY	(Bolton Referees' Society)	1997
R. WINCKLEY (deceased)	(Clitheroe Referees' Society)	1997
B. YATES	(Clitheroe F.C.)	1997
H. WILLIAMS	(Ramsbottom United)	1997
P. TAYLOR	(Blackburn Youth League)	1997
E. HART	(Blackburn Youth League)	1997
W. CARLING	(Bamber Bridge F.C.)	1997
G. LAWSON	(Bamber Bridge F.C.)	1997
J. ROBERTS	(Rossendale Amateurs)	1997
A. E. ALEXANDER	(Manchester City F.C.)	1998
A. R. BAIN	(Hesketh Casuals F.C.)	1998
R. HAYDOCK	(Hesketh Casuals F.C.)	1998
D. HOWGATE	(Hesketh Casuals F.C.)	1998
R. SHARROCK	(Hesketh Casuals F.C.)	1998
I. WHITESIDE	(Hesketh Casuals F.C.)	1998
J. A. MELLOR	(Hathershaw F.C.)	1998
R. COOPER	(Newman College F.C.)	1998
J. M. GLOVER	(Atherton C. & N. F.C.)	1998
C. HOLLINGS	(Morecambe F.C.)	1998
J. ORMAND	(Carnforth Rangers F.C.)	1998
MRS. P. WALKER	(Morecambe & Lancaster Sunday League)	1998
J. PILLING	(Royal Butterfly F.C.)	1998
R. WILKINSON	(Royal Butterfly F.C.)	1998
R. GODDARD	(West Lancashire League)	1998
E. McNAMARA	(L.E.P. Sunday League)	1998
J. J. CUNNINGHAM	(Continental Casuals F.C.)	1998
F. SMITH	(Preston & District League)	1998
P. COUPE (deceased)	(Bradley Wanderers F.C.)	1998
J. MURPHY	(Brickcroft F.C.)	1998
A.WESTHEAD	(Tempest United F.C.)	1998
W. B. HUGHES	(Wigan Amateur League)	1998
K. WHITEHEAD	(Wigan Amateur League)	1998
B. WILSON	(Wigan Amateur League)	1998
C. DAWBER	(Leyland Red Rose F.C.)	1999
A.F. NEWTON	(Appley Bridge F.C.)	1999
T. RILEY	(Daisy Hill F.C.)	1999
P. LIVESLEY	(South Lancs Counties Lge)	1999
K. WATERS	(Furness F.A.)	1999
B. HUGILL	(Squires Gate F.C.)	1999
R. WESTHEAD	(Squires Gate F.C.)	1999
R. TAYLOR	(Dicken Green F.C)	1999
J. ROBINSON	(Wigan Amateur League)	1999
T. DOWNING	(Wigan Amateur League)	1999
J. HARGREAVES	(Bamber Bridge F.C.)	1999
G. MARTIN	(Furness F.A.)	1999
B. SEDDON	(Atherton LR F.C.)	2000
G. BUTLER	(Atherton Town F.C.)	2000
E. BOARDMAN	(Atherton Town F.C.)	2000
H. MURPHY	(Atherton Town F.C.)	2000
G. GIACOMINI	(Blackpool Sunday Alliance)	2000
W. HATCHMAN	(Bolton Boys Federation)	2000
M. COLEMAN	(Bolton Boys Federation)	2000
T. WORRALL	(Bradley Wanderers FC)	2000
E. SNAPE	(Chorley Sunday League)	2000
D. COWARD	(Dalton United FC)	2000
J. BRYSON	(L.E.P. Sunday League)	2000
S. HIDE	(Leigh Referees Society)	2000
D. McGUIRE	(Leigh Referees Society)	2000
G. WILKINSON	(Leigh Referees Society)	2000
D. WILSON	(Leigh Referees Society)	2000
J. BANCROFT	(Leyland Motors Athletic FC)	2000
P. TAYLOR	(Norcross & Warbreck F.C.)	2000
R. BRIERLEY, M.B.E.	(Norcross & Warbreck F.C.)	2000
D. BULLEN	(Norcross & Warbreck F.C.)	2000
E. TAYLOR	(Radcliffe Sunday League)	2000
P. FITZGERALD	(Radcliffe Sunday League)	2000
D. TAYLOR	(Radcliffe Sunday League)	2000
D. OUSEY	(Rochdale Referees Society)	2000
F. WILLIAMS	(Rochdale Sunday League)	2000
J. HERNON	(Sacred Heart A.F.C.)	2000
T. FAIRHURST	(South Lancs. Counties League)	2000
S. HARRISON	(South Lancs. Counties League)	2000
A. THOMPSON	(Wigan Amateur League)	2000
M. DEVITT	(Blackburn Combination)	2001
H. PARKER	(Blackburn Combination)	2001
J. HAYDOCK	(Blackburn Sunday League)	2001
H.G. GOVIER	(Blackburn Referees Society)	2001
K. SEWARD	(Furness F.A.)	2001
N. WINDER	(Furness F.A.)	2001
D. TATTUM	(Leyland Motors Athletic F.C.)	2001
J.A. WILDEMAN	(Rochdale Referees Society)	2001
D. ORRELL	(Wigan Amateur League)	2001
F. CURRY	(Preston & District League)	2002
T. R. RICH	(Preston & District League)	2002
N. HOUGH	(Blackpool & Fylde Sunday Allce)	2002
D. WILDE	(Blackpool & Fylde Sunday Allce)	2002
T. AKRIGG	(Lancaster & Morecambe S. of Y.L)	2002
D. BOOTH	(Heywood Town F.C.)	2002
J. WALKER	(Wythenshawe Amateurs F.C.)	2002
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E. PEARSON	(Bolton Referees Society)	2002
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E. ROBB	(Bolton Referees Society)	2002
H. CRILLY	(Atherton Town F.C.)	2003
J. HYDE	(Atherton Town F.C.)	2003
F. RILEY	(Blackburn Sunday League)	2003
A. HANDLEY	(Bolton Referees Society)	2003
K. WHITTAKER	(Bolton Referees Society)	2003
A. BROOKS	(Chorley Alliance)	2003
L. SALISBURY	(Chorley Alliance)	2003
B. TURNER	(Furness F.C.)	2003
M. J. LAW	(Heywood Town F.C.)	2003
T. ANDREWS	(Burnley G.S.O.B. F.C.)	2003

K. LONGRIGG	(Burnley G.S.O.B. F.C.)	2003
I. RAWSTRON	(Burnley G.S.O.B. F.C.)	2003
S. RAWSTRON	(Burnley G.S.O.B. F.C.)	2003
T. O'NEIL	(Gregorians F.C.)	2003
L POSTLETHWAITE	(North Lancashire League)	2003
T. DANIEL	(North Lancashire League)	2003
G. ENTWISTLE	(North Lancashire League)	2003
L. ABEL	(Lancaster & Morecambe Service of Youth League)	2003
R. TURNER	(Kirby Lonsdale F.C.)	2003
R. LEICESTER	(Storeys F.C.)	2003
C. KNOWLES	(Slyne with Hest F.C.)	2003
I. CAMPBELL	(Slyne with Hest F.C.)	2003
N. ASKEW	(Slyne with Hest F.C.)	2003
G. RONSON	(Slyne with Hest F.C.)	2003
E. J. PARKER	(Lancashire F.A.)	2004
G. CHESWORTH	(Preston Referees)	2004
J. DEWHURST	(Longridge Forrest)	2004
P. DINSDALE	(Longridge Forrest)	2004
F. HALLIWELL	(Victoria)	2004
D. PICKERSGILL	(Victoria)	2004
J. LIONEL ROSS	(Collegiate O.B.)	2004
J. TAYLOR	(Tarleton Corinthians)	2004
J. CAHILL	(Ashton Town)	2004
D. ENTWISTLE	(Rochdale Alliance)	2004
T. WINN	(Rochdale Alliance)	2004
F. HEATON	(BAC/EE Preston)	2004
A. GREENHALGH	(South Lancashire Counties)	2004
R. NORRIS	(Bolton Boys & Girls Federation)	2005
S. McGOWAN	(Bolton Boys & Girls Federation)	2005
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H. J. BROWN	(Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre R.A.)	2005
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A. ROBINSON	(Lancashire Amateur League)	2005
D. WILKINSON	(Lancashire Amateur League)	2005
P. DUFFY	(Lancashire Amateur League)	2005
D. CARLISLE	(L.E.P. Sunday League)	2005
F. LEE	(Preston Churches League)	2005
B. WATTS	(Wigan Amater League)	2005
L. GREENHALGH	(South Lancashire Counties)	2006
M. WALLER	(West Lancashire League)	2006
T. WILSON	(West Lancashire League)	2006
F. ANDERSON	(Atherton Collieries)	2006
D. TYSON	(Barrow & District J.F.L.)	2006
D. CROXTON	(Hooley Bridge Celtic F.C.)	2006
A. GILL	(Hooley Bridge Celtic F.C.)	2006
C. COLLINS	(L.E.P. Sunday League)	2006
A. ROSS	(L.E.P. Sunday League)	2006
R. SWIFT	(Lancashire F.L.)	2006
E. BENISTON	(Lancaster & Morecambe Referees' Society)	2006
B. INGISZI	(Lancaster & Morecambe Referees' Society)	2006
C. WRIGHT	(Lancaster & Morecambe Referees' Society)	2006
E. WILSON	(North Lancashire League)	2006
P. BAKER	(Preston & District League)	2006
B. PARKINSON	(Preston & District League)	2006
P. TAYLOR	(Preston & District League)	2006
N. DEARDEN	(Prestwich Heys A.F.C.)	2006
A. S. BRECKELL	(Accrington & District Referees' Society)	2007
D. PRUCE	(Accrington & District Referees' Society)	2007
J. TAYLOR	(Accrington & District Referees' Society)	2007
K. JACKSON	(Blacburn Sunday FL)	2007
R SHUTTLEWORTH	Bolton & District Sunday League	2007
G. GABLE	(Lancs.& Cheshire Amateur FL)	2007
G. GARNETT	(Lancs& Cheshire Amateur FL)	2007
H. JACK	(Lancs& Cheshire Amateur FL)	2007
K. THRELFA	(Lancs& Cheshire Amateur FL)	2007
P. CLEMENT	(Preston & District Charities League)	2007
G. FIELDING	(Radcliffe Borough F.C.)	2007
S. BELLAMY	(Squires Gate F.C.)	2007
M. FARRER	(Squires Gate F.C.)	2007
T. HORNBY	(Squires Gate F.C.)	2007
J. MAQUIRE	(Squires Gate F.C.)	2007
B. COCKER	(Chorley Referees Society)	2008
D. HEIGHWAY	(Chorley Referees Society)	2008
D. HODGKINSON	(Chorley Referees Society)	2008
M. RAMSDEN	(Chorley Referees Society)	2008
M. PIKE	(Furness Referees Society)	2008
B. RADCLIFFE	(Leigh & District Referees Soc.)	2008
I. ESAT	(Blackburn Sunday F.L.)	2008
J.P. HOWARTH	(Blackburn Sunday F.L.)	2008
F. POPE	(Blackburn Sunday F.L.)	2008
M. BARNES	(North Lancashire League)	2008
M. TROUGHTON	(North Lancashire League)	2008
D. TYSON	(North Lancashire League)	2008
A. BUTLER	(South Lancashire Counties)	2008
M. HESKETH	(South Lancashire Counties)	2008
D. CLEGG	(West Lancashire League)	2008
J. HARRISON	(West Lancashire League)	2008
B. STREET	(Clifton Rangers F.C.	2008
T. FARRINGTON	(Culcheth Sports Club)	2008
M. HENSHAW	(Culcheth Sports Club)	2008
T. LEE	(Monton Amateurs F.C.)	2008
B. HOWARTH	(Rossendale United F.C.)	2008
A. GOULDING	South Lancashire Counties	2009
B. DAVEY	AFC Fylde	2009
M. BALDWIN	AFC Fylde	2009
S. SMITH	Theatre Boys	2009
B. MORRIS	Euxton Villa	2009
PAD. RUDD	Euxton Villa	2009
D. WINN	Euxton Girls	2009
T. HOGAN	Leigh RMI Juniors	2009
D. BREWELL	Blackpool Wren Rovers	2009
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S. MAWDESLEY	Charnock Richard	2009
M. MOLLOY	Haslingden St Marys	2009
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S. UNSWORTH	Chorley Referees Assocation	2009
D. ALMOND	Blackrod Town	2009
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A UPTON	Lancashire Amateur League	2010
A.AKRIGGNorth	Lancashire & Distrct FL	2010
P.QUINNNorth	Lancashire & District FL	2010
A.ROBINSON	Rochdale Sunday League	2010
P.ANDREWS	Wigan & District Amateur League	2010
B.DRAPER	Wigan & District Amateur League	2010
A.FAIRCLOUGH	Wigan & District Amateur League	2010
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K.HARRIS	Wigan & District Youth League	2010
S.LEE	Accrington Junior League	2011
D.WESTWELL	Accrington Junior League	2011
D.ALVEY	Bury Referees Association	2011
P.GRESTY	Bury Referees Association	2011
G.LLOYD	Furness Football Association	2011
B.ATKINSON	Furness Football Association	2011
D.EDWARDS	Myles N. Kenyon Cup	2011
W.YATES	Preston & District League	2011
P.HARDCASTLE	West Lancashire League	2011
C MANSON	West Lancashire League	2011
J RATA	West Lancashire League	2011
D SPONDER	West Lancashire League	2011
M.TILSON	West Lancashire League	2011
V BALPDWIN	Accrington Referees Association	2012
P WOODS	Kirkham Junior	2012
A SMITH	Padiham	2012
R.FINCH	Preston GSA	2012
J.MORRIS	Westhoughton Rangers	2012
D.RICHARDSON	Lancashire Football Association	2013
C.WILSON	Clitheroe	2013
A.FARNWORTH	North West Counties League	2013
P.KELLETT	Culcheth Sports Club	2013
H.LANE	Lancashire Amateur League	2013
D.LEE	Lancashire Amateur League	2013
R.CURRIIE	Wigan & District Amateur League	2013
L.RAINFORD	Wigan & District Amateur League	2013
J.ROBERTS	Wigan & District Amateur League	2013
W.MARKHAM	Blackburn & District Combination	2013
L. PARRINGTON	Blackburn Sunday League	2014
W. MAYNARD	Blackburn Sunday League	2014
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M.HUMPAGE	North Lancashire & District FL	2014
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F. POPE	Blackburn Sunday League	2014
M. JOHNSTONE	Bury & District Referees Assoc	2014
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M. JOHNSTON	Prestwich Heys	2014
J. SANDERSON	AFC Blackpool	2014
J. CULSHAW	Wigan Amateur League	2014
D. WILDING	Wigan Amateur League	2014
S.GRIMSHAW	Wigan Amateur League	2014
A. WILSON	Holker Old Boys	2014
P. STEWART	Blackburn Combination/ Mill Hill St Peters	2014
D. HARROP	Leigh Referees Develop Group	2014
F. MORT	Leigh Referees Develop Group	2014
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M. SMITH	Leigh Referees Develop Group	2014
R. FLOUNDERS	Lancashire Football Association	2015
G. DUTTON	Hesketh Casulas FC	2015
R. DANSON	Morecambe FC	2015
I. CHESTER	Myles N.Kenyon Cup	2015
M. KLYZ	Myles N.Kenyon Cup	2015
S.JONES	South Lancashire Counties League	2015
A. BEVAN	Wigan & District Amateur League	2015
A. COLTON	Wigan & District Amateur League	2015
D. WESTHEAD	Wigan & District Amateur League	2015
M. McCOURT	Wigan Referees Society	2015
J. BELL	Hesketh Casulas FC	2015
W. SINGLETON	AFC Blackpool	2016
D. DUNDERDALE	BAC Continental Casuals FC	2016
D. WILCOCK	BAC Continental Casuals FC	2016
I. WOWK	Central Lancashire Junior League	2016
L. GOULDING	Croston Sports Club	2016
S. JONES	Daten FC	2016
K. INCKLE	East Lancashire Football League	2016
F. THOMPSON	Gregson Lane FC	2016
J. WOODHOUSE	Hesketh Casuals FC	2016
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R. ATHERTON	Leigh Genesis FC	2016
J. DEAL	North West Counties Football League	2016
C. LONGSHAW	Tanterton FC	2016
V. COTTAM	Wigan Amateur League	2016
C. COX	AFC Blackpool	2017
E. PICTON	AFC Fylde	2017
A. VICKERMAN	Barrowford Celtic FC	2017
M. COLTMAN	Bispham Junior Football Federation	2017
F. E. LAWRENSON	Blackburn Sunday League	2017
G. SHACKLETON	Blackburn Sunday League	2017
R. DAVIES	Crooklands Casuals FC	2017

L. ALLON	Horwich St. Mary's FC	2017
D. SMITHSON	Ingol Rangers FC	2017
J. CARR	Lancaster & Morecambe Referees Society	2017
T. PINDER	Lancaster & Morecambe Referees Society	2017
S. BROOMHEAD	New Farington House FC	2017
R. MASTERS	Old Blackburnians AFC	2017
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R. YOUNG	Tanterton FC	2017
B. HAUGHEY	Theatre Boys FC	2017
N. EDMONDSON	West Lancashire League	2017
A. HOSKER	West Lancashire League	2017
D. SPONDER	West Lancashire League	2017
F. YATES	West Lancashire League	2017
D. FLETCHER	Bolton & District Referees Society	2018
P. GELLING	Bolton & District Referees Society	2018
L. MASON	Bolton & District Referees Society	2018
D. UNSWORTH	Bolton & District Referees Society	2018
W. BEWLEY	Bootle AFC	2018
S. FRENCH	Bootle AFC	2018
I. JORDAN	Bootle AFC	2018
S. LAWSON	Bootle AFC	2018
D. GARDNER	Furness Referees Society	2018
D. TIGHE	Leigh Referees Development Group	2018
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1879-80 DARWEN
1880-81 ACCRINGTON
1881-82 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1882-83 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1883-84 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1884-85 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1885-86 BOLTON WANDERERS
1886-87 PRESTON NORTH END
1887-88 ACCRINGTON
1888-89 ACCRINGTON
1889-90 BURNLEY
1890-91 BOLTON WANDERERS
1891-92 BURY
1892-93 PRESTON NORTH END
1893-94 EVERTON
1894-95 PRESTON NORTH END
1895-96 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1896-97 EVERTON
1897-98 NEWTON HEATH
1898-99 BURY
1899-00 PRESTON NORTH END
1900-01 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1901-02 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1902-03 BURY
1903-04 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1904-05 SOUTHPORT CENTRAL
1905-06 BURY
1906-07 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1907-08 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
1908-09 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1909-10 EVERTON
1910-11 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1911-12 BOLTON WANDERERS
1912-13 MANCHESTER UNITED
1913-14 MANCHESTER UNITED
1914-15 BURNLEY
1915-16 Not played for in consequence
1916-17 of the great European War

1923-24 LIVERPOOL
1924-25 BOLTON WANDERERS
1925-26 BURY
1926-27 BOLTON WANDERERS
1927-28 MANCHESTER CITY
1928-29 MANCHESTER UNITED
1929-30 MANCHESTER CITY
1930-31 LIVERPOOL
1931-32 BOLTON WANDERERS
1932-33 LIVERPOOL
1933-34 BOLTON WANDERERS
1934-35 EVERTON
1935-36 BLACKPOOL
1936-37 BLACKPOOL
1937-38 MANCHESTER UNITED
1938-39 BOLTON WANDERERS & MANCHESTER UNITED
1939-40 EVERTON
1940-41 MANCHESTER UNITED
1941-42 BLACKPOOL
1942-43 MANCHESTER UNITED
1943-44 LIVERPOOL
1944-45 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1945-46 MANCHESTER UNITED
1946-47 LIVERPOOL
1947-48 BOLTON WANDERERS
1948-49 ROCHDALE
1949-50 BURNLEY
1950-51 MANCHESTER UNITED
1951-52 BURNLEY
1952-53 MANCHESTER CITY
1953-54 BLACKPOOL
1954-55 BARROW
1955-56 LIVERPOOL
1956-57 CHESTER
1957-58 BURY
1958-59 LIVERPOOL
1959-60 BURNLEY

1966-67 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
1967-68 MORECAMBE
1968-69 MANCHESTER UTD.
1969-70 BURNLEY
1970-71 ROCHDALE
1971-72 BURNLEY
1972-73 LIVERPOOL
1973-74 MANCHESTER CITY
1982 BURY
1983 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1984 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1985 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1986 BURY
1987 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1988 BOLTON WANDERERS
1989 BLACKBURN ROVERS
1990 BOLTON WANDERERS
1991 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1992 BURNLEY
1993 BLACKPOOL
1994 BLACKPOOL
1995 BLACKPOOL
1996 PRESTON NORTH END
1997 NOT PLAYED
1998 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1999 NOT PLAYED
2000 NOT PLAYED
2001 NOT PLAYED
2002 NOT PLAYED
2003 NOT PLAYED
2004 ROCHDALE
2005-06 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2006-07 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2007-08 MANCHESTER UNITED
2008-09 MANCHESTER UNITED
2009-10 LIVERPOOL
2010-11 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2011-12 MANCHESTER UNITED

1918-19 LIVERPOOL
1919-20 LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER UNITED (JOINT HOLDERS)
1920-21 MANCHESTER CITY
1921-22 BOLTON WANDERERS
1922-23 MANCHESTER CITY

1960-61 BURNLEY
1961-62 BURNLEY
1962-63 NOT PLAYED
1963-64 BURNLEY
1964-65 BURNLEY
1965-66 BURNLEY

2012-13 MANCHESTER UNITED
2013-14 BURY
2014-15 BURY
2015-16 EVERTON
2016-17 LIVERPOOL
2017-18 BURY FC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY

Sponsored by PARTNERS FOUNDATION

1885-86 BELL'S TEMPERANCE
1886-87 BELL'S TEMPERANCE
1887-88 BLACKPOOL
1888-89 OSWALDTWISTLE
1889-90 BURY
1890-91 BLACKPOOL
1891-92 KEARSLEY
1892-93 CLITHEROE
1893-94 CHORLEY
1894-95 LYTHAM
1895-96 BLACKBURN PARK ROAD
1896-97 HAPTON
1897-98 SKERTON
1898-99 SKERTON
1899-00 TURTON
1900-01 HEYWOOD
1901-02 TURTON
1902-03 TURTON
1903-04 EARLESTOWN
1904-05 TURTON
1905-06 COLNE
1906-07 EARLESTOWN
1907-08 NELSON
1908-09 CHORLEY
1909-10 ROCHDALE
1910-11 BACUP
1911-12 ROSSENDALE UNITED
1912-13 FLEETWOOD
1913-14 HEYWOOD UNITED
1914-15 SKELMERSDALE UNITED
1915-16 NOT PLAYED FOR IN

1929-30 HORWICH R..M.I
1930-31 LANCASTER TOWN
1931-32 DICK KERR
1932-33 DARWEN
1933-34 LANCASTER TOWN
1934-35 LANCASTER TOWN
1935-36 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1937-38 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
1938-39 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
1939-40 NO COMPETITION
1940-41 NO COMPETITION
1941-42 BLACKPOOL SERVICES
1942-43 BLACKPOOL SERVICES
1943-44 BLACKPOOL SERVICES
1944-45 HOWARD & BULLDOGS
1945-46 CHORLEY
1946-47 ROCHDALE
1947-48 BURSCOUGH
1948-49 BARROW RESERVES
1949-50 BURSCOUGH
1950-51 ROCHDALE RESERVES
1951-52 LANCASTER CITY
1952-53 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1953-54 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1954-55 NELSON
1955-56 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1956-57 NEW BRIGHTON
1957-58 CHORLEY
1958-59 CHORLEY
1959-60 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1960-61 CHORLEY

1974-75 LANCASTER CITY
1975-76 CHORLEY
1976-77 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1977-78 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1978-79 MARINE
1979-80 CHORLEY
1980-81 BARROW
1981-82 CHORLEY
1982-83 CHORLEY
1983-84 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
1984-85 CLITHEROE
1985-86 MORECAMBE
1986-87 MORECAMBE
1987-88 MARINE
1988-89 COLNE DYNAMOES
1989-90 COLNE DYNAMOES
1990-91 MARINE
1991-92 GT. HARWOOD TOWN
1992-93 SOUTHPORT
1993-94 MORECAMBE
1994-95 BAMBER BRIDGE
1995-96 MORECAMBE
1996-97 SOUTHPORT
1997-98 SOUTHPORT
1998-99 MORECAMBE
1999-00 MARINE
2000-01 SOUTHPORT
2001-02 ACCRINGTON STANLEY
2002-03 LEUGH RMI
2003-04 MORECAMBE
2004-05 ACCRINGTON STANLEY

1916-17 NOT PLAYED FOR IN
1917-18 NOT PLAYED FOR IN
1918-19 RUNCORN
1919-20 SOUTHPORT
1920-21 ACCRINGTON STANLEY
1921-22 NEW BRIGHTON
1922-23 CROSTON
1923-24 CHORLEY
1924-25 HORWICH R.M.I.
1925-26 MORECAMBE
1926-27 MORECAMBE
1927-28 LANCASTER TOWN
1928-29 LANCASTER TOWN

1961-62 MORECAMBE
1962-63 MORECAMBE
1963-64 CHORLEY
1964-65 CHORLEY
1965-66 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1966-67 BURSCOUGH
1967-68 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1968-69 MORECAMBE
1969-70 SKELMERSDALE UNITED
1970-71 SKELMERSDALE UNITED
1971-72 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1972-73 ROSSENDALE UNITED
1973-74 WIGAN ATHLETIC

2005-06 SOUTHPORT
2006-07 BURSCOUGH
2007-08 SOUTHPORT
2008-09 SKELMERSDALE UNITED
2009-10 SOUTHPORT
2010-11 AFC FYLDE
2011-12 CHORLEY
2012-13 AFC FYLDE
2013-14 AFC FYLDE
2014-15 CHORLEY
2015-16 CHORLEY
2016-17 ASHTON ATHLETIC
2017-18 CHORLEY FC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. AMATEUR SHIELD
Sponsored by LIGHT DISTRIBUTION

1906-07 HINDLEY CENTRAL
1907-08 SKELMERSDALE UNITED
1908-09 WALKDEN CENTRAL
1909-10 BOLTON ST. PHILIP
1910-11 B/BURN VICTORIA CRESCENT
1911-12 LEYLAND
1912-13 TURTON
1913-14 FENISCOWLES BLACKBURN
1914-15 BLACKBURN TRINITY
1915-16 NOT PLAYED
1916-17 NOT PLAYED
1917-18 NOT PLAYED
1918-19 BARROW-IN-FURNESS
1919-20 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1920-21 BREIGHTMET UNITED
1921-22 COPPULL CENTRAL
1922-23 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1923-24 BLACK LANE ROVERS
1924-25 WILLIAMS TEMP
1925-26 WESTHOUGHTON COLL.
1926-27 LITTLE LEVER
1927-28 WESTHOUGHTON COLL.
1928-29 HEYWOOD ST. JAMES
1929-30 ABRAM WANDERERS
1930-31 LITTLE LEVER
1931-32 CM. HOSPITAL LANCASTER
1932-33 RISHTON
1933-34 ASTLEY BRIDGE
1934-35 TONGE UNITED

1944-45 HOWARD & BULLOUGHS
1945-46 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1946-47 STUBSHAW CROSS ROVERS
1947-48 NOT AWARDED
1948-49 BOLTON LE SANDS
1949-50 OSWALDTWISTLE IMMANUE
1950-51 OSWALDTWISTLE WEST END
1951-52 TWEEDALE & SMALLEYS
1952-53 LEYLAND MOTORS
1953-54 BENTHAM UNITED
1954-55 COPPULL CENTRAL
1955-56 BENTHAM UNITED
1956-57 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1957-58 BLACKPOOL MECHANICS
1958-59 LITTLE LEVER
1959-60 EAGLEY MILLS
1960-61 BLACKPOOL MECHANICS
1961-62 DAISY HILL
1962-63 GLAZEBURY
1963-64 LAYTON INSTITUTE
1964-65 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1965-66 LITTLE LEVER
1966-67 LITTLE LEVER
1967-68 CHARNOCK RICHARD
1968-69 WREN ROVERS
1969-70 ALMOND BROOK CELTIC
1970-71 WREN ROVERS
1971-72 DAISY HILL
1972-73 VICKERS S.C.

1982-83 LATHAM B'COUGHRBL
1983-84 LONSDALE
1984-85 LONSDALE
1985-86 KIRKHAM TOWN
1986-87 DAISY HILL
1987-88 BAC PRESTON
1988-89 HOLKER O.B.
1989-90 WALKDEN TOWN
1990-91 HOLKER O.B.
1991-92 BURNLEY BANK HALL
1992-93 LEYLAND DAF
1993-94 LANCS CONSTAB.
1994-95 FENISCOWLES
1995-96 ELTON FOLD
1996-97 LITTLE HULTON
1997-98 FULWOOD AMATEURS
1998-99 FULWOOD AMATEURS
1999-00 GARSTANG
2000-01 KIRKHAM & WESHAM
2001-02 CHARNOCK RICHARD
2002-03 SPRINGFIELDS
2003-04 KIRKHAM & WESHAM
2004-05 KIRKHAM & WESHAM
2005-06 KIRKHAM & WESHAM
2006-07 CHARNOCK RICHARD
2007-08 EUXTON VILLA
2008-09 GREGORIANS
2009-10 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS
2010-11 CHARNOCK RICHARD

1935-36 RISHTON
1936-37 ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY COLL
1937-38 TONGE UNITED
1938-39 DE DAVILLAND
1939-40 HINDSFORD
1940-41 RISHTON
1941-42 ATHERTON COLLIERIES
1942-43 BURNLEY 'A'
1943-44 BLACKBURN ROVERS 'A'
1973-74 COLNE DYNAMOS
1974-75 MILTON
1975-76 HESKIN
1976-77 HESKIN
1977-78 HESKIN
1978-79 HESKIN
1979-80 HESKIN
1980-81 INTEX
1981-82 BAMBER BRIDGE
2011-12 CHARNOCK RICHARD
2012-13 EAGLEY FC
2013-14 THORNTON CLEVELEYS
2014-15 COPPULL UNITED
2015-16 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS
2016-17 BURSCOUGH RICHMOND
2017-18 FULWOOD MANOR

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. AMATEUR CUP

Sponsored by BLUEFIN SPORTS INSURANCE

1893-94 AINTREE CHURCH
1894-95 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1895-96 BLACKBURN ETRURIANS
1896-97 LIVERPOOL CASUALS
1897-98 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1898-99 BLACKBURN ETRURIANS
1899-00 BLACKBURN ETRURIANS
1900-01 BURY ATHENAEUM
1901-02 LIVERPOOL CASUALS
1902-03 BLACKBURN CROSSHILL
1903-04 LYTHAM INSTITUTE
1904-05 BLACKBURN TRURIANS
1905-06 FLEETWOOD AMATEURS
1906-07 CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY
1907-08 PRESTON WINCKLEY
1908-09 PRESTON WINCKLEY
1909-10 WIGAN AMATEURS
1910-11 WIGAN AMATEURS
1911-12 MANCHESTER SOUTH END
1912-13 OGDENS ATHLETIC
1913-14 OGDENS ATHLETIC
1914-15
1915-16 NOT PLAYED FOR IN
1916-17 CONSEQUENCE OF THE
1917-18 GREAT EUROPEAN WAR
1934-35 FORMBY
1935-36 MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
1936-37 SOUTH SALFORD
1937-38 FULWOOD AMATEURS
938-39 BOLTON WYRESDALE
1939-40
1940-41
1941-42 NOT PLAYED FOR IN
1943-44 WORLD WAR TWO
1944-45
1945-46
1946-47 OLD BLACKBURNIANS
1947-48 EARLE
1948-49 MAGHULL
1949-50 OLD BLACKBURNIANS
1950-51 COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS
1951-52 COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS
1952-53 BRADFORD PARISH
1953-54 AIGBURTH PEOPLES HALL
1954-55 EAST CHORLTON
1955-56 COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS
1956-57 BLACKPOOL RANGERS
1957-58 MAGHULL
1958-59 AIGBURTH POEPLES HALL
1959-60 FLORENCE ALBION
1976-77 BLACKPOOL RANGERS
1977-78 SEFTON & DISTRICT
1978-79 FLIXTON
1979-80 NORTH WITHINGTON
1980-81 BROUGHTON AM.
1981-82 ST. DOMINICS
1982-83 ST. DOMINICS
1983-84 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
1984-85 LITTLEWOODS ATH.
1985-86 FLORENCE ALBION
1986-87 ST. DOMINICS
1987-88 EARLE
1988-89 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
1989-90 WYTHENSHAWE AM.
1990-91 REMYCA UNITED
1991-92 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
1992-93 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
1993-94 ST. DOMINICS
1994-95 GARSWOOD UNITED
1995-96 WYTHENSHAWE AMAT.
1996-97 ST. DOMINICS
1997-98 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
1998-99 ST. DOMINICS
1999-00 SPEKE
2000-01 YORKSHIRE COPPER TUB

1918-19
1919-20 MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
1920-21 LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY
1921-22 MARINE
1922-23 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1923-24 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1924-25 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1925-26 MARINE
1926-27 EARLE
1927-28 CALDY HALL
1928-29 BURY AMATEURS
1929-30 CALDY HALL
1930-31 MARINE
1931-32 MARINE
1932-33 MARINE
1933-34 COLLEGIATE OLD BOYS
1960-61 OLD BOLTONIANS
1961-62 OLD BOLTONIANS
1962-63 EAST CHORLTON
1963-64 RUSHOLME
1964-65 AIGBURTH P.H.
1965-66 LIVERPOOL POLICE
1966-67 PRESTWICH HEYS
1967-68 NORTH WITHINGTON
1968-69 BURNLEY BELVEDERE
1969-70 MANCHESTER YMCA
1970-71 SALFORD AMATEURS
1971-72 LONGTON
1972-73 SALFORD AMATEURS
1973-74 MONTON AMATEURS
1974-75 SALFORD AMATEURS
1975-76 WYTHENSHAWE AM.
2001-02 ST. DOMINICS
2002-03 ST. DOMINICS
2003-04 SPEKE
2004-05 MERSEYSIDE POLICE
2005-06 SPEKE
2006-07 VICKERSTOWN
2007-08 LEVER SPORTS CLUB
2008-09 PRESTON WANDERERS
2009-10 HURST GREEN
2010-11 BLESSED SACRAMENT
2011-12 LANGHO
2012-13 OLD BOLTONIANS
2013-14 PRESTWICH
2014-15 CARNFORTH RANGERS
2015-16 WINSTANLEY ST. AIDANS
2016-17 OLD BOLTONIANS
2017-18 WINSTANLEY ST AIDENS

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. SUNDAY TROPHY
Sponsored by GUIDE SECURITY

1971-72 NELSON NOMADS
1972-73 RYLANDS RECREATION
1973-74 WHITE DUCK ROVERS
1974-75 WELLINGTON
1975-76 THE PIPER
1976-77 ROYAL RAVEN
1977-78 NORTH CHADDERTON
1978-79 MARKLYNN MOTORS
1979-80 WITTON INN
1980-81 LISIEUX HALL
1981-82 LISIEUX HALL
1982-83 BRYN
1983-84 LISIEUX HALL
1984-85 BRYN
1985-86 ALEXANDRA
1986-87 COCK & MAGPIE
1987-88 TIM BOBBIN
1988-89 FORREST ARMS
1989-90 FORREST ARMS
1990-91 FORREST ARMS
1991-92 FORREST ARMS
1992-93 MAMMAS
1993-94 MAMMAS
1994-95 COCK AND MAGPIE
1995-96 GENERAL GORDON
1996-97 LITTLEBOROUGH
1997-98 GRANGE VALLEY
1998-99 OLD TOLL BAR
1999-00 HEYWOOD CASUALS
2000-01 DOG & PARTRIDGE
2001-02 ARKWRIGHTS
2002-03 SQUIRES WANDERERS
2003-04 INGOL RANGERS
2004-05 MILL HILL
2005-06 D. & P. COPPERPOT
2006-07 ARKWRIGHTS
2007-08 AFC LOSTOCK HALL
2008-09 COPPER POT
2009-10 AFC LOSTOCK HALL
2010-11 POULTON SFC
2011-12 MILL HILL
2012-13 REFORM HEALTH
2013-14 OSWALDTWISTLE ST.MARYS
2014-15 AFC INGOL
2015-16 BOARS HEAD THISTLE
2016-17 SOUTHPORT & AINSDALE
2017-18 BLACKHURST BUDD FC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP
Sponsored by MERCURE DUNKENHALGH HOTEL & SPA

1994-95 ST. HELENS GARSWOOD
1996-97 PRESTON RANGERS
1999-00 BOLTON LADIES
1997-98 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
1998-99 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
1999-00 BOLTON LADIES
2000-01 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS
2001-02 GARSWOOD LADIES
2002-03 MANCHESTER UTD LADIES
2003-04 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2004-05 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2005-06 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2006-07 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2007-08 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2008-09 ROCHDALE AFC LADIES
2009-10 BACKBURN ROVERS
2010-11 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2011-12 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2012-13 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS
2013-14 PRESTON NORTH END
2014-15 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2015-16 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2016-17 BLACKBURN ROVERS
2017-18 BLACKBURN ROVERS

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 12 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by HOUSES FOR HOMES

2000-01	CADLEY BOYS	2006-07	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	2012-13	BOLTON INDIANS SC
2001-02	POULTON YOUTH	2007-08	FURNESS ROVERS	2013-14	FC STRIKERZ
2002-03	WIGAN JUNIOR LATICS	2008-09	CHEWMOOR BROOK SC	2014-15	BISPHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL FEDERATION
2003-04	BAC/EE PRESTON	2009-10	MILL HILL (BLACKBURN)	2015-16	FC STRIKERZ
2004-05	BURNLEY BELVEDERE	2010-11	LADYBRIDGE	2016-17	CADLEY
2005-06	MOSTON BROOK	2011-12	MILL HILL (BLACKBURN)	2017-18	SOUTHPORT FC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 13 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by PARTNERS FOUNDATION

2005-06 RAMSBOTTOM UNITED
2006-07 MOSTON BROOK JUNIORS
2007-08 BURNLEY UNITED
2008-09 WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB
2009-10 LYTHAM ST ANNES YMCA
2010-11 MILL HILL (BLACKBURN)
2011-12 LADYBRIDGE FC
2012-13 MILL HILL (BLACKBURN)
2013-14 CARNFORTH RANGERS
2014-15 WHALLEY JUNIORS
2015-16 POULTON YOUTH
2016-17 BISPHAM J.F.F.
2017-18 BOLTON INDIANS

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 14 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by BLACKPOOL TOWER

1974-75 CLARENCE UNITED
1975-76 ST. PAULS
1976-77 VICKERS S.C.
1977-78 GOLBORNE UNITED
1978-79 LEYLAND MAYFIELD
1979-80 WHITEHALL
1980-81 JUBILEE BOYS
1981-82 BOLTON LADS CLUB
1982-83 ADSWOOD AMATEURS
1983-84 OSWALDTWISTLE IMMANUEL
1984-85 GLOSSOP
1985-86 ALLSTOCK LIONS
1986-87 CROSBY STUART
1987-88 RAILWAY ALEX
1988-89 PADIHAM
1989-90 ALLOSTOCK LIONS
1990-01 POULTON YOUTH
1991-92 LYTHAM YMCA
1992-93 NORTH TRAFFORD
1993-94 BLACKPOOL R'GERS
1994-95 LANCASTER CITY
1995-96 CROSBY STUART
1996-97 PENLAKE JUNIORS
1997-98 SPRINGFIELD JUNRS
1998-99 LOSTOCK HALL JNR
1999-00 ROACH DYNAMOS
2000-01 HINDSFORD J.F.C.
2001-02 CROSBY STUART
2002-03 WATERLOO G.S.O.B
2003-04 EAGLEY
2004-05 BARROW CELTIC
2005-06 RED ROSE
2006-07 RAMSBOTTOM UNITED
2007-08 KNUZDEN JUNIORS
2008-09 EUXTON VILLA
2009-10 BOLTON BSS
2010-11 LYTHAM ST ANNES YMCA
2011-12 MILL HILL (BLACKBURN)
2012-13 BAMBERBRIDGE UNITED
2013-14 LITTLEBOROUGH JUNIORS
2014-15 CADLEY
2015-16 BAC/EE PRESTON
2016-17 WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB
2017-18 PRESTWICH MARAUDERS

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 15 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by C&W BERRY

2006-07	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	2010-11	MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE	2014-15	CHARNOCK RICHARD JUNIORS
2007-08	SPIRIT OF YOUTH	2011-12	LYTHAM ST ANNES YMCA	2015-16	FURNESS ROVERS
2008-09	WALTON-LE-DALE	2012-13	BOLTON LADS CLUB	2016-17	BAC/EE
2009-10	EUXTON VILLA	2013-14	ASHTON ATHLETIC	2017-18	WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 16 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by RIGBY TAYLOR

1968-69 CAMBRIDGE PARK
1969-70 EVINGTON
1970-71 BISPHAMS BOYS
1971-72 CLIFTON PALACE
1972-73 EVINGTON
1973-74 CLIFTON PALACE
1974-75 BARROW CELTIC
1975-76 R.A.O.B. RANGERS
1976-77 CLIFTON PALACE
1977-78 WHITEHALL
1978-79 PENKETH UNITED
1979-80 BURTONWOOD
1980-81 POULTON YOUTH
1981-82 ORRELL UNITED
1982-83 PENLAKE JUNIORS
1983-84 BOLTON LADS CLUB
1984-85 BOUNDARY PARK JUNIORS
1985-86 DIAMOND CCS
1986-87 BOUNDARY PARK
1987-88 BLACKPOOL RANGERS
1988-89 BOUNDARY PARK JNR
1989-90 BOUNDARY PARK JNR
1990-91 BOUNDARY PARK JNR
1991-92 PENLAKE JUNIORS
1992-93 OLDHAM TOWN
1993-94 JUNIOR CLARETS
1994-95 LANGHO
1995-96 BIRKDALE UNITED
1996-97 BLUE STAR
1997-98 VULCAN NEWTON
1998-99 FLEETWOOD GYM
1999-00 MORECAMBE
2000-01 BOLTON LADS CLUB
2001-02 THORNTON CLEVERLEYS
2002-03 SPRINGFIELD J.F.C.
2003-04 TOWN GREEN
2004-05 CADLEY BOYS
2005-06 LYTHAM ST. ANNES YMCA
2006-07 BAC/EE PRESTON JUNIORS
2007-08 ATHERTON TOWN
2008-09 RADCLIFFE BOROUGH
2009-10 BRIDGE
2010-11 ASTON
2011-12 WALSHAW SPORTS CLUB
2012-13 LEYLAND ALBION
2013-14 BOLTON LADS & GIRLS CLUB
2014-15 ASHTON ATHLETIC
2015-16 LANGHO
2016-17 RIBBLETON FC
2017-18 BIBBLETON FC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 18 YOUTH CUP
Sponsored by PHIL COLLIER ASSOCIATES

1953-54 SKERTON OLD BOYS
1954-55 STUBSHAW CROSS BOYS
1955-56 WHITTAKERS XI
1956-57 STUBSHAW CROSS BOYS
1957-58 WALNEY ROVERS
1958-59 MOSS LANE YOUTH
1959-60 BOLTON CATHOLIC CLUB
1960-61 PLECKGATE ATHLETIC
1961-62 WHITWORTH XI
1962-63 BOLTON CATHOLIC
1963-64 SKERTON OB
1964-65 BLACKBURN YMCA
1965-66 ARNDALE
1966-67 FARNWORTH BOYS CLUB
1967-68 NAYLORS XI
1968-69 NAYLORS XI
1969-70 PRESCOTT TOWN
1970-71 BOLTON CATHOLIC YOUTH
1971-72 PRESTON TOWN
1972-73 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
1973-74 SOUTH LIVERPOOL
1974-75 ORMSKIRK TOWN YOUTH
1975-76 BURNLEY BELVEDERE
1976-77 CHORLEY
1977-78 CHADDERTON
1978-79 PADIHAM
1979-80 PADIHAM
1980-81 CHORLEY
1981-82 CHORLEY
1982-83 CHORLEY
1983-84 MARSH HOUSE
1984-85 BOLTON WYRESDALE
1985-86 FLIXTON
1986-87 RAMSBOTTOM UNITED
1987-88 CITY OF LANCASTER
1988-89 CITY OF LANCASTER
1989-90 ACCRINGTON STAN
1990-91 GRANGE YOUTH
1991-92 BLACKPOOL MECHANICS
1992-93 MORECAMBE
1993-94 SOUTHPORT
1994-95 SOUTHPORT
1995-96 SOUTHPORT
1996-97 WOODBANK
1997-98 SOUTHPORT
1998-99 BLACKPOOL MECHANICS
1999-00 BURSCOUGH
2000-01 EAST VILLA
2001-02 BURSCOUGH
2002-03 LFA EDUCATION PROG
2003-04 LFA EDUCATION PROG
2004-05 LFA EDUCATION PROG
2005-06 LEIGH R.M.I.
2006-07 HOLKER OLD BOYS
2007-08 BOLTON COUNTY
2008-09 LYTHAM ST ANNES YMCA
2009-10 FLEETWOOD TOWN
2010-11 ULVERSTON RANGERS
2011-12 FLEETWOOD TOWN
2012-13 NORTH CHADDERTON
2013-14 AFC FYLDE
2014-15 DAISY HILL
2015-16 ASHTON ATHLETIC
2016-17 AFC FYLDE
2017-18 WINSTANLEY WARRIORS

WINNER OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 13 GIRLS YOUTH CUP
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2016-17 BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS
2017-18 PRESTON NORTH END

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 14 GIRLS YOUTH CUP
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2008-09 MANCHESTER CITY LADIES
2009-10 PRESTON NORTH END
2010-11 PRESTON NORTH END
2011-12 PRESTON NORTH END
2012-13 PRESTON NORTH END
2013-14 BURNLEY GIRLS & LADIES
2014-15 PRESTON NORTH END
2015-16 PRESTON NORTH END
2016-17 ACADEMY JUNIORS
2017-18 BLACKPOOL GIRLS FC

WINNER OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 15 GIRLS YOUTH CUP
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2016-17 PRESTON NORTH END
2017-18 BURY FC BOYS & GIRLS

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 16 GIRLS YOUTH CUP
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2008-09 MANCHESTER UNITED
2009-10 BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS
2010-11 PRESTON NORTH END
2011-12 PRESTON NORTH END
2012-13 PRESTON NORTH END
2013-14 WIGAN ATHLETIC
2014-15 PRESTON NORTH END
2015-16 BURNLEY GIRLS & LADIES
2016-17 BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS
2017-18 PRESTON NORTH END

WINNERS OF THE CAMBRIAN CUP COMPETITION

1982-83 BARROW
1983-84 BARROW
1984-85 HORWICH R.M.I.

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH INTER-LEAGUE UNDER 12 CUP

2001-02 BOLTON BOYS FEDERATION
2002-03 BARROW & DIST. J.F.L.
2003-04 CRAVEN MINOR
2004-05 HYNDBURN & DISTRICT
2005-06 BURY & RADCLIFFE JFL
2006-07 BURY & RADCLIFFE JFL
2007-08 BURY & RADCLIFFE JFL
2008-09 CRAVEN MINOR
2009-10 BLACKPOOL & DISTRICT YL
2010-11 WIGAN & DISTRICT YL

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH INTER-LEAGUE UNDER 14 CUP

1976-77 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1977-78 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1978-79 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1979-80 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1980-81 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1981-82 BOLTON BOYS FEDERATION
1982-83 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE JNR.
1983-84 CENTRAL LANCS J.L.
1984-85 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE JNR.
1985-86 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE JNR.
1986-87 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE JNR.
1987-88 BOLTON BOYS FEDERATION
1988-89 HYNDBURN BOYS LEAGUE
1989-90 CENTRAL LANCS JNR.
1990-91 BURY & RADCLIFFE JNR.
1991-92 CENTRAL LANCS JNR. LGE.
1992-93 HYNDBURN BOYS LGE.
1993-94 HYNDBURN BOYS LGE.
1994-95 HYNDBURN BOYS L'E.
1995-96 BURY & RADCLIFFE J. L. and
1996-97 HYNDBURN BOYS LGE
1997-98 BURY & RADCLIFFE JNR.
1998-99 BLACKPOOL YTH LGE
1999-00 CRAVEN MINOR LGE
2000-01 BOLTON BOYS FED.
2001-02 BURY & RADCLIFFE JL
2002-03 BARROW & DISTRICT JL
2003-04 HYNDBURN BOYS LEAGUE
2004-05 BARROW & DISTRICT JL
2005-06 HYNDBURN & DISTRICT
2006-07 BLACKBURN, DARWEN,
HYNDBURN & DISTRICT JFL
2007-08 BLACKPOOL & DISTRICT YL
2008-09 BOLTON BOYS FEDERATION
2009-10 BARROW & DISTRICT JL
2010-11 CRAVEN MINOR

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH INTER-LEAGUE UNDER 16 SHIELD

1958-59 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1959-60 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1960-61 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1961-62 BLACKPOOL ASS. BOYS
1962-63 BARROW JUNIOR LEAGUE
1963-64 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1964-65 BLACKBURN YOUTH LEAGUE
1965-66 BLACKPOOL ASS. BOYS
1966-67 BLACKBURN YOUTH LEAGUE
1967-68 WARRINGTON AMATEUR
1968-69 WARRINGTON AMATEUR
1969-70 WARRINGTON AMATEUR
1970-71 BLACKBURN YOUTH LEAGUE
1971-72 NORTH LANCS LEAGUE
1972-73 WIGAN AMATEUR LEAGUE
1973-74 BLACKPOOL AYC .
1974-75 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1975-76 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1976-77 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE SUNDAY
1977-78 BARROW JUNIOR LEAGUE
1978-79 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1979-80 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE SUNDAY
1980-81 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE SUNDAY
1981-82 WORSLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE
1982-83 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1983-84 BURY JUNIOR FRIENDSHIP
1984-85 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE
1985-86 WIGAN UNDER 16'S YOUTH
1986-87 CENTRAL LANCS JUN. LEAGUE
1987-88 BOLTON BOYS FEDERATION
1988-89 CENTRAL LANCS J. L.
1989-90 CENTRAL LANCS J. L. HYNDBURN & DISTRICT JFL
1990-91 HYNDBURN BOYS L'E.
1991-92 BOLTON BOYS FED
1992-93 CENTRAL LANCS J.L.
1993-94 BURY & RADCLIFFE J. L.
1994-95 BURY & RADCLIFFE J. L.
1995-96 BURY & RADCLIFFE J. L.
1996-97 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1997-98 ROCHDALE SUN. L'E
1998-99 WIGAN JNR LEAGUE
1999-00 BURY & RADCLIFFE J. L.
2000-01 HYNDBURN YOUTH LGE
2001-02 BLACKPOOL YOUTH LGE
2002-03 HYNDBURN & DIST.
2003-04 CRAVEN MINOR LEAGUE
2004-05 BOLTON BOYS FED.
2005-06 BLACKPOOL & DISTRICT
2006-07 BLACKBURN., DARWEN,
2007-08 BOLTON BOYS FED.
2008-09 CRAVEN MINOR LEAGUE
2009-10 EAST LANCASHIRE ALLIANCE
2010-11 EAST LANCASHIRE ALLIANCE

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH INTER-LEAGUE UNDER 18 SHIELD

1958-59 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1959-60 BOLTON BOYS FED. & ATHERTON JUN. L'E (JOINT)
1960-61 PRESTON AMATEUR LGE.
1961-62 MID-LANCASHIRE LEAGUE
1962-63 NO COMPETITION
1963-64 WIGAN SS LEAGUE
1964-65 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1965-66 PRESTON AMATEUR LEAGUE
1966-67 WARRINGTON AM. LEAGUE
1967-68 LEIGH SS LEAGUE
1968-69 BLACKBURN BOYS LEAGUE
1969-70 NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE
1970-71 SOUTH WEST LANCASHIRE
1971-72 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE
1972-73 PRESTON CATHOLIC LEAGUE
1973-74 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE
1974-75 NORTH LANCS LEAGUE
1975-76 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE SUN.
1976-77 WEST LANCS LEAGUE
1977-78 WEST LANCS LEAGUE
1978-79 BLACKPOOL & FYLDE SUN.
1979-80 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1980-81 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1981-82 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1982-83 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1983-84 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1984-85 WARRINGTON AMATEUR LGE.
1985-86 WIGAN AMATEUR LEAGUE
1987-88 WARRINGTON & DISTRICT
1986-87 PRESTON & DISTRICT
1987-88 WARRINGTON & DISTRICT
1988-89 WIGAN AMATEUR LEAGUE and HYNDBURN & DISTRICT JFL
1989-90 PRESTON & DISTRICT
1990-91 BLACKBURN YOUTH LEAGUE
1991-92 WIGAN AMATEUR LEAGUE
1992-93 BLACKBURN YOUTH LEAGUE
1993-94 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1994-95 WIGAN AMATEUR LEAGUE
1995-96 SOUTH LANCS COUNTIES
1996-97 SOUTH LANCS COUNTIES
1997-98 BOLTON BOYS FED.
1998-99 WARRINGTON & DISTRICT
1999-00 PRESTON & DISTRICT
2000-01 SOUTH LANCS COUNTIES
2001-02 BOLTON BOYS FED.
2002-03 WARRINGTON & DISTRICT
2003-04 WARRINGTON & DISTRICT
2004-05 NORTHWEST ALLIED TROP.
2005-06 NORTHWEST ALLIED TROP.
2006-07 BLACKBURN, DARWEN,
2007-08 SOUTH LANCS COUNTIES
2008-09 EAST LANCASHIRE ALLIANCE
2009-10 PRESTON & DISTRICT
2010-11 PRESTON & DISTRICT

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. PROFESSIONAL YOUTH CUP

1970-71 BOLTON WANDERERS
1971-72 MANCHESTER UNITED
1972-73 MANCHESTER CITY
1973-74 EVERTON
1974-75 MANCHESTER UNITED
1975-76 MANCHESTER UNITED
1976-77 MANCHESTER CITY
1977-78 BOLTON WANDERERS
1978-79 MANCHESTER UNITED
1979-80 MANCHESTER CITY
1980-81 MANCHESTER UNITED
1981-82 MANCHESTER CITY
1982-83 MANCHESTER CITY
1983-84 MANCHESTER CITY
1984-85 MANCHESTER CITY
1985-86 BLACKPOOL
1986-87 BOLTON WANDERERS
1987-88 BOLTON WANDERERS
1988-89 MANCHESTER CITY
1989-90 MANCHESTER CITY
1990-91 MANCHESTER UNITED
1991-92 MANCHESTER CITY
1992-93 MANCHESTER UNITED
1993-94 MANCHESTER UNITED
1994-95 BURNLEY
1995-96 MANCHESTER UNITED
1997-98 TRANMERE ROVERS
1998-99 BLACKPOOL
1999-00 BLACKPOOL
2000-01 TRANMERE ROVERS
2001-02 TRANMERE ROVERS
2002-03 PRESTON NORTH END
2003-04 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2004-05 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2005-06 BURNLEY
2006-07 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2007-08 BLACKPOOL
2008-09 PRESTON NORTH END
2009-10 PRESTON NORTH END
2010-11 PRESTON NORTH END
2011-12 PRESTON NORTH END
2012-13 ROCHDALE
2013-14 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2014-15 WIGAN ATHLETIC
2015-16 OLDHAM ATHLETIC
2016-17 BLACKPOOL
2017-18 WIGAN ATHLETIC

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 18 FLOODLIGHT YOUTH LEAGUE

1991-92 SOUTHPORT	2000-01 BURSCOUGH	2009-10 AFC FYLDE
1992-93 MORECAMBE	2001-02 ACCRINGTON STANLEY	2010-11 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE
1993-94 SOUTHPORT	2002-03 LFA ED PROGRAMME	2011-12 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE
1994-95 SOUTHPORT	2003-04 DARWEN	2012-13 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE
1995-96 SOUTHPORT	2004-05 BURSCOUGH	2013-14 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE 'GREENS'
1996-97 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS	2005-06 BLACKPOOL WREN ROVERS	2014-15 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE 'GREENS'
1997-98 BLACKPOOL MECHANICS	2006-07 MYERSOUGH COLLEGE	2015-16 STOCKPORT COUNTY 'GREY'
1998-99 BURSCOUGH	2007-08 SOUTHPORT	2016-17 STOCKPORT COUNTY 'BLUE'
1999-00 BURSCOUGH	2008-09 MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE	

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 18 FLOODLIGHT KNOCK-OUT CUP

1966-67 WIGAN ATHLETIC	1969-70 SKELMERSDALE UNITED	1972-73 WIGAN ATHLETIC
1967-68 CHORLEY	1970-71 WIGAN ATHLETIC	1973-74 ROSSENDALE UNITED
1968-69 GREAT HARWOOD	1971-72 ROSSENDALE UNITED	1974-75 GREAT HARWOOD

WINNERS OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

1991-92 SOUTHPORT	1993-94 NOT PLAYED	1995-96 SOUTHPORT
1992-93 SOUTHPORT	1994-95 NOT PLAYED	

WINNER OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 21 LEAGUE

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WINNER OF THE LANCASHIRE F.A. UNDER 21 COUNTY CUP
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THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EQUALITY POLICY

The Association is responsible for setting the standards and values to apply throughout football at every level. Football is for everyone; it 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 The Association is equally accessible to all.

All Participants should abide and adhere to this Policy and to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

The Association's commitment is to promote inclusion and 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 The Association and the Director of Football Regulation and Administration is responsible for the implementation of this Policy.

The Association will ensure that it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, its activities.

The Association will not tolerate harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of a Participant, which for the purposes of this Policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination, whether physical or verbal. The Association will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

The Association commits itself to the immediate investigation of any allegation, when it is brought to their attention, of discrimination and where such is found to be the case, The Association will require that the practice stop and impose sanctions as appropriate.

The Association is committed to inclusion and anti-discrimination and raising awareness and educating, investigating concerns and applying relevant and proportionate sanctions, campaigning, achieving independently verified equality standards, widening diversity and representation and promoting diverse role models are all key actions to promote inclusion and eradicate discrimination within football.

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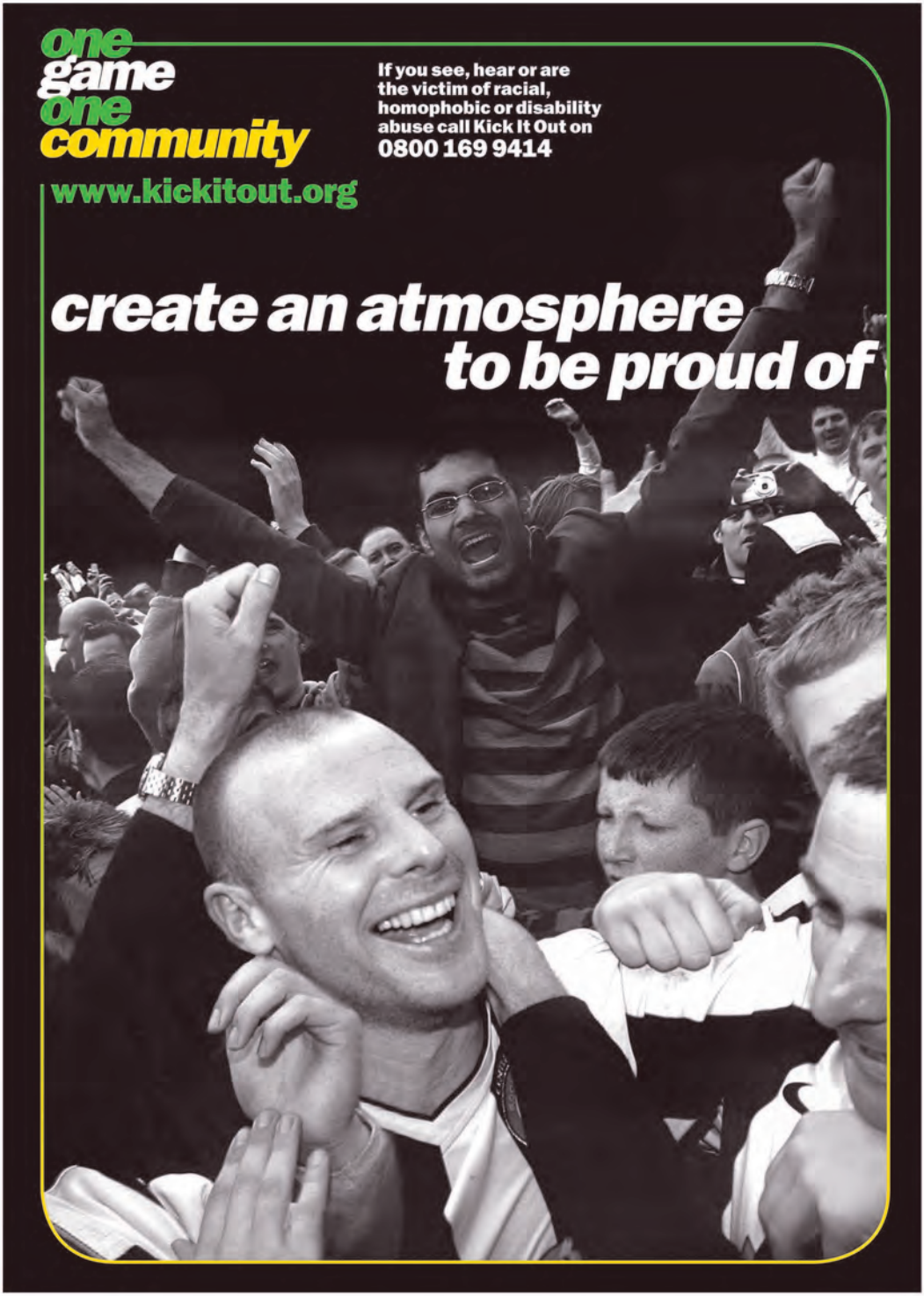
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DISCIPLINARY: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 These General Provisions are split into two parts:

1.1 The provisions in Section One shall apply to Inquiries, Commissions of Inquiry, Regulatory Commissions, Disciplinary Commissions, Appeal Boards and Safeguarding Review Panels.

1.2 The provisions in Section Two shall apply to Regulatory Commissions and, where stated in paragraph 27, Disciplinary Commissions.

SECTION ONE (ALL PANELS)

Scope

2 This Section One shall apply to Inquiries, Commissions of Inquiry, Regulatory Commissions, Disciplinary Commissions, Appeal Boards and Safeguarding Review Panels.

3 In relation to proceedings before a Disciplinary Commission, references in this Section One to The Association shall be taken to mean the relevant Affiliated Association.

General

4 The bodies subject to these General Provisions are not courts of law and are disciplinary, rather than arbitral, bodies. In the interests of achieving a just and fair result, procedural and technical considerations must take second place to the paramount object of being just and fair to all parties.

5 All parties involved in proceedings subject to these General Provisions shall act in a spirit of co-operation to ensure such proceedings are conducted expeditiously, fairly and appropriately, having regard to their sporting context.

6 The bodies subject to these General Provisions shall have the power to regulate their own procedure.

7 Without limitation to paragraph 6 above, any breach of procedure by The Association, or a failure by The Association to follow any direction given (including any time limit), shall not invalidate the proceedings or its outcome unless the breach is such as to seriously and irredeemably prejudice the position of the Participant Charged.

8 Save where otherwise stated, the applicable standard of proof shall be the civil standard of the balance of probabilities.

Evidence

9 A panel to which these General Provisions apply:

9.1 shall not be obliged to follow the strict rules of evidence;

9.2 shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law;

9.3 may admit such evidence as it thinks fit and accord such evidence such weight as it thinks appropriate in all the circumstances; and

9.4 may draw such inference from the failure of a witness (including the Participant Charged) to give evidence or answer a question as it considers appropriate.

Representation

10 A Participant Charged attending a personal hearing, or an individual attending a Safeguarding Review Panel, may be represented by an or individuals (including a legal representative), provided that they notify The Association both of the fact that they are to be represented and of the identity of the representatives by the date on which the Reply is served. The representatives may speak on behalf of the Participant Charged/the individual.

11 An individual acting as a representative for a Participant Charged shall not be allowed to give evidence.

12 The Association may nominate an individual or individuals to represent it at a personal hearing.

Consolidation of Proceedings

13 Where the subject matter of or facts relating to a Charge or Charges against one or more Participant(s) is sufficiently linked (including, but not limited to, where offences are alleged to have been committed in the same Match or where there is common evidence of The Association or the defence) and where appropriate for the timely and efficient disposal of the proceedings, The Association and/or the relevant panel shall have the power to consolidate proceedings so that they are conducted together and the Charges may be determined at a joint hearing. In respect of such matters:

13.1 evidence adduced by or on behalf of a Participant shall be capable of constituting evidence against another Participant (the relevant panel shall give appropriate weight to such evidence);

13.2 Participants or their representatives shall be entitled to cross-examine other Participants and their witnesses; and

13.3 the relevant panel may hear evidence in any order and shall have complete discretion to take matters out of order for the timely, efficient and appropriate disposal of the proceedings.

Confidentiality / Publication

14 The proceedings of a Commission of Inquiry, a Regulatory Commission, a Disciplinary Commission, Appeal Board and Safeguarding Review Panel shall take place in private.

15 All oral or written representations, submissions, evidence and documents created in the course of any proceedings shall be subject to qualified privilege.

16 Subject to paragraphs 17 to 19 below, all oral or written representations, submissions, evidence and documents created in the course of any proceedings are confidential between The Association and the individual or body concerned.

17 The Association shall have the power to publish in the public press, on a web site or in any other manner considered appropriate:

17.1 the outcome of any proceedings or inquiry (irrespective of whether a Charge is issued in respect of that inquiry);

17.2 reports of any hearing, order, requirement, instruction, decision, proceedings, acts, resolution, finding and penalty; or

17.3 any representations, submissions, evidence and documents created in the course of any proceedings or inquiry (including but not limited to the written reasons of a Regulatory Commission and Appeal Board) whether or not this reflects on the character or conduct of a Participant.

18 Each Participant shall be deemed to have consented to any inquiry or Commission of Inquiry, a Regulatory Commission, a Disciplinary Commission, Appeal Board and a Safeguarding Review Panel and to the publication of any information in accordance with paragraph 17

19 The Association shall have the right to use and rely upon any representations, submissions, evidence and documents that are provided to it during the course of any inquiry pursuant to Rule F (or otherwise) and/or are created or otherwise generated during the proceedings of a panel to which these General Provisions apply for the purpose of carrying out its regulatory functions and monitoring and implementing compliance with its Rules and Regulations (including, but not limited to, taking action against any Participant under Rule E).

Service of Documents

20 A document may be served by:

20.1 giving it to the person to whom it is addressed;

20.2 leaving it at, or sending it by first class post to, the last known address of the addressee or, in the case of an individual, the Club with which they are associated; or

20.3 sending it by e-mail or by fax to the last known email address or fax number of the addressee or, in the case of an individual, the Club with which they are associated.

Fees

21 Where a Participant lodges a Notice of Appeal in respect of:

21.1 a decision of a Regulatory Commission, they must pay an appeal fee of £100;

21.2 a decision of an Affiliated Association, they must pay an appeal fee of £50;

21.3 any other decisions of The Association subject to appeal, or a decision of Competition, they must pay an appeal fee as follows:

Relevant Competition	Fee
Premier League, EFL Championship, EFL League One, EFL League Two and National League	£500
Steps 2 to 4 of the National League System	£250
Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System	£100
Any other Competition (including those outside the National League System)	£50

22 In respect of other matters where fees are payable, the relevant fees shall be as prescribed in the relevant regulations.

Other Proceedings

23 The fact that a Participant is liable to face or has pending any other criminal, civil, disciplinary or regulatory proceedings (whether public or private in nature) in relation to the same matter shall not prevent or fetter The Association conducting proceedings under the Rules.

24 The result of those proceedings and findings upon which such result is based shall be presumed to be correct and true unless it is shown, by clear and convincing evidence, that this is not the case.

Exclusion of Liability

25 Panel members to which these General Provisions apply and any executive staff member of The Association involved in any proceedings subject to these General Provisions, shall not be held liable for any acts or omissions in relation to any such proceedings.

SECTION TWO (REGULATORY COMMISSIONS)

Scope

26 This Section Two sets out provisions applicable to matters of Misconduct proceeding before Regulatory Commissions. Further detail, to include the timetable to be followed in respect of such matters, is found in:

26.1 Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations (where the matter proceeds according to the ordinary timetable);

26.2 Part E: Fast Track Regulations (where the matter proceeds according to an expedited timetable).

As such, the procedures set out at Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations and Part E: Fast Track Regulations should be read in conjunction with these provisions.

27 In addition, the following paragraphs of this Section Two shall apply to matters of Misconduct proceeding before Disciplinary Commissions: paragraphs 28, 31, 38 to 43, 46 to 50 and 52 to 53. The content of those paragraphs shall be construed accordingly (e.g. references to The Association shall be taken to mean the relevant Affiliated Association).

The Collection of Evidence

28 In accordance with Rule F, all Participants must take all reasonable measures to assist The Association in the collection of evidence. Where The Association requests the production of evidence from any Participant, that Participant shall (subject to considerations of legal professional privilege) be under an obligation to provide it.

29 Where on-field offences are concerned, The Association may request that a Club provides or procures the delivery of video evidence to assist it in investigating possible Misconduct. Clubs must provide such video evidence to The Association as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no later than 12 noon on the next Business Day following The Association's request (or a later date if stipulated by The Association). Failure to provide such evidence within this deadline may result in The Association issuing a Charge against the Club.

Charge

30 The decision that facts or matters may give rise to Misconduct and that a Charge be brought will be made by the Chief Regulatory Officer (or their nominee) on behalf of The Association.

31 Where any facts or matters give rise to alleged Misconduct by a Participant, The Association will serve on the Participant a Charge which shall:

31.1 state briefly the nature of the alleged Misconduct;

31.2 identify the provision(s) alleged to have been breached; and

31.3 enclose copies of documents or other material referred to in the Charge.

32 The Charge may include a request for the provision of a summary of the current terms and conditions of employment of a Participant.

33 A copy of the Charge shall be forwarded to the Judicial Panel Chairman who shall appoint a Regulatory Commission in accordance with, and subject to, the Terms of Reference for the Composition and Operation of the Judicial Panel.

Time Limits and Directions

General

34 The standard directions for a Regulatory Commission processing a matter under these Regulations shall be as set out in Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations and Part E: Fast Track Regulations.

35 In complex cases the standard directions may, at the discretion of the Regulatory Commission, be the subject of a directions hearing which may be conducted in accordance with paragraph 26 of Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations.

Exceptional Circumstances

36 Where the circumstances of a case are such that the Chief Regulatory Officer (or their nominee) or a Participant considers that it would be impractical or unfair for a Charge to be processed in accordance with the directions or other time limits set out in Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations and Part E: Fast Track Regulations, the Chief Regulatory Officer (or their nominee) or a Participant may apply to the Judicial Panel Chairman (or their nominee)

for an order that the relevant time limits be amended, suspended, reduced or dispensed with.

37 Examples of circumstances in which the processing of a Charge would be impractical or unfair within the time limits set out in Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations and Part E: Fast Track Regulations are where:

37.1 there is a pending police investigation; or

37.2 the seriousness or complexity of the matter necessitates a longer period of investigation; or

37.3 substantial evidence needs to be obtained from non-Participants.

Regulatory Commission deliberations

38 Deliberations of a Regulatory Commission shall take place in private.

39 The decision of the Regulatory Commission shall be determined by majority. Each member of the Regulatory Commission shall have one vote, save that the Chairman of the Regulatory Commission shall have a second and casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

Penalties

General

40 Save where expressly stated otherwise, a Regulatory Commission shall have the power to impose any one or more of the following penalties on the Participant Charged:

40.1 a reprimand and/or warning as to future conduct;

40.2 a fine;

40.3 suspension from all or any specified football activity from a date that the Regulatory Commission shall order, permanently or for a stated period or number of Matches;

40.4 the closure of a ground permanently or for a stated period;

40.5 the playing of a Match or Matches without spectators being present, and/or at a specific ground;

40.6 any order which may be made under the rules and regulations of a Competition in which the Participant Charged participates or is associated, which shall be deemed to include the deduction of points and removal from a Competition at any stage of any playing season;

40.7 expulsion from a Competition;

40.8 expulsion from membership of The Association or an Affiliated Association;

40.9 such further or other penalty or order as it considers appropriate.

41 In imposing penalties, a Regulatory Commission shall consider any:

41.1 applicable standard sanctions or sanction guidelines as may be communicated by The Association from time to time. A Regulatory Commission shall have the discretion, to depart from such sanction guidelines where it, in its absolute discretion, deems it appropriate having regard to the facts of an individual case (for example, where a particular act of Misconduct is sufficiently serious that the

41.2 mitigating and/or aggravating factors, to include but not limited to those as may be communicated by The Association from time to time.

Suspended Penalty

42 Save where any Rule or regulation expressly requires an immediate penalty to be imposed, and subject to paragraphs 43 to 45 below, the Regulatory Commission may order that a penalty imposed is suspended for a specified period or until a specified event and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

43 Where the penalty to be imposed is to be suspended, no more than three-quarters of any such penalty may be suspended. If the period of such a suspension is a lifetime, the non-suspended period must be no less than eight years.

44 Where a Participant has committed a breach of Rules E5, E8 or E14, the Regulatory Commission must consider suspending a portion of the penalty to be imposed if:

44.1 that Participant has provided assistance and / or information to any Competition, The Association, UEFA, FIFA, any other national football association, a law enforcement agency or professional disciplinary body; and

44.2 the assistance and / or information provided results in the discovery or establishment of a criminal offence or the breach of disciplinary rules by another person relating to betting or integrity (not including anti doping, in respect of which the Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply) in football or sport generally.

45 Where the Regulatory Commission, in exercising its discretion under paragraph 44, considers it to be appropriate to suspend a portion of the penalty, the extent to which the penalty may be suspended will be based on the significance of the assistance provided by the Participant to the effort to eliminate corruption from sport.

Aggravated Breaches (Rule E3(2))

46 Whether or not a suspension has been imposed by the Regulatory Commission in accordance with paragraphs 0 to 50 below, in respect of an Aggravated Breach that Regulatory Commission:

46.1 must order that the Participant who commits an Aggravated Breach be subject to an education programme, the details of which will be provided to the Participant by The Association;

46.2 may impose a financial penalty or any other sanction that it considers appropriate.

47 Subject to paragraphs 48 and 49 below:

47.1 where a Participant commits an Aggravated Breach for the first time, a Regulatory Commission shall impose an immediate suspension of at least five Matches on that Participant. The Regulatory Commission may increase the suspension where additional aggravating factors are present.

47.2 where a Participant commits a second (or further) Aggravated Breach, a Regulatory Commission shall impose an immediate suspension of no fewer than six Matches. In determining the suspension to be imposed, the Regulatory Commission shall use as an entry point an immediate suspension of 10 Matches. The Regulatory Commission may depart from the entry point where aggravating or mitigating factors are present

48 Where an Aggravated Breach is committed:

48.1 by a Participant for whom a match-based suspension would be inappropriate due only to that Participant's particular role in football (for the avoidance of doubt, this sub-paragraph shall not apply to a Manager, coach or Player);

48.2 in writing only;

48.3 via the use of any communication device, public communication network (to include, but not limited to, social media) or broadcast media only; or

48.4 by reference to nationality only, a Regulatory Commission will not be bound to impose an immediate suspension of at least five Matches for a first such breach, or of no fewer than six Matches for a second or further such breach. Instead the Regulatory Commission may impose any sanction that it considers appropriate, taking into account any aggravating or mitigating factors present.

49 Where a Player in youth football aged 12 to 15 (inclusive) commits an Aggravated Breach for the first time, a Regulatory Commission shall impose a suspension of at least five

Matches on that Player. The Regulatory Commission may increase the suspension where additional aggravating factors are present. A minimum of one Match shall come into effect immediately, however the Regulatory Commission may suspend such number of the remaining Matches on such terms and for such period as it considers appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, where such a Player commits a second (or further) aggravated breach, a Regulatory Commission shall apply the provisions of paragraph 47.2 above.

50 Where a Regulatory Commission sanctions a Club in accordance with Rule E3(4), it may impose any sanction it considers appropriate, taking into account any aggravating or mitigating factors present. Drug Rehabilitation and Counselling

51 Where a Participant has breached the provisions of the Anti-Doping Regulations or the Social Drugs Policy Regulations, a Regulatory Commission may order a compulsory period of target testing, rehabilitation and counselling, and attach such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Compensation Orders

52 The Regulatory Commission may, where it considers it appropriate, order the Participant Charged to pay compensation to another Participant (the "Compensation Claimant"), instead of or in addition to any penalty or other order. Such an order may be for such amount as the Regulatory Commission considers appropriate.

53 The Regulatory Commission may order compensation only where:

53.1 it receives, in advance of its determination as to whether a Charge has been proven, a written claim by or on behalf of the Compensation Claimant which sets out the amount claimed and detailed reasons for the claim;

53.2 it is satisfied that the Compensation Claimant has suffered loss as a consequence of the Misconduct of the Participant Charged; and

53.3 the Participant Charged has had an opportunity both of seeing the claim in advance of an order being made and of making submissions to the Regulatory Commission in relation to it.

Costs Orders

54 Save where otherwise provided, any costs incurred:

54.1 in bringing or defending a Charge will be borne by the party incurring the costs; and

54.2 by a Regulatory Commission, which are considered by the Chairman of the Regulatory Commission to be appropriate, may be ordered to be paid in full or in part by either party (such costs may include, but are not limited to, the costs of the Regulatory Commission and related expenses).

55 Any appeal against only the quantum of costs awarded shall be heard and determined by a single person appointed by Sport Resolutions (UK) (or similar independent body as determined by The Association from time to time). That person shall decide all matters of procedure for how such an appeal will be conducted.

56 A Notice of Appeal against a decision of a Regulatory Commission shall be deemed not to have been lodged unless either:

56.1 all financial orders, including costs orders, relating to the Participant in question have been paid in full; or

56.2 the Chairman of the Regulatory Commission has made an order to set aside the relevant financial orders pending the outcome of the Appeal.

57 In the event of an appeal being lodged, where applicable payments of costs made will be held in escrow by The Association.

Compliance with Penalties and Orders

58 Unless the Regulatory Commission determines otherwise, a penalty or order shall come into effect immediately at the date of the notification of the decision.

59 A Regulatory Commission may issue such further order, requirement or instruction as it considers appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to its decision.

60 Where a Regulatory Commission is satisfied that a Participant Charged has failed to observe or comply with a penalty or order imposed by the Regulatory Commission, it shall have the power to order that the Participant Charged be suspended immediately from all or any football activity for such period and on such conditions as it considers appropriate.

61 In respect of any appeal made by a Participant Charged against a decision of a Regulatory Commission, the Regulatory Commission shall have the power, upon application and its absolute discretion, to stay the effect of, or compliance by the Participant Charged with, a penalty or order of a Regulatory Commission.

Payment of Fees, Fines and Compensation Orders

62 Payment of any administration fee, fine or compensation shall be made to The Association by such deadline and under such terms as ordered by The Association at the time of the written notification or decision.

63 The failure to make payment within the deadline ordered may result in an automatic increase of 25% of the amount due. Failure to pay within a further 30 days from the deadline ordered may result in the automatic suspension of the Participant until such time as payment has been received. Where the Participant is a person, such suspension will be from all football and football activity. Where the Participant is a Club, such suspension will be from playing in any Match or Competition.

Written Decision

64 The Regulatory Commission shall as soon as practicable send to the Participant Charged and the Chief Regulatory Officer (or their nominee) a written statement of its decision, which shall state:

64.1 the Charge(s) considered and whether admitted or denied;

64.2 the decision as to whether Misconduct has been proven or not; and

64.3 any penalty or other order imposed.

65 The written decision shall be signed and dated by the Chairman of the Regulatory Commission and be the conclusive record of the Regulatory Commission's decision. A copy of the written decision shall be forwarded to The Association.

Written Reasons

66 Where the relevant parts of Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations and Part E: Fast Track Regulations so provide, written reasons may be requested and provided.

67 Where written reasons are provided they shall state in writing:

67.1 the findings of fact made by the Regulatory Commission;

67.2 the reasons for the Regulatory Commission's decision finding the Charge(s) proven; and

67.3 the reasons for any penalty or order.

Appeals

68 The rights of appeal shall be as set out in Part B: Non-Fast Track Regulations or Part E: Fast Track Regulations.

REGULATION CHANGES – NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Participants should be aware that any of The Association's Regulations may be amended during the season following publication of The FA Handbook. Reference should be made to The FA's website, located at www.TheFA.com, for updated versions of the Regulations.

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D: ON-FIELD REGULATIONS

Scope

1 Section One of these On-Field Regulations applies to Players associated with:

1.1 Category 1: Clubs in the Premier League, EFL Leagues, the National League and The FA WSL playing First Team Competitive Matches;

1.2 Category 2: Clubs in the Premier League, EFL Leagues, the National League playing Non-First Team Competitive Matches in male open aged teams, Under 19s, Under 18s and Academy teams; and

1.3 Category 3: a team competing in the National League (North and South Divisions), the Isthmian League, the Northern Premier League and the Southern League playing Matches in any League, League cup competition, the FA Challenge Cup and the FA Trophy.

2 Section Two of these On-Field Regulations applies to Players associated with:

2.1 Category 4: Clubs in the Premier League, EFL Leagues, the National League and The FA WSL playing Friendly Matches.

3 Section Three of these On-Field Regulations applies to Players (and, where stated, other Participants) with:

3.1 Category 5:

a) a team competing in all divisions of Leagues at Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System playing Matches in any Competition;

b) a team competing outside the National League System playing in Saturday Football, Sunday Football, Midweek Football, Representative Football, Veterans Football and Youth Football (as recognised by The Association from time to time); and

c) any affiliated team of a Club to which Categories 1 to 4 above do not apply playing Matches in any Competition.

4 Section Four of these On-Field Regulations applies to Technical Area Occupants associated with Clubs in the Premier League, EFL Leagues and the National League playing First Team Competitive Matches

SECTION ONE: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CATEGORIES 1, 2 AND 3

Charges

5 The Association may issue a Charge against a Player in relation to an incident whether or not the same incident has been dealt with by the Referee and/or pursuant to this Section One. In deciding whether or not to issue a Charge, The Association will have particular (but not exclusive) regard to the following:

5.1 any applicable Law(s) of the Game or Rules and Regulations or FIFA instructions and/or guidelines;

5.2 the nature of the incident, and in particular any intent, recklessness, negligence or other state of mind of the Player;

5.3 where applicable, the level of force used;

5.4 any injury to any Participant caused by the incident;

5.5 any other impact on the Match in which the incident occurred;

5.6 the prevalence of the type of incident in question in football generally;

5.7 the wider interests of football in applying consistent sanctions.

6 A Regulatory Commission considering a Charge pursuant to paragraph 5 above shall have regard to any standard punishment imposed pursuant to paragraphs 23 to 32 below for the same incident when considering any penalty in accordance with paragraph 40 of Part A: General Provisions Section Two.

7 The Association may issue a Charge against a Club at any time during the playing season in relation to cautionable or sending-off offences committed by Players of the Club.

Match Officials' Reporting of Offences to The Association

8 Where a Referee fails to show a Player the appropriate card when communicating a caution or a sending-off, the relevant disciplinary action shall not be invalidated. However, the attention of the Referee should be drawn to the correct procedure.

9 Referees must submit a report to The Association following a Match stating the cautionable and/or sending-off offences. In the case of sending-off offences, the Assistant Referees must also submit a report.

10 The deadline for the submission of report(s) to The Association under paragraph 9 is:

10.1 for Matches falling within Category 1, 12 noon the day following the Match; or

10.2 for Matches falling within Categories 2 and 3, within two days of the Match (excluding Sundays).

Notification of Cautionable and Sending-Off Offences

11 A Player who has been cautioned or sent off in a Match will be notified by The Association, through their Club, of:

11.1 the cautionable and/or sending-off offence reported by the Referee to The Association;

11.2 in the case of a cautionable offence, the total number of cautions accumulated by the Player under this Section One during the current playing season; and

11.3 any automatic suspension, fine or other consequences resulting from an accumulation of cautions or the sending-off offence pursuant to paragraphs 23 to 32 below. Any automatic suspension will take effect regardless as to whether the notification is received by the Club from The Association before it is due to take effect in accordance with this Section One.

12 An administration fee of £10.00 will be charged to the Player through their Club for the cost of processing each notification made in accordance with paragraph 11. It is the responsibility of the Club to collect the administration fee from the Player and forward it to The Association upon request.

Mistaken Identity (Cautionable and Sending-Off Offences)

13 Where a Player has been cautioned or sent off in a Match but claims they have been the victim of mistaken identity, that Player or their Club may make a claim of mistaken identity in relation to that cautionable or sending-off offence in accordance with the procedure set out in Fast Track 3 of the Fast Track Regulations.

14 Where, despite there being clear evidence that there is a case of mistaken identity, a Player or their Club does not submit a claim within the specified time limits, The Association may within seven days of the incident request a Regulatory Commission to review the matter. A Club failing to submit a claim for mistaken identity may be charged with Misconduct by The Association if there is evidence that the Club sought to gain an advantage by remaining silent on the matter.

Wrongful Dismissal (Sending-Off Offences)

15 Where a Player has been sent off in a Match but claims that the dismissal was wrongful, that Player and their Club may seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of that dismissal by making a claim of wrongful dismissal in accordance with the procedure set out in Fast

Track 4 of the Fast Track Regulations. In order to demonstrate that the decision was wrongful, the Player / their Club must establish that the Referee made an obvious error in sending off the Player.

16 A Player and their Club may make a claim of wrongful dismissal for any sending-off offence under the provisions of Law 12 of the Laws of the Game, save for where the Player is sent off for a receiving a second caution in the same Match.

17 Notwithstanding the outcome of the claim of wrongful dismissal, the relevant sending-off offence will remain on the record of the Club and the Player.

18 Where a Player or their Club:

18.1 submits a notification of their intention to claim wrongful dismissal in accordance with the provisions of Fast Track 4 of the Fast Track Regulations but fails to complete the claim; or

18.2 withdraws a complete claim prior to it being considered by a Regulatory Commission, and, in either case, The Association believes that the notification or claim of wrongful dismissal had no prospect of success or amounted to an abuse of process, the Participant may be charged with Misconduct by The Association.

Clearly Excessive or Clearly Insufficient Claims (Sending-Off Offences)

19 In truly exceptional circumstances:

19.1 a Player and their Club may seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of a sending-off offence by making a claim that the standard punishment would be clearly excessive in accordance with the procedure set out in Fast Track 5 of the Fast Track Regulations. In bringing such a claim, the Player / their Club must establish that the circumstances of the particular sending-off offence were truly exceptional, such that the standard punishment otherwise applicable to that sending-off offence would be clearly excessive. Such claims may only be made by a Player and their Club for the following sending-off offences: (a) using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures; (b) serious foul play; (c) violent conduct; or (d) spitting at an opponent or any other person.

19.2 The Association may seek to increase the disciplinary consequences of a sending-off offence by making a claim that the standard punishment is clearly insufficient in accordance with the procedure set out in Fast Track 6 of the Fast Track Regulations. The Association may bring such a claim where it is satisfied that the standard punishment otherwise applicable to that sending-off offence would be clearly insufficient. Such claims may only be made by The Association for the following sending-off offences: (a) serious foul play; (b) violent conduct; or (c) spitting at an opponent or any other person.

20 The ability to claim under paragraphs 19.1 and 19.2 above is provided only so exceptional cases may be rectified. It is not intended to lead to the systematic, regular review of standard punishments. Regulatory Commissions will be instructed to approach such cases with these principles in mind and it is envisaged that, for the vast majority of sending-off offences, the standard punishments applicable pursuant to paragraph 27 below will be appropriate and will be applied.

21 Notwithstanding the outcome of a claim made pursuant to paragraph 19.1 or paragraph 19.2 above:

21.1 the Player will be suspended for at least one Match, save where a successful claim for wrongful dismissal is made pursuant to paragraph 15 above; and

21.2 the sending-off offence:

21.2.1 will remain on the record of the Club and the Player;

21.2.2 will remain the subject of the administration fee set out in paragraph 12 above; and

21.2.3 will still accrue the applicable number of penalty points as set out in paragraph 62 below.

22 Where a Participant:

22.1 submits a notification of their intention to make a claim that the standard punishment is clearly excessive in accordance with the provisions of Fast Track 5 of the Fast Track Regulations but fails to complete the claim; or

22.2 withdraws a complete claim prior to it being considered by a Regulatory Commission, and, in either case, The Association believes that the notification or claim had no prospect of success or amounted to an abuse of process, the Participant may be charged with Misconduct by The Association.

Standard Punishments

Accumulation of Cautions

23 The accumulation of a set number of cautions by a Player in certain Competitions during a playing season will, subject to any applicable cut-off points, result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension and/or fine.

24 The relevant number of cautions, automatic suspensions and/or fines, the applicable cut-off points and the Competition(s) in which the automatic suspensions are to be served are as set out in:

24.1 Category 1: Table 1;

24.2 Category 2: Table 3; and

24.3 Category 3: Table 5.

25 Unless otherwise stated, such automatic suspensions shall only be served in the Competition in which the cautions were accumulated.

26 Where a Player accumulates 20 cautions in certain Competitions (as set out in Tables 1, 3 and 5) during a playing season, that Player shall be required to attend a Regulatory Commission within seven days of the date of the last caution. The Regulatory Commission shall have the power to deal with the Player in such manner as it deems fit. The same procedure will apply for every further five cautions received by that Player.

Sending-Off Offences

27 The commission of a sending-off offence by a Player will result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension and/or fine.

28 The relevant automatic suspensions and/or fines arising from a sending-off offence by a Player and the Competition(s) in which the automatic suspensions are to be served are as set out in:

28.1 Category 1: Table 2;

28.2 Category 2: Table 4; and

28.3 Category 3: Table 6.

Additional Sending-Off Offences

29 Category 1: subject to paragraph 30 below, a Player who, in the same playing season, has previously been sent off in a Match falling within Category 1 (or suspended by a Regulatory Commission under Fast Track 1 of the Fast Track Regulations in relation to a Match falling within Category 1) will be automatically suspended for one extra Match for each such previous sending-off offence or suspension, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the latest sending-off offence.

For the purposes of this paragraph 29, a sending-off offence committed by a Player in a Match falling within Category 2 will only be taken into account where it was for a) violent conduct, b) serious foul play or c) spitting at any opponent or any other person.

30 EFL Trophy only: a Player who, in the same playing season, has previously been sent off in an EFL Trophy Match (or suspended by a Regulatory Commission under Fast Track 1 of the Fast Track Regulations in relation to an EFL Trophy Match) will be automatically suspended for one extra EFL Trophy Match for each such previous sending-off offence or suspension, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the latest sending-off offence.

31 Category 2: a Player who, in the same playing season, has previously been sent off in a Match falling within

Categories 1 or 2 will be automatically suspended for one extra Match falling within Category 2 for each such previous sending-off offence, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the latest sending-off offence.

For the purposes of this paragraph 31, a sending-off offence committed by a Player in a Match falling within Category 1 (or a suspension under Fast Track 1 of the Fast Track Regulations) will only be taken into account where it was for a) violent conduct, b) serious foul play or c) spitting at any opponent or any other person.

32 Category 3: a Player who, in the same playing season, has previously been sent off in a Match falling within Category 3 will be automatically suspended for one extra Match falling within Category 3 for each such previous sending-off offence, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the latest sending-off offence.

Commencement of Suspension

33 Categories 1 and 2: a period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions or a sending-off offence by a Player associated with a Club in Categories 1 and 2 will commence forthwith, save for where a Player / their Club have brought a claim under paragraphs 13 in relation to a cautionable or sending-off offence or paragraph 15 above in relation to a sending-off offence.

34 Category 3: a period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions or a sending-off offence by a Player of a team in Category 3 will commence on the seventh day following either the date of the last offence (in relation to an accumulation of cautions) or the date of the relevant offence (in relation to sending-off offences), save for where a Player / their Club have brought a claim under paragraph 13 in relation to a cautionable or sending-off offence or paragraph 15 in relation to a sending-off offence.

Period of Suspension

35 Category 1: a period of suspension applicable to a Player associated with a Club in Category 1 will, where the period of suspension arises from a sending-off offence for serious foul play, violent conduct or spitting at an opponent or other person, encompass a suspension from playing Non-First Team Competitive Matches during the relevant period (Non-First Team Competitive Matches will not however count towards the service of such a suspension).

36 Category 2: a period of suspension applicable to a Player associated with a Club in Category 2 will, where the period of suspension arises from either an accumulation of cautions or a sending-off offence, apply to the relevant number of Non-First Team Competitive Matches (as set out in Tables 3 and 4) played during the period between the opening date in the League in which their Club's first team participates to the final Match of any Competition in which their Club is participating during that playing season.

Any dispute in relation to this paragraph 36 above shall only be dealt with by a Regulatory Commission on written submissions. Such written submissions must be received by The Association within three days of the suspension notice being received by the Player's Club.

37 Category 3: a period of suspension applicable to a Player associated with a team in Category 3 will:

37.1 only constitute a suspension from playing Saturday Football for teams competing at Steps 2-4 of the National League System, save for a period of suspension arising from sending-off offences for serious foul play, violent conduct or spitting which will constitute a suspension from Saturday Football of any kind during the relevant period;

37.2 where the period of suspension arises from a sending-off offence, encompass a suspension from Friendly Matches during the relevant period (Friendly Matches will not however count towards the service of such a suspension); and

37.3 where a suspension is as a result of a Charge, also constitute a suspension from playing any Match falling within Category 5.

38 In exceptional cases, a Player may make a claim to The Association that a suspension is disproportionately harsh, due to the period of time required to serve the suspension. In such circumstances, The Association may at its absolute discretion amend the suspension to a Football Category-specific suspension.

Re-arranged Matches

39 A Regulatory Commission may determine that a Match shall not count towards the service of a suspension if it is satisfied that the Match has been arranged by the Club with a view to enabling a Player to complete their suspension so that the Player may be eligible to play in a particular Match.

Collection of Fines

40 The Player's Club is responsible for collecting from the Player any fine payable pursuant to paragraph 23 and/ or 27 above and forwarding the amount to The Association upon request.

Imposition of Fines by a Club under a Player's Employment Contract

41 Clubs may impose a fine on Players for cautionable and sending-off offences under their employment contract (where applicable). If a Club chooses to impose such a fine it must, without delay, notify The Association of the details of the fine.

42 Clubs in Categories 1 and 2 are required to submit a nil return for any offence under the guidelines on Club discipline issued from time to time by the Professional Football Negotiating Consultative Committee for which a Player was not fined.

Outstanding Suspensions

43 Subject to paragraph 44 below, any period of suspension or part thereof arising from this Section One or as a result of a Charge which remains outstanding at the end of the playing season must be served at the commencement of the following playing season.

44 Any period of suspension or part thereof arising from an accumulation of cautions in relation to the FA Cup, EFL Cup, EFL Trophy or FA Trophy which remains outstanding at the end of the playing season will be repealed and need not be served at the commencement of the following playing season.

45 Any period of suspension arising from this Section One related to Category 2 which remains outstanding shall be served at the commencement of the relevant period outlined in paragraph 36 above in the following playing season.

Transfer of Outstanding Suspensions

46 Where a Player, who is subject to an outstanding suspension arising from a sending-off offence in an EFL Trophy Match, either:

46.1 remains registered to the same Club, but that Club becomes ineligible for or does not enter the EFL Trophy; or

46.2 moves to a different Club that is ineligible or does not enter the EFL Trophy; that period of suspension shall be transferred so that it may be served with reference to Matches other than those in the EFL Trophy (to which the suspension originally applied).

Players Moving Between Clubs

47 Where a Player moves between Clubs at a time when that Player is subject to a suspension, the following shall apply:

47.1 until the Player moves, the suspension shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club from which that Player moves;

47.2 where the Club that the Player moves to competes at the same level as the Club that the Player moves from, any remaining period of suspension at the time that the Player moves shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club to which that the Player moves;

47.3 where the Club that the Player moves to competes at a different level as the Club that the Player moves from, any remaining period of suspension at the time that the Player moves shall continue to be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club that the Player moves from unless dispensation has been granted in writing by The Association for the suspension to be served with reference to Matches completed by the Club to which that Player moves.

48 For the purposes of paragraph 47, Clubs compete at three different levels. Each level is comprised as follows:

48.1 Premier League, EFL Leagues and the National League;

48.2 The National League (North and South Divisions), the Isthmian League, the Northern Premier League and the Southern League;

48.3 Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System, or any other League outside the National League System which operates a match-based disciplinary system.

49 Paragraph 47 applies to all moves by Players between Clubs which are completed and evidenced to the satisfaction of The Association, however they occur. This includes, but is not limited to, all transfers, loans and the expiration of loans, and Players whose registration is cancelled by the Club that the Player moves from, where that Player is subsequently registered by the Club to which that Player moves.

Disciplinary Action Against Clubs – Multiple Offences in a Single Match

50 The Association will take disciplinary action against a Club if six or more of the Club's Players are either cautioned or sent off in a Match falling within Category 1 or Category 3.

51 On the first occasion that this happens in a playing season, The Association may offer the Club a standard punishment as set out in the following table:

LEAGUE	FINE
Premier League	£25,000
EFL Championship	£5,000
EFL League One	£2,500
EFL League Two	£1,000
National League	£750
National League (North and South)	£500
Northern Premier League, Southern League and the Isthmian League	£250

52 For each successive occasion that this happens in the same playing season, the standard punishment offered will be a fine that is double and then treble (and so on) the amount set out in the table at paragraph 51 above.

53 A Club may either; a) accept The Association's offer of a standard punishment or; b) make written representations in mitigation before a Regulatory Commission. In the event the written representations in mitigation are rejected, the Regulatory Commission may consider whether or not the standard punishment should be increased.

Disciplinary Action Against Clubs – Accumulation of Penalty Points by a Club's Players

General

54 For the purposes of paragraphs 55 to 71 below, in relation to Category 3, references to a Club's Players shall mean a reference to Players of a Club's team competing in Matches falling with Category 3.

55 The purpose of the penalty points system is to assess the disciplinary record of a Club's Players across two periods during a playing season:

55.1 penalty points period 1: the beginning of a playing season to 31 December (inclusive); and

55.2 penalty points period 2: the beginning of a playing season to the end of a playing season (inclusive).

56 The number of penalty points accumulated by a Club is calculated in accordance with paragraphs 60 to 64 below.

57 In determining whether to issue a Charge against a Club, The Association will (in accordance with paragraphs 65 and 67 below) compare the number of penalty points accumulated by a Club during each penalty point period against the number of penalty points accumulated by other Clubs competing in the same League during the same penalty points period.

58 A Club required to appear before a Regulatory Commission for matters related to an accumulation of penalty points must be represented by at least one of its Directors and its Manager.

59 A Club's disciplinary record will be subject to interim review as at 31 December annually. Any such record may be requested from the Club by The Association pursuant to Rule F2. Clubs may be ordered to attend a Regulatory Commission to discuss a disciplinary record that is deemed to be poor at that stage of the playing season. Calculating Penalty Points Totals

60 Each cautionable or sending-off offence committed by a Club's Players in each Match falling within Category 1 or Category 3 during a playing season will incur that Club a set number of penalty points in accordance with the table at paragraph 62 below.

61 Cautionable or sending-off offences committed by a Club's Players in Matches falling within Category 2 will not incur that Club any penalty points.

62 The number of penalty points incurred for a cautionable offence and each sending-off offence is as follows:

OFFENCE	PENALTY POINTS INCURRED
Any cautionable offence	4 penalty points
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	10 penalty points
Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	10 penalty points
Serious foul play	12 penalty points
Spitting at an opponent or any other person	12 penalty points
Violent conduct	12 penalty points
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	12 penalty points
Receiving a second caution in the same Match	10 penalty points

63 In relation to teams in Category 3 only, Players of those teams charged with Misconduct for a breach of Rule E3 which is subsequently found proven will incur 12 penalty points.

64 Where any sending-off offence is subject to a successful claim for wrongful dismissal under paragraph 15 above, any penalty points that the sending-off offence would otherwise have incurred shall be disregarded for the purposes of calculating a Club's cumulative total of Penalty Points in accordance with paragraphs 60 and 63 above.

Accumulation of Penalty Points and Sanctions

Penalty Points Period 1

65 A Club whose Players accumulate a total number of penalty points (as calculated in accordance with paragraphs 60 to 64 above) in Matches between the start of the playing season and 31 December (including any Match played on that day) which is 40% or more above the median number of penalty points per Match average in the same League, will be required to appear before a Regulatory Commission to explain the conduct of its Players.

66 The Regulatory Commission may order that a visit be made to the Club by representatives of The Association and/or PGMOL or other appropriate body, in order to discuss and/or offer advice on the Club's disciplinary record.

Penalty Points Period 2

67 A Club whose Players accumulate a total number of penalty points (as calculated in accordance with paragraphs 60 to 64 above) in Matches during the whole playing season which is 40% or more above the median number of penalty points per Match average in the same League, will be required to appear before a Regulatory Commission to explain the conduct of its Players.

68 If the Regulatory Commission considers that the Club is not able to provide a reasonable explanation for such occurrence, the Club may be warned and/or ordered to pay a fine up to the relevant amount set out in the following table:

LEAGUE	FINE (MAXIMUM)
Premier League	£100,000
EFL Championship	£50,000
EFL League One	£25,000
EFL League Two	£12,500
National League	£6,000
National League (North and South)	£1,000
Northern Premier League, Southern League and the Isthmian League	£500

69 Where any Club's Players accumulate a total number of penalty points which is between 40% and 50% (inclusive) above the median number of penalty points per Match average in the same League, any fine will normally be suspended in whole or in part for a period of one playing season, unless the Regulatory Commission determines that this is not appropriate, in which case it will be imposed immediately.

70 Where any Club's Players accumulate a total number of penalty points which is more than 50% above the median number of penalty points per Match average in the same League, any fine will normally be imposed immediately, unless the Regulatory Commission determines that this is not appropriate, in which case it will be suspended in whole or in part for a period of one playing season.

71 In addition, the Regulatory Commission may order the Club to pay the cost of the hearing to The Association.

Any action taken by the Club to discipline its Players under paragraph 41 above may be taken into consideration by the Regulatory Commission.

SECTION TWO: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CATEGORY 4

Charges

1 The Association may issue a Charge against a Player in relation to an incident whether or not the same incident has been dealt with by the Referee and/or pursuant to this Section Two.

2 A Regulatory Commission considering a Charge pursuant to paragraph 1 above shall have regard to any standard punishment imposed pursuant to paragraphs 6 to 9 below for the same incident when considering any penalty in accordance with paragraph 40 of Part A: General Provisions Section Two.

Match Officials' Reporting of Offences to The Association

3 Where a Referee fails to show a Player the appropriate card when communicating a caution or a sending-off, the relevant disciplinary action shall not be invalidated. However, the attention of the Referee should be drawn to the correct procedure.

4 Referees must submit a report to The Association following a Match stating the cautionable and/or sending-off offences. In the case of sending-off offences, the Assistant Referees must also submit a report to The Association.

5 The deadline for the submission of report(s) to The Association under paragraph 4 above is within two days of the Match (excluding Sundays).

Standard Punishments

Cautionable Offences

6 The Association shall not impose any standard punishments in respect of cautionable offences.

7 Where standard punishments are imposed on Players in respect of cautionable offences with their agreement (for example, as part of tournament rules), any such standard punishment can only apply to Matches played by Clubs falling within Category 4, as determined by The Association.

Sending-Off Offences

8 The commission of a sending-off offence by a Player will result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension of one Match.

9 Such automatic suspension can only apply to Matches played by Clubs falling within Category 4, as determined by The Association.

SECTION THREE: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CATEGORY 5

General

1 Each Affiliated Association must set out in its rules or regulations a copy of this Section Three, which is to be followed where a Participant of a Club in Category 5 commits an alleged act of Misconduct and where a Player commits a cautionable or sending-off offence in a Match.

2 Nothing in this Section Three shall preclude:

2.1 an Affiliated Association delegating to The Association or to another Affiliated Association its powers and duties to investigate and/or adjudicate in cases where it may be advantageous so to do; or

2.2 the exercise by The Association of its powers pursuant to Rule G1.

3 All written communications from a Player to the Affiliated Association Secretary must be sent by the secretary of the Player's Club unless the Player is no longer registered with that Club (in which case written communications must be sent by the Player or the secretary of the Club to which that Player has moved).

4 Where a Club receives a notification pursuant to this Section Three, it is the duty of the Club Secretary and the Player, by the deadline stated on any notification, to ensure that either (a) the Affiliated Association Secretary receives the completed player reply form or (b) ensure that a response has been provided via the electronic system operated by The Association from time to time with such information that includes:

4.1 the full name and address of the Player;

4.2 the Player's date of birth (and other personal identification data requested);

4.3 the name of each Club for which the Player is currently registered or was registered in the previous two playing seasons;

4.4 the signature of the Player concerned (where applicable); and

4.5 the names of any school, college or other educational establishment currently attended by the Player.

Where the Player is not available to sign the player reply form, the Club should complete and return it indicating the reason for the non-completion together with the administration fee and confirmation as to whether or not the Player has been made aware of the contents. Where the Club provides a response via the electronic system operated by The

Association from time to time, in doing so the Club Secretary acknowledges that the Player has been made aware of the contents. Any suspension order resulting from failure to comply with this paragraph 4 shall be on the Club and the individual Player, subject to paragraph 103 below.

5 Clubs may participate in a pilot programme as set out by Council and will be required to abide by the regulations and terms of that programme.

6 Payment of any fine or costs in respect of disciplinary matters must be paid in accordance with the terms set out by the Affiliated Association.

7 Any period of suspension under this Section Three shall apply only to football at Step 5 and below of the National League System and for Clubs operating outside of the National League System, unless approval has been granted by The Association for such suspension to be extended across all levels of football.

Charges

8 An Affiliated Association may issue a Charge against a Player in relation to an incident whether or not the same incident has been dealt with by the Referee and/or pursuant to this Section Three. In deciding whether or not to issue a Charge, an Affiliated Association will have particular (but not exclusive) regard to the following:

8.1 any applicable Law(s) of the Game or rules and regulations or FIFA instructions and/or guidelines;

8.2 the nature of the incident, and in particular any intent, recklessness, negligence or other state of mind of the Player;

8.3 where applicable, the level of force used;

8.4 any injury to any Participant caused by the incident;

8.5 any other impact on the Match in which the incident occurred;

8.6 the prevalence of the type of incident in question in football generally;

8.7 the wider interests of football in applying consistent sanctions.

9 A Disciplinary Commission considering a Charge pursuant to paragraph 8 above shall have regard to any automatic suspension or sanction imposed pursuant to paragraphs 48 and 51 for the same incident when considering any sanction.

Match Officials' Reporting of Offences to Affiliated Associations

10 Where a Referee fails to show a Player the appropriate card when communicating a caution or a sending-off, the relevant disciplinary action shall not be invalidated. However, the attention of the Referee should be drawn to the correct procedure.

11 Referees must submit a report to the relevant Affiliated Association within two days of the Match (excluding Sundays) stating the cautionable, sending-off offences and/or extraordinary incidents. In the case of sending off offences and extraordinary incidents, the Assistant Referees must also submit a report.

12 Reports related to Players participating in Matches in County Representative and FA County Youth Cup football must be sent to the Affiliated Association of the Club of the offending Player. A copy of each such report must also be provided to The Association.

13 An Affiliated Association may reserve the right not to process a caution if the report is deemed to be invalid for any reason.

Notification of Cautionable and Sending-Off Offences

14 A Player who has been cautioned or sent off in a Match will be notified by the relevant Affiliated Association, through their Club, of:

14.1 the cautionable and/or sending-off offence reported by the Referee to the Affiliated Association;

14.2 in the case of a cautionable offence, the total number of cautions accumulated by the Player under this Section Three during the current playing season; and

14.3 any automatic suspension, fine or other consequences resulting from an accumulation of cautions or a sending-off offence pursuant to paragraphs 48 and 51 below. Any automatic suspension will take effect regardless as to whether the notification is received by the Club from The Association before it is due to take effect in accordance with this Section Three.

15 An administration fee of £10.00 will be charged to the Player through their Club for the cost of processing each notification made in accordance with paragraph 14 above. It is the responsibility of the Club to collect the administration fee from the Player and forward it to the Affiliated Association upon request.

Mistaken Identity (Cautionable or Sending-Off Offences)

16 Where a Player has been cautioned or sent off in a Match but claims they have been the victim of mistaken identity, that Player or their Club may make a claim of mistaken identity in relation to that cautionable or sending-off offence in accordance with the procedure set out at paragraphs 17 to 18 below.

Making a Claim of Mistaken Identity

17 To make a claim of mistaken identity, the Players concerned and their Club must submit to the Affiliated Association:

17.1 written particulars upon which the claim is founded (which must include identifying specifically the name of the Player responsible for the relevant offence);

17.2 any evidence in support of the claim; and

17.3 the relevant fee as set out in paragraph 34.

18 The relevant timings for a Player or their Club to make a claim of mistaken identity are as follows:

	Timings	General Guide*
Claim / Evidence	5pm on the third Business Day following the incident	Wednesday
Disciplinary Commission	To be determined prior to the suspension being served.	Friday
*based on a Match taking place on Saturday or Sunday		

Disciplinary Commission Procedure

19 If the Affiliated Association is satisfied that the claim of mistaken identity warrants further investigation, a Disciplinary Commission shall be convened and will meet before any automatic suspension is due to take effect.

20 The Disciplinary Commission shall determine the matter on video and/or written evidence only, and parties shall not be present or represented in person. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Match Officials nor the Club or Player are entitled to be present or represented in person at the Disciplinary Commission established for such purpose.

21 If the appointed Disciplinary Commission is satisfied that the claim of mistaken identity has been proven, the record of the offence will be transferred to the appropriate offender, who will be subject to any applicable disciplinary consequences in accordance with this Section Three.

Wrongful Dismissal (Sending-Off Offences)

General

22 Where a Player has been sent off in a Match but claims that the dismissal was wrongful, that Player and their Club may seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of that dismissal by making a claim of wrongful dismissal in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraphs 24 to 26 below. In order to demonstrate that the decision was wrongful, the Player and/or their Club must establish that the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the Player.

23 A Player and their Club may make a claim of wrongful dismissal for any sending-off offence under the provisions of Law 12 of the Laws of the Game, save for where the Player is sent off for a) receiving a second caution in the same Match or b) using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.

Making a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal

24 Where a Player and their Club intend to make a claim of wrongful dismissal, they must notify the Affiliated Association that they intend to make such a claim. Notification can be provided to the Affiliated Association by fax or email. If confirmation is provided via email it should be sent to discipline@[insert name of county]fa.com – for example discipline@kentfa.com.

25 To make a claim of wrongful dismissal, the Player and their Club must submit to the Affiliated Association:

25.1 written particulars upon which the claim is founded;

25.2 any evidence in support of the claim (this must include video footage showing the incident if available);

and

25.3 the relevant fee as set out in paragraph 34.

26 The relevant timings for a Player and their Club to make a claim of wrongful dismissal are as follows:

	Timings	General Guide*
Notification of Intention to Submit a Claim	5pm on the second Business Day following the incident	Tuesday
Claim / Evidence	5pm on the fourth Business Day following the incident	Thursday
Disciplinary Commission	To be determined prior to the suspension being served.	Friday
* based on a Match taking place on Saturday or Sunday		

27 Upon receipt of a claim of wrongful dismissal by the Affiliated Association, it will determine whether the claim is capable of acceptance by determining whether the claim complies with the requirements set out at paragraph 25 above and the timings set out at paragraph 26 above.

28 Claims of wrongful dismissal accepted by the Affiliated Association will be placed before a Disciplinary Commission for consideration as soon as possible but no later than the date upon which an automatic suspension is due to take effect.

Disciplinary Commission Procedure

29 The Disciplinary Commission shall determine the matter on video and/or written evidence only, and parties shall not be present or represented in person. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Match Officials nor the Club or Player are entitled to be present or represented in person at the Disciplinary Commission established for such purpose.

30 After considering the evidence, the Disciplinary Commission will decide whether the claim of wrongful dismissal is rejected or is successful. A claim will only be successful where the Disciplinary Commission is satisfied that the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the Player.

31 If the claim of wrongful dismissal is successful, the automatic suspension will be withdrawn the fee is returned to the Player and their Club. If the claim is unsuccessful, the fee is not returned to the Player and their Club.

32 Where the standard punishment is withdrawn, the sending-off offence shall not be counted for the purposes of paragraph 53 below.

33 Notwithstanding the outcome of a claim of wrongful dismissal, the relevant sending-off offence will remain on the record of the Club and the Player.

Fee for Claims of Mistaken Identity or Wrongful Dismissal

34 The following fees apply in respect of claims of mistaken identity or wrongful dismissal proceeding under this Section Three:

LEVEL OF CLUB	FEE
Steps 5-7 of the National League System	£50
Outside of the National League System	£30

Clearly Insufficient Claims (Sending-Off Offences)

General

35 In truly exceptional circumstances, an Affiliated Association may seek to increase the disciplinary consequences of a sending-off offence by making a claim that the standard punishment is clearly insufficient.

An Affiliated Association may bring such a claim where it is satisfied that the standard punishment otherwise applicable to the sending-off offence would be clearly insufficient. Such claims may only be made by an Affiliated Association for the following sending-off offences: (a) serious foul play; (b) violent conduct; or (c) spitting at an opponent or any other person.

36 The ability for an Affiliated Association to bring a claim under paragraph 35 above is provided only some exceptional cases may be rectified. It is not intended to lead to the systematic, regular review of standard punishments. Disciplinary Commissions will be instructed to approach such cases with these principles in mind and it is envisaged that, for the vast majority of sending-off offences, the standard punishments applicable pursuant to paragraph 52 below will be appropriate and will be applied.

37 Where an Affiliated Association brings such a claim:

37.1 a Referee's report showing that a Player was sent off for a) serious foul play; (b) violent conduct; or (c) spitting at an opponent or any other person shall be conclusive evidence that the Player committed the relevant sending-off offence under Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and shall not be subject to challenge, save for where a sending-off is subject to a claim for wrongful dismissal pursuant to paragraph 22 above; and

37.2 the Player will be provided notice of the claim together with any evidence in support of the claim and will be invited to submit a written reply to the claim together with any evidence and submissions in support of that reply.

38 A Disciplinary Commission that considers a claim of wrongful dismissal is concerned with only the question of whether any sanction of a suspension from play is one which should be imposed in view of the facts of the case. This role is not to usurp the role of the Referee.

39 Notwithstanding the outcome of a claim made by an Affiliated Association pursuant to paragraph 35 above:

39.1 the Player will be suspended for at least one Match, save where a successful claim for wrongful dismissal is made pursuant to paragraph 22 above; and

39.2 the sending-off offence:

39.2.1 will remain on the record of the Club and the Player;

39.2.2 will remain the subject of the administration fee set out in paragraph 15 above; and

39.2.3 will still accrue the applicable number of penalty points as set out in paragraph 85 below.

Disciplinary Commission

40 A claim made by an Affiliated Association pursuant to paragraph 35 above will be determined by a Disciplinary Commission on the basis of video and/or written evidence only, and parties shall not be present or represented in person. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Match Officials nor the Club or Player are entitled to be present or represented in person at the Disciplinary Commission established for such purpose.

41 Claims pursuant to paragraph 35 above will be placed before a Disciplinary Commission for consideration prior to the commencement of the automatic suspension (if possible) but in any event no later than the date upon which an automatic suspension is completed.

42 A Disciplinary Commission will be convened to decide the matter on any relevant video and written evidence submitted.

43 The following procedures will be used at a Disciplinary Commission unless the Disciplinary Commission thinks it appropriate to amend them:

43.1 the Disciplinary Commission Secretary will produce:

43.1.1 the Referee's report, reports from any other Match Official and any other evidence supporting the Referee's action;

43.1.2 any video and written evidence provided in support of the claim.

43.1.3 the written reply and all evidence and submissions provided by the Player in response to the claim.

43.2 after considering the evidence, the Disciplinary Commission will decide whether the claim should be successful or rejected.

43.3 The claim will only be successful where the Affiliated Association satisfies the Disciplinary Commission so that it is sure that:

43.3.1 the circumstances of the sending-off offence under review are truly exceptional, such that the standard punishment should not be applied; and

43.3.2 the standard punishment would be clearly insufficient.

43.4 in considering the matters at paragraph 43.3, the Disciplinary Commission shall have regard to those factors set out at paragraphs 8.1 to 8.7 above.

43.5 in the event the claim is rejected, the Player shall serve the standard punishment.

43.6 in the event the claim is successful, the Disciplinary Commission will then decide on the additional punishment to be applied to the Player in respect of the sending-off offence. In deciding on such punishment, the Disciplinary Commission shall have regard to the matters at paragraphs 8.1 to 8.7 above.

44 The decision will be subject to appeal only:

44.1 in the event that the additional suspension imposed (over and above the automatic suspension) is in excess of three Matches; and

44.2 on the single ground that the additional suspension is excessive; and

44.3 in respect of that part of the additional suspension in excess of the additional three Matches, not accounting for any additional Matches included in the penalty as a result of a Player having served a suspension earlier in the same playing season.

For example, where a Player is suspended for 8 Matches following a sending-off for violent conduct, they may appeal only in respect of the two Matches in excess of the three automatic and three additional Match suspension).

45 Appeals shall proceed in accordance with Part C: Appeals - Non-Fast Track.

Standard Punishments

Friendly Matches

Cautionable Offences

46 An Affiliated Association shall only impose standard punishments in respect of cautionable offences committed by Players during Friendly Matches where Participants have agreed, for example as part of tournament rules, that such punishments apply. Any such punishment may only apply to Friendly Matches.

Sending-Off Offences

47 The commission of a sending-off offence by a Player in a Friendly Match will result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension from Friendly Matches until such time as their Club has completed its next Friendly Match, as decided by the relevant Affiliated Association.

Competitive Matches

Accumulation of Cautions

48 The accumulation of a set number of cautions by a Player in the same Football Category or Competition during a playing season will, subject to any applicable cut-off points, result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension and/or fine.

49 The relevant automatic suspensions and/or fines, the applicable cut-off points and the Football Categories or Competition in which the automatic suspensions are to be served are as set out in Table 7. Unless otherwise stated, such automatic suspensions shall only be served in the Football Category or Competition in which the cautions were accumulated.

50 Where a Player accumulates 20 cautions in the same Football Category (as set out in Table 7) during a playing season, that Player shall be required to attend a Disciplinary Commission within seven days of the date of the last caution. The Disciplinary Commission shall have the power to deal with the Player in such manner as it deems fit. The same procedure will apply for every further five cautions received by that Player during the same playing season.

Sending-Off Offences

51 The commission of a sending-off offence by a Player will result in that Player receiving an automatic suspension and/or fine.

52 The relevant automatic suspensions and/or fines arising from a sending-off offence by a Player and the Football Category and Competition(s) in which the automatic suspensions are to be served are as set out in Table 8.

Additional Sending-Off Offences

53 A Player who, in the same playing season, has previously been sent off in a Match, will be automatically suspended for one extra Match for each such previous sending-off offence in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the latest sending-off offence as set out in Table 8.

Commencement of Suspension

54 Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions or a sending-off offence will commence on the seventh day following either the date of the last offence (in relation to an accumulation of cautions) or the date of the relevant offence (in relation to sending-off offences), irrespective of whether paperwork has been received from the relevant Affiliated Association.

Period of Suspension

55 During a period of suspension, a Player will

55.1 be suspended from operating as a Match Official:

55.2 will remain eligible to play in Matches in a Football Category (or Competition) other than that to which the suspension applies.

56 If the suspension is as a result of a Charge, during the whole period of suspension the Player is suspended from playing all football (including Friendly Matches). The Football Categories affected by this paragraph are Saturday, Sunday, Midweek, Veterans and Representative Football. This will be deemed to be a suspension from playing only, unless specified otherwise by a Disciplinary Commission.

57 A period of suspension will be complete once the Player's team has completed the appropriate number of Matches in the Football Category or Competition in which the suspension must be served as set out in Tables 7 and 8. In respect of suspensions arising from County Association and League Representative Football, any such suspension will be from Representative Football only and not any other Football Category unless a Disciplinary Commission has specified that the suspension is to be from all football.

58 In exceptional cases, the Player may make a claim to the Affiliated Association that a suspension from all football is disproportionately harsh due to the period taken to serve the suspension. In such circumstances, The Association may at its absolute discretion amend the suspension so that it applies only to a single Football Category.

59 Where a Player has to serve more than one suspension at the same time the following criteria will apply:

59.1 any suspensions arising from this Section Three and due to commence on the same date will result in the total number of Matches involved running consecutively.

59.2 any suspensions that overlap (i.e. where a suspension starts before the previous suspension ends) will also run consecutively.

59.3 Matches cannot be used more than once to cover two or more suspensions.

Payment to Players Under Suspension

60 During a Player's applicable period of suspension, Clubs must not pay a Player more than the basic wage payable under the Player's contract (where applicable).

Outstanding Suspensions

61 Subject to paragraph 62 below, any period of suspension or part thereof arising from this Section Three or as a result of a Charge which remains outstanding at the end of playing season must be served at the commencement of the following playing season.

62 Any period of suspension or part thereof arising from an accumulation of cautions in relation to the FA Cup or FA Vase which remains outstanding at the end of the playing season will be repealed and need not be served at the commencement of the following playing season.

63 Affiliated Associations will impose split suspension periods where suspensions have to be carried over to the following playing season. The last day of the first suspension period shall be the Player's team's last competitive Match of the playing season. The suspension will recommence upon that team's start of the following playing season.

Players Moving Between Clubs

64 Where a Player moves between Clubs at a time when that Player is subject to a suspension, the following shall apply:

64.1 until the Player moves, the suspension shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club from which the Player moves;

64.2 where the Club that the Player moves to is within the same level as the Club that the Player moves from, any remaining period of suspension at the time that the Player moves shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club to which the Player moves;

64.3 where the Club that the Player moves to is within a different level as the Club that the Player moves from, any remaining period of suspension at the time that the Player moves shall continue to be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club that the Player moves from unless dispensation has been granted in writing by The Association for the suspension to be served with reference to Matches completed by the Club to which the Player moves.

65 For the purposes of paragraph 64, Clubs compete at three different levels. Each level is comprised as follows:

65.1 Premier League, EFL Leagues and the National League;

65.2 The National League (North and South Divisions), the Isthmian League, the Northern Premier League and the Southern League;

65.3 Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System, or any other League outside the National League System which operates a match-based disciplinary system.

66 Paragraph 64 applies to all moves by Players between Clubs which are completed and evidenced to the satisfaction of The Association, however they occur. This includes, but is not limited to, all transfers, loans and the expiration of loans, and Players whose registration is cancelled by the Club that the Player moves from, where that Player is subsequently registered by the Club that the Player moves to.

67 Players who are otherwise eligible (i.e. but for any suspension) to play for two or more Clubs competing at the level referred to at paragraph 65.3 above will not be taken to have moved between those Clubs for the purposes of this paragraph by virtue only of the fact that they are so eligible to play for them.

Re-arranged Matches

68 A Disciplinary Commission may determine that a Match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the Match has been arranged by the Club with a view to enabling a Player to complete their suspension and thus enable the Player to play in a specific Match.

Respect Sanction System

Respect Offences

69 A Respect Offence for the purposes of Respect Sanctions comprises any of the following:

69.1 a caution received by a Player for dissent;

69.2 a sending-off of a Player for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;

69.3 or any proven Charge issued to a Player or an occupant of the technical area for Misconduct on a Match day.

70 Where any team accumulates a set number of Respect Offences during a playing season, a Respect Sanction shall be imposed on that team's Club in accordance with the table at paragraph 72 below.

71 Where any team accumulates 20 Respect Offences during a playing season, that team's Club shall be issued a Charge for a breach of Rule E20. Further Charges for a breach of Rule E20 shall be issued against the team's Club for every five Respect Offences accumulated after the twentieth.

Respect Sanctions

72 The Respect Sanctions referred to in paragraph 70 above are as follows:

<table>
<tr><th></th><th>Stage 1</th><th>Stage 2</th><th>Stage 3</th><th>Stage 4</th></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Accumulation of 6 Respect Offences</td><td>Accumulation of 10 Respect Offences</td><td>Accumulation of 15 Respect Offences</td><td>Accumulation of 20 Respect Offences</td></tr>
<tr><td>Step 5</td><td rowspan="3">Warning as to future conduct</td><td>£150</td><td>£300</td><td rowspan="3">Club issued with a Charge</td></tr>
<tr><td>Step 6</td><td>£75</td><td>£150</td></tr>
<tr><td>Outside the National League System (including Youth Football)</td><td>£50</td><td>£100</td></tr>
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73 An administration fee of £10.00 will be charged to the team's Club for the cost of processing each Respect Sanction.

Responding to the imposition of a Respect Sanction

74 A Club may submit a written plea in mitigation in respect of the Respect Sanctions imposed at Stages 2 and 3 only and this mitigation may be considered by a Disciplinary Commission at a non-personal hearing.

75 There is no right of appeal in relation to the Respect Sanctions imposed up to and including Stage 3.

Disciplinary Action Against Clubs – Multiple Offences in a Single Match

76 An Affiliated Association will take disciplinary action against a Club if six or more Players in one of a Club's teams are either cautioned or sent off in a single Match.

Clubs at Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System

77 On the first occasion that this happens in a playing season, the Affiliated Association will impose an automatic fine on the Club in accordance with the following table:

STEP OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM	FINE
Step 5	£150
Step 6	£150
Step 7	£75

78 For each successive occasion that this happens in the same playing season, the automatic fine imposed by the Affiliated Association will be a fine that is double and then treble (and so on) the amount set out in the table at paragraph 77 above.

Clubs Outside the National League System

79 On the first occasion that this happens in a playing season, the Affiliated Association will issue a Charge against the Club and warn the Club as to the future conduct.

80 On the second occasion that this happens in the same playing season, the Affiliated Association will impose an automatic fine on the Club of £25. For each successive occasion that this happens in the same playing season, the automatic fine imposed by the Affiliated Association will increase by £25.

Plea in Mitigation

81 In truly exceptional circumstances, a Club may submit a written plea in mitigation against the imposition of a fine under paragraphs 77, 78 or 80 above.

Disciplinary Action Against Clubs – Accumulation of Penalty Points by a Club's Players

General

82 The purpose of the penalty points system is to assess the disciplinary record of Players of each of a Club's teams across a playing season.

83 The number of penalty points accumulated by a one of a Club's teams is calculated in accordance with paragraphs 84 to 85 below.

Calculating Penalty Points Totals

84 Each cautionable offence and sending-off offence committed by a team's Players in each Match during a playing season (together with each Charge issued to a team's Players in that playing season) will incur that team a set number of penalty points

85 The number of penalty points incurred for a cautionable offence, each sending-off offence and Charge are as follows:

TYPE OF OFFENCE/CHARGE	PENALTY POINTS INCURRED
Cautionable Offences	1 penalty point (with the exception of a caution for dissent, which will incur 2 penalty points)
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	3 penalty points
Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	3 penalty points
Serious foul play	5 penalty points
Spitting at an opponent or any other person	7 penalty points
Violent conduct	6 penalty points
Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures	4 penalty points
Receiving a second caution in the same Match	3 penalty points
Charge	5 penalty points (subject to any increase by the Disciplinary Commission)

Accumulation of Penalty Points

86 Where a team accumulates 75 penalty points during a playing season, that team's Club shall be issued a Charge for a breach of Rule E20.

Disciplinary Action Against Clubs - Miscellaneous

87 A Club may be the subject of a Charge for a breach of Rule E20 where that Club:

87.1 has been the subject of two or more proven Charges where the Matches to which the Charges relate were abandoned as a result of the Misconduct;

87.2 has four or more incidents of violent conduct across any of its teams. Violent conduct includes all sending-off offences for violent conduct and any proven Charge relating to an assault on a Match Official, physical contact on a Match Official or assault on a Participant; or

87.3 has two or more Charges for an Aggravated Breach issued against any of the Club's Players in a 12-month period which are found proven.

Abandoned Matches

88 If a Referee's report indicates that a Match has been abandoned due to alleged acts of Misconduct of either team, the Affiliated Association shall without delay conduct an investigation in to the matter.

89 Following the investigation, the Affiliated Association, may issue a Charge against the Club or the relevant Participants.

90 A Disciplinary Commission shall meet to consider the Charge within 28 days of (the date of) the Charge letter.

Offences Against Match Officials

Categories of Offence

91 The three categories of offence against Match Officials are as follows:

91.1 Threatening behaviour: words of action that cause the Match Official to believe that they are being threatened;

91.2 Physical contact or attempted physical contact: examples include but are not limited to: pushing the Match Official, pulling the Match Official (or their clothing or equipment), barging or kicking the ball at a Match Official (causing no injury) and/or attempting to make physical contact with the Match Official (for example, attempting to strike, kick, butt, barge or kick the ball at the Match Official); and

91.3 Assault: acting in a manner which results in an injury to the Match Official. This includes spitting at the Match Official (whether it connects or not).

Investigation and Process

92 If a Match Official's report indicates that an offence has been committed against a Match Official (as categorised in paragraph 91 above), the Affiliated Association will without delay investigate the Match Official's report.

93 Following the investigation, the Affiliated Association, if it is satisfied that a prima facie case can be made out against the alleged offender, may:

93.1 issue a Charge against the Participant; and

93.2 may issue an Interim Suspension Order in accordance with paragraph 108 below against the alleged offender from all football activity until a Disciplinary Commission has adjudicated on the matter

94 The Affiliated Association will take all reasonable steps to notify the Participant (and their Club, where applicable) of the suspension order issued in accordance with paragraph 93.2 above.

95 A Disciplinary Commission shall meet to consider the Charge within 28 days of (the date of) the interim suspension.

96 The recommended (or mandatory, where stated) sanctions for each of the three categories of offence where a Charge issued in accordance with paragraph 93.1 above has been found proven against the Participant are as follows:

Threatening behaviour:

96.1 suspension from all football activity for a period of 112 days / 12 Matches, with a mandatory minimum suspension from all football activity for a period of 56 days / 6 Matches; and

96.2 a fine of up to £100, with a mandatory minimum fine of £50.

Physical contact or attempted physical contact:

96.3 suspension from all football activities for a period of 182 days, with a mandatory minimum of 112 days from all football and football activity.

96.4 a fine of up to £150.

Assault:

96.5 mandatory suspension from all football and football activity for 5 years from the date of the suspension.

Where the assault causes serious injury the review period should be extended to 10 years. Such mandatory suspension shall be reduced to 2 years for a Participant aged 14 or under.

97 The recommend sanctions set out in paragraph 96 above should only be varied where appropriate aggravating or mitigating factors are present, save that they may not be varied to a level below the mandatory where stated.

98 A Match Official that has reported a Participant for an offence against them may make a written request for notification of the decision and punishment awarded, which must be made available to the Match Official at the earliest opportunity.

Assaults by Participants on Other Participants

99 If a Match Official's report indicates that a Participant has perpetrated an assault on another Participant causing serious bodily harm before, during or after a Match, the Affiliated Association shall without delay investigate the Referee's report.

100 Following the investigation, the Affiliated Association, if it is satisfied that a prima facie case can be made out against the alleged offender, may:

100.1 issue a Charge; and

100.2 may issue an Interim Suspension Order in accordance with paragraph 108 below against the alleged offender from all football activity until a Disciplinary Commission has adjudicated on the matter.

101 A Disciplinary Commission shall meet to consider the Charge within 28 days of (the date of) the Charge letter.

102 The recommended (or mandatory, where stated) sanctions where a Charge issued in accordance with paragraph 100.1 above has been found proven against the Participant are as follows:

Participant Charged	Recommended / Mandatory Minimum Sanctions
Player	1. Mandatory minimum: suspension for all football activity for 140 days 2. £150 fine
Club Official	
Match Official	1. Mandatory suspension from all football and football activity for 5 years from the date of suspension. Where the assault causes serious injury the suspension period should be extended to 10 years. 2. A recommendation to the relevant Referees' Committee that the Match Official's registration is removed and no request for reinstatement is to be allowed until the suspension has been completed or removed.

Failure to Comply

103 Where a Participant fails to comply with any applicable deadlines or other procedural requirements set out in this Section Three, the Participant's right to a personal hearing or right to make a plea in mitigation is forfeited and the Disciplinary Commission may deal with the reported Misconduct on such evidence as is available.

104 Where a Player or their Club fails to respond to a request for information (to include, but not limited to, a request pursuant to paragraph 4 above):

104.1 a fine will be imposed and a further seven days given to respond;

104.2 failure to respond within the further seven days will result in the Player and the Player's team being suspended from all football activities from the following Monday; and

104.3 may result in a Charge against the Player, their Club (or both).

105 The Club Secretary must make Players aware of the applicable punishment where an automatic suspension and/or sanction applies. The Club Secretary must sign and return

the reply form to the Affiliated Association by the response date. By signing the form, the Club Secretary is confirming that they have made the Player so aware.

106 Where a Participant has been issued with a Charge both the Club Secretary and the Participant will be required to sign and return the form to the Affiliated Association.

107 When dealing with compliance issues the Affiliated Association must consider the following:

107.1 whether the Player has responded to their Club;

107.2 whether the Club has failed to pass on the Player's reply;

107.3 whether the Club has informed the Affiliated Association that the Player has failed to respond; and

107.4 whether the Player has left the Club.

Suspension Pending Misconduct Hearing

108 An Affiliated Association shall have the power, in consultation with and upon the agreement of The Association, to issue an Interim Suspension Order in relation to a Club Official affiliated to, or a Player registered with, that Affiliated Association where the Club Official or Player has been:

108.1 issued with a Charge by the Affiliated Association in relation to an alleged act of serious Misconduct;

108.2 charged with a criminal offence; or

108.3 charged by a League in connection with disciplinary action pursuant to the relevant regulations of the League.

109 As soon as reasonably practicable, notification of an Interim Suspension Order shall be communicated to the Player and/or the Club.

110 The Interim Suspension will be lifted when either the Charge is dealt with by a Disciplinary Commission, the criminal charges are withdrawn or found not to have been proven or the charge has been dealt with by the League.

Disciplinary Proceedings before Disciplinary Commissions

General

111 These provisions should be read in conjunction with:

111.1 Part A: General Provisions;

111.2 Part G: Appendix II: County and Other Affiliated Associations – Hearings before Disciplinary Commissions.

112 A Disciplinary Commission, which shall comprise members appointed by the Affiliated Association, shall be appointed by the Affiliated Association to consider a Charge. It shall comprise of not less than three nor more than five members. The appointed Disciplinary Commission shall have no previous personal knowledge of the events or any involvement with any of the Participants concerned.

113 Financial penalties for Misconduct must not be imposed on any Player in Youth Football. Where a punishment or Disciplinary Commission decision applicable to a Player in Youth Football includes any financial sanction, the Player's Club shall pay the sum imposed.

Personal Hearings

Right to Request a Personal Hearing

114 A Participant issued with a Charge has the right to a personal hearing on request.

115 A Disciplinary Commission may, whether on the application of one of the parties or otherwise, require a Participant (whether before or during a hearing) to attend before it to

provide information, in which case questions may be put to them by the Disciplinary Commission.

116 Where the Participant accepts the Charge, the appropriate Match Official(s) will not be required to attend a Disciplinary Commission. If the Participant denies the Charge, the appropriate Match Official(s) may be required to attend the Disciplinary Commission.

117 The Participant, through their Club Secretary, shall be notified of:

117.1 the date, time and venue fixed for the hearing; and

117.2 the attendance of any witnesses in support of the Charge, in particular the Match Official(s) on whose report the Charge has been issued.

118 Both the Participant issued with the Charge and the Match Official(s) concerned should be given a minimum 14 days' notice of details of the personal hearing. Any written request to the Disciplinary Commission for a postponement of the personal hearing should be given consideration. If the reason submitted is considered valid, then a postponement should be granted, and in such circumstances costs may be charged. A request for a second postponement by the same party should not ordinarily be granted.

Personal Hearing Procedures

119 In the case of a Participant under 18 years of age on the date fixed for the hearing, the hearing shall take place either in the presence of a parent or guardian of the Participant or another appropriate adult.

120 At a personal hearing a Disciplinary Commission may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and expedient for the just determination of the Charge.

121 Subject to paragraph 120 above, a Disciplinary Commission shall follow the procedure set out in "County and Other Affiliated Associations – Hearings before Disciplinary Commissions" (at Part G: Appendix II). *Disciplinary Commission Decisions and Costs*

122 Save where otherwise provided, a Disciplinary Commission may impose such penalties as provided for in paragraph 40 of Part A: General Provisions Section Two.

123 Where the Charge is found not proven, any record of it will be expunged from the Player's record.

124 Where the Charge is found proven the Disciplinary Commission will decide what punishment, if any, is to be imposed. In so doing, the Disciplinary Commission must consider the overall nature and effect of the offence(s) and the Player's disciplinary record during the current playing season and the previous five playing seasons and any plea in mitigation. In cases where the Disciplinary Commission can order costs in accordance with paragraph 125 below, it shall take into account any deposit lodged by the Player.

125 Where a personal hearing is requested in accordance with paragraph 114, and the Charge is subsequently found proven at that hearing, the Disciplinary Commission may, in addition to any other penalty, order:

125.1 the Player to pay all or part of the costs of the personal hearing. Such costs may include some or all of the costs incurred in relation to the holding of the Disciplinary Commission.

125.2 any deposit lodged by the Player be forfeited.

126 Where:

126.1 a personal hearing is requested in accordance with paragraph 114, and the Charge is subsequently not found proven at that hearing;

126.2 a Player is instructed to attend a personal hearing by the Affiliated Association or the relevant Disciplinary Commission; or

126.3 a case is considered on written submissions only, there shall be no costs order made against the Player. In such cases, any deposit lodged by the Player shall be returned.

127 Save where an appeal has been submitted in accordance with paragraph 132 below, any fines or costs that are ordered must be paid before the expiry of 14 days from the date of the order. Failure to make payment shall constitute Misconduct.

128 The Player and their Club are jointly and severally responsible for payment of any fine and costs. The Club shall take such action as may be necessary to recover any sum paid on the Player's behalf.

Notification of Disciplinary Commission Decisions

129 Decisions of Disciplinary Commissions will be provided to the Player or (in the cases of Players) Club Secretaries of all Clubs for whom the Player is known to be currently playing and to the Player's home address if known. Each of these Club Secretaries is responsible for informing the Player of the decision.

130 The commencement date of any suspension imposed on a Player is at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission, subject to the suspension starting on a Monday. Such date must allow for the time permitted for notification of an intention to appeal.

131 A Disciplinary Commission decision may be notified to the relevant Match Officials, subject to (a) the Player being aware of the decision, and (b) the Match Officials having requested to be so notified.

Appeals from Disciplinary Commission Decisions

132 Participants shall have the right to appeal decisions of a Disciplinary Commission to an Appeal Board in accordance with Part C: Appeals – Non-Fast Track. A Participant wishing to appeal must:

132.1 lodge notification of an intention to appeal within seven days of notification of the decision being appeal against;

132.2 submit their appeal within 14 days of notification of the decision being appeal against.

133 The Association shall also have the right to appeal decisions of a Disciplinary Commission to an Appeal Board. Where The Association wishes to appeal it must submit its appeal within 28 days following the receipt of the reasons of the Disciplinary Commission.

134 In respect of any appeal made by a Participant against a decision of a Disciplinary Commission, upon application and its absolute discretion, the Judicial Panel Chairman may stay the effect of, or compliance by the Participant Charged with, a penalty or order of a Disciplinary Commission.

Further Disciplinary Action

135 The rules or regulations of an Affiliated Association must provide for disciplinary action to be taken against a Player who fails to reimburse their Club where the Club has had a claim upheld in accordance with the Football Debt Recovery Regulations.

136 An Affiliated Association in formulating its rules and regulations for Misconduct may adopt and include the power to make an order that a Club whose Players are persistently the subject of proven Charges:

136.1 is censured and/or fined in accordance with the penalty point system in accordance with paragraphs 82 to 86 above;

136.2 may have its affiliation suspended or cancelled;

136.3 is subject to any other power approved in writing by The Association.

137 A power approved by The Association pursuant to paragraph 136.3 shall continue from year to year until such time as the approval is withdrawn. Such approval may be withdrawn by The Association giving notice in writing before 30 April in any year.

SECTION FOUR: PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO TECHNICAL AREA OCCUPANTS

Charges

1 The Association may issue a Charge against a Technical Area Occupant in relation to an incident whether or not the same incident has been dealt with by the Referee and/or pursuant to this Section Four.

2 A Regulatory Commission considering a Charge pursuant to paragraph 1 above shall have regard to any automatic suspension or sanction imposed pursuant to paragraphs 6 to 8 below for the same incident when considering any penalty in accordance with paragraph 40 of Part A: General Provisions Section Two.

Match Officials' Reporting of Stage 1 Warnings to The Association

3 Referees must submit a report to The Association following a Match stating the Stage 1 Warning(s) and providing a description of the incident(s).

4 The deadline for the submission of a report to The Association under paragraph 3 above is 12 noon on the day following the Match.

Notification of Stage 1 Warnings

5 A Technical Area Occupant who has received a Stage 1 Warning in a Match will be notified by The Association, through their Club, of:

5.1 the Stage 1 Warning reported by the Referee to The Association;

5.2 the total number of Stage 1 Warnings accumulated by the Technical Area Occupant under this Section Four during the current playing season; and

5.3 any automatic touchline suspension or other consequences resulting from an accumulation of Stage 1 Warnings pursuant to paragraph 7 below. Any automatic touchline suspension will take effect regardless as to whether the notification is received by the Club from The Association before it is due to take effect in accordance with this Section Four.

Standard Punishments

Accumulation of Stage 1 Warnings

6 The accumulation of a set number of Stage 1 Warnings by a Technical Area Occupant during a playing season will, subject to paragraph 10 below, result in that Technical Area Occupant receiving an automatic touchline suspension.

7 The relevant automatic touchline suspensions and the Competitions in which the automatic touchline suspensions are to be served are set out in Table 9.

8 Where a Technical Area Occupant accumulates 16 Stage 1 Warnings during a playing season, that Technical Area Occupant shall be required to attend a Regulatory Commission within seven days of the date of the last Stage 1 Warning. The Regulatory Commission shall have the power to deal with the Technical Area Occupant in such manner as it deems fit. The same procedure will apply for every further four Stage 1 Warnings received by that Technical Area Occupant.

Commencement of Suspension

9 Subject to paragraph 10 below, any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of Stage 1 Warnings by Technical Area Occupants under this Section Four will commence forthwith.

Matches Exempt from an Automatic Period of Suspension arising from an Accumulation of Stage 1 Warnings

10 Play-Off Matches (Semi-Finals and Finals) in the EFL Leagues and National League and the final of the FA Challenge Cup shall be exempt from any automatic period of suspension arising from an accumulation of Stage 1 Warnings by Technical Area Occupants under paragraph 7 above. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph 10 shall not apply to any period of suspension ordered by a Regulatory Commission pursuant to paragraph 8 above.

Outstanding Suspensions

11 Any period of suspension or part thereof arising from this Section Four which remains outstanding at the end of the playing season will be repealed and need not be served at the commencement of the following playing season.

Technical Area Occupants Moving Between Clubs

12 Where a Technical Area Occupant moves between Clubs to which this Section Four applies at a time when they are subject to a suspension, the following shall apply:

12.1 until the Technical Area Occupant moves, the suspension shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club from which that Technical Area Occupant moves;

12.2 upon the Technical Area Occupant moving Club, any remaining period of suspension at the time the Technical Area Occupant moves shall be served by reference to Matches completed by the Club to which the Technical Area Occupant moves.

13 Where a Technical Area Occupant moves to a Club to which this Section Four does not apply, the suspension shall be suspended until such time as the Technical Area Occupant moves to a Club to which this Section Four does apply.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS AND SANCTIONS

TABLES 1 - 2

CATEGORY 1: PLAYERS OF CLUBS IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE, EFL LEAGUES, NATIONAL LEAGUE, AND THE FA WSL PLAYING FIRST TEAM COMPETITIVE MATCHES

Table 1 : Accumulation of Cautions

Competition in which Cautions Accumulated	Number of Cautions Accumulated	Cut-Off Point (up to and including)	Automatic Suspension/ Sanction	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension/Sanction Applies
Premier League	5	19 Premier League Matches	1 Match	Premier League
	10	32 Premier League Matches	2 Matches	
	15	Last day of the same playing season	3 Matches	
	20	Last day of the same playing season	As determined by a Regulatory Commission	
EFL Leagues	5	19 EFL League Matches	1 Match	EFL Leagues
	10	37 EFL League Matches	2 Matches	
	15	Last day of the same playing season	3 Matches	
	20	Last day of the same playing season	As determined by a Regulatory Commission	
National League	5	23 National League Matches	1 Match	National League
	10	37 National League Matches	2 Matches	
	15	Last day of the same playing season	3 Matches	
	20	Last day of the same playing season	As determined by a Regulatory Commission	
The FA WSL	5	N/A	1 Match	a) The FA WSL; and b) Women's FA Cup
	10		2 Matches	
	15		3 Matches	
	20		As determined by a Regulatory Commission	
FA Cup	2	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)	1 Match	FA Cup
	4			
	6			
EFL Cup	2	Quarter Finals	1 Match	EFL Cup
	4			
EFL Trophy	2	Quarter Finals	1 Match	EFL Trophy
	4		2 Matches	
FA Trophy	2	Quarter Finals	1 Match	FA Trophy
	4			
	6			

Table 2: Sending-Off Offences

Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension Applies
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 Match	a) Relevant League in which Player's Club competes; b) FA Cup; c) EFL Cup (as applicable); d) FA Trophy (as applicable); e) FA Women's Challenge Cup (as applicable) (If the sending-off offence occurs in an EFL Trophy Match, the relevant automatic suspension must be served exclusively in the EFL Trophy, unless specified by The FA)
Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 Match	
Serious foul play	3 Matches	
Spitting at an opponent or any other person	6 Matches	
Violent conduct	3 Matches	
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches	
Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 Match	

TABLES 3-4

CATEGORY 2: PLAYERS OF CLUBS IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE, EFL LEAGUES AND NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYING NON-FIRST TEAM COMPETITIVE MATCHES IN MALE OPEN AGED TEAMS, UNDER 19S, UNDER 18S AND ACADEMY TEAMS

Table 3: Accumulation of Cautions

Competition in which Cautions Accumulated	Number of Cautions Accumulated	Cut-Off Point (up to and including)	Automatic Suspension/Sanction	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension/ Sanction Applies
NFTM	5	31 December	1 Match	NFTM
	10*	Second Sunday of April	2 Matches	
	15	Last day of the same playing season	3 Matches	
	20	Last day of the same playing season	As determined by a Regulatory Commission	

* if a Player accumulates their tenth caution in a NFTM before the second Sunday of April and is then sent off for receiving a further (second) caution in the same NFTM, the Player will be subject to the 2 Match automatic suspension incurred that apples due to the accumulation of their tenth caution, instead of the 1 Match automatic suspension which would otherwise apply for the Sending-Off Offence in accordance with Table 4 below.

Table 4: Sending-Off Offences

Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension Applies
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 Match	Automatic suspension to be served exclusively in NFTM
Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 Match	
Serious foul play	3 Matches	
Spitting at an opponent or any other person	6 Matches	
Violent conduct	3 Matches	
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches	
Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 Match	

TABLES 5-6

CATEGORY 3: PLAYERS ASSOCIATED WITH A TEAM COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (NORTH AND SOUTH DIVISIONS), THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, THE NORTERN PREMIER LEAGUE AND THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE PLAYING MATCHES IN ANY LEAGUE, LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION, THE FA CHALLENGE CUP AND FA TROPHY

Table 5: Accumulation of Cautions

Competition in which Cautions Accumulated	Number of Cautions Accumulated	Cut-Off Point (up to and including)	Automatic Suspension/ Sanction	Fine	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension/Sanction Applies
a) National League (North and South Divisions), the Isthmian League, the Nortern Premier League or the Southern League; and b) League cup competition	5	30-Nov	1 Match	£20.00	a) League in which Player's team competes; and b) League cup competition
	10*	Second Sunday in March	2 Matches		
	15	Last day of the playing season	3 Matches		
	20	Last day of the playing season	As determined by a Regulatory Commission		
FA Cup	2	Third Qualifying Round	1 Match	N/A	FA Cup Only
	Caution count reset after Third Qualifying Round				
	2	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	4	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	6	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
FA Trophy	2	Second Qualifying Round	1 Match	N/A	FA Trophy Only
	Caution count reset after Second Qualifying Round				
	2	Fourth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	4	Fourth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	6	Fourth Round (Quarter Finals)			

*if a Player accumulates their tenth caution in a match before the second Sunday of March and is then sent off for receiving a further (second) caution in the same match, the Player will be subject to the 2 Match automatic suspension incurred that applies due to the accumulation of their tenth caution, instead of the 1 Match automatic suspension which would otherwise apply for the Sending-Off Offence in accordance with Table 6 below.

Table 6: Sending-Off Offences

Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension	Fine	Competitions to which Automatic Suspension Applies
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 Match	£20.00	a) League in which Player's team competes; b) League cup competition in which Player's team competes; c) FA Cup; and d) FA Trophy.
Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 Match		
Serious foul play	3 Matches	£40.00	
Spitting at an opponent or any other person	6 Matches		
Violent conduct	3 Matches		
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches	£30.00	
Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 Match	£20.00	

TABLES 7-8

Category 5: Players associated with:

a) a team competing in all divisions of Leagues at Steps 5 to 7 of the National League System playing Matches in any Competition;

b) a team competing outside the National League System playing in Saturday Football, Sunday Football, Midweek Football, County Association Representative Football, League Representative Football, Veterans Football and Youth Football (as recognised by The Association from time to time); and

c) any affiliated team of a Club to which Categories 1 to 4 do not apply playing Matches in any Competition.

Table 7: Accumulation of Cautions

Football Category/ Competition in which Cautions Accumulated	Number of Cautions Accumulated in the Football Category	Cut-Off Point (up to and including)	Automatic Suspension/ Sanction	Fine	Football Category/Competition to which Automatic Suspension/ Sanction Applies
a) Saturday Football; b) Sunday Football; c) Midweek Football; d) Representative Football; e) Veteran Football; or f) Youth Football	5	31-Dec	1 Match	£15.00	The Football Category in which the cautions were accumulated.
	10*	Second Sunday in April	2 Matches		
	15	Last day of the playing season	3 Matches		
	20	Last day of the playing season	As determined by a Disciplinary Commission		All Football Categories and Friendly Matches.
FA Cup	2	Third Qualifying Round	1 Match	N/A	FA Cup Only
	4	Third Qualifying Round			
	Caution count reset after Third Qualifying Round				
	2	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	4	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	6	Sixth Round (Quarter Finals)			
FA Vase	2	Second Qualifying Round	1 Match	N/A	FA Vase Only
	Caution count reset after Second Qualifying Round				
	2	Fourth Round (Quarter Finals)			
	4	Fourth Round (Quarter Finals)			

* if a Player accumulates their tenth caution in a match before the second Sunday in April and is then sent off for receiving a further (second) caution in the same match, the Player will be subject to the 2 Match automatic suspension that applies due to the accumulation of their tenth caution, instead of the 1 Match automatic suspension which would otherwise have applied for the Sending-Off Offence in accordance with Table 8 below.

Table 8: Sending-Off Offences

Football Category/ Competition in which Sending-Off Offence occurs	Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension/ Sanction	Fine	Football Category and Competitions to which Automatic Suspension Applies
a) Saturday Football; b) Sunday Football; c) Midweek Football; d) Representative Football; e) Veteran Football; f) Youth Football; g) FA Cup; or h) FA Vase	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 Match	£20.00	a) the Football Category in which the sending-off offence occured**; b) FA Cup; and c) FA Vase. (**if the sending-off offence occured in an FA Cup or FA Vase Match, the automatic suspension shall apply to Matches in the Football Category in which the Player's team usually competes, in addition to FA Cup or FA Vase Matches where applicable)
	Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 Match		
	Serious foul play	3 Matches	£40.00	
	Spitting at an opponent or any other person	6 Matches		
	Violent conduct	3 Matches		
	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches	£30.00	
	Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 Match	£20.00	

FOOTBALL DEBT RECOVERY REGULATIONS

The FDR Regulations are applicable to Participants at Steps 5 and below only and The FA Women's Football Pyramid excluding The FA Women's Super League.

Each Affiliated Association shall operate a system to adjudicate upon and facilitate the recovery of Football Debt, which conforms with the FDR Regulations.

Unless otherwise defined in the FDR Regulations, words and expressions shall have the same meaning as set out in the Rules, as amended from time to time.

The following defined terms are used in the FDR Regulations only:

"Alleged Creditor" means a Club, Competition or local authority which is allegedly owed a Football Debt by an Alleged Debtor;

"Alleged Debtor" means a Player (except Players who are under 18 years old and play in an Under 18 Competition), Club Official, Official, Manager, Match Official, Management Committee Member, or member or employee of a Club which allegedly owes a Football Debt to an Alleged Creditor;

"Appeal Board" means the appeal board of an Affiliated Association;

"Appeal Notification" means a written and dated notification of the decision of the Appeal Board in respect of a claim;

"Deadline" means the expiry date of the 112 day period which commenced when the relevant Football Debt arose;

"FDR Regulations" means the Football Debt Recovery Regulations;

"Football Debt" means any cost incurred by an Alleged Creditor on behalf of an Alleged Debtor which is (i) equal to or larger than £25 (save for the recovery of disciplinary fines) and (ii) arose directly from football activity including, but not limited to, disciplinary fines and costs, Match fees and costs, Club subscriptions and playing expenses (e.g. pitch hire). For the avoidance of doubt, incidental costs (e.g. fund raising activities) do not fall within the scope of the FDR Regulations. In the event of a dispute as to what constitutes a Football Debt, the relevant Affiliated Association may, in its absolute discretion, determine the matter.

"Formal Request" means a written and dated request for payment of a Football Debt;

"Notice of Appeal" means a written and dated notice of appeal against a decision of the Affiliated Association in respect of a claim;

"Notice of Claim" means a written notice of claim for the recovery of a Football Debt from an Alleged Debtor which is submitted by the Alleged Creditor to the Alleged Creditor's Affiliated Association prior to the Deadline ;

"Notification" means a written and dated notification of the decision of the Affiliated Association in respect of a claim.

COMMENCING A CLAIM

1 In the first instance, an Alleged Creditor must take reasonable steps to recover a Football Debt, including the serving of a Formal Request on the Alleged Debtor.

2 If a Football Debt has not been recovered within 28 days of the date of the Formal Request, the Alleged Creditor may submit a Notice of Claim, provided this is done prior to the Deadline.

3 In order for a Notice of Claim to be valid, an Alleged Creditor must (i) include all relevant details about the Football Debt(s) which is the subject of the claim and the manner in which it is alleged to have arisen and what steps have been taken to recover it; (ii) provide a copy of the Formal Request and; (iii) provide the full name, last known address and date of birth of the Alleged Debtor (if known); (iv) pay an administration fee of £25 in respect of each

Football Debt detailed in the Claim at the same time as filing the Notice of Claim. This fee may be added to the total debt claimed from the Alleged Debtor.

4 Upon receipt of a valid Notice of Claim, the Affiliated Association shall take steps to verify whether the Football Debt(s) is payable by the Alleged Debtor to the Alleged Creditor. The Affiliated Association shall provide a Notification to the Alleged Creditor and Alleged Debtor within 21 days of receipt of the Notice of Claim.

PAYMENT OF A CLAIM

5 If a claim is upheld by the Affiliated Association, the Alleged Debtor must make payment of the Football Debt directly to the Alleged Creditor within 21 days of the date of the Notification.

6 If a claim is partially upheld by an Affiliated Association, the Alleged Debtor must make payment of such proportion of the Football Debt as directed by the Affiliated Association, in its absolute discretion, in the Notification, directly to the Alleged Creditor within 21 days of the date of the Notification.

7 If a claim is rejected by the Affiliated Association, no payment is payable by the Alleged Debtor to the Alleged Creditor.

APPEALS

8 If a Claim is upheld or partially upheld by the Affiliated Association, the Alleged Debtor may submit a Notice of Appeal to the Affiliated Association within 21 days of the date of the Notification.

9 If a Claim is rejected or partially upheld by the Affiliated Association, the Alleged Creditor may submit a Notice of Appeal to the Affiliated Association within 21 days of the date of the Notification.

10 In order for a Notice of Appeal to be valid, the Alleged Debtor/Alleged Creditor must (i) detail all relevant reasons why the Notification should be overturned in full or in part; (ii) provide a copy of the Notification and copies of all paperwork previously submitted to the Affiliated Association in respect of the claim; (iii) provide the full name, last known address and date of birth of the Alleged Debtor/Alleged Creditor (if known).

11 Upon receipt of a valid Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Board shall determine, in its absolute discretion, whether to uphold, partially uphold or reject the appeal and shall provide an Appeal Notification to the Alleged Creditor and Alleged Debtor within 21 days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal. The decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.

12 If an appeal is rejected by an Appeal Board, the Appeal Fee shall be retained by the Affiliated Association.

13 If an Appeal Notification directs that the entirety or a proportion of the Football Debt(s) is payable by the Alleged Debtor to the Alleged Creditor, such sum must be paid directly to the Alleged Creditor within 21 days of the date of the Appeal Notification.

MISCELLANEOUS

14 If a claim is upheld or partially upheld by an Affiliated Association/Appeal Board and payment of the Football Debt has not been received by the Alleged Creditor within 21 days of the date of the Notification/Appeal Notification, the Alleged Debtor will be automatically suspended from all footballing activity by the Affiliated Association until (i) the sum directed to be paid by the Affiliated Associated/Appeal Board has been paid to the Alleged Creditor in full, and (ii) the Alleged Debtor has received notification from the Affiliated Association that the suspension has been lifted. Any Alleged Debtor breaching such a suspension will be liable to be charged under FA Rule E10 of the Rules of The Association.

C: APPEALS - NON-FAST TRACK

These Regulations set out the provisions relating to appeals conducted in accordance with the Rules, save for appeals arising from matters proceeding under Part E: Fast Track Regulations (which shall be conducted in accordance with Part E: Fast Track 7: Appeals – Fast Track therein).

Grounds of Appeal

1 The grounds of appeal available to The Association shall be that the body whose decision is appealed against:

1.1 misinterpreted or failed to comply with the Rules and/or regulations of The Association relevant to its decision; and/or

1.2 came to a decision to which no reasonable such body could have come; and/or

1.3 imposed a penalty, award, order or sanction that was so unduly lenient as to be unreasonable.

2 The grounds of appeal available to Participants shall be that the body whose decision is appealed against:

2.1 failed to give that Participant a fair hearing; and/or

2.2 misinterpreted or failed to comply with the Rules and/or regulations of The Association relevant to its decision; and/or

2.3 came to a decision to which no reasonable such body could have come; and/or

2.4 imposed a penalty, award, order or sanction that was excessive.

3 Where an appeal is brought by FIFA, UKAD or WADA against a decision of a Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Association's Anti-Doping Regulations, any of the grounds set out at paragraphs 1 and 2 above may be relied upon.

Appeal Process

Commencement of Appeal and Response

4 Appeal timings shall run from the date of notification of the decision being appealed against ("Notification Date"). The Notification Date shall be:

4.1 the date of provision of the written decision; or

4.2 where the relevant rules or regulations provide that written reasons may be produced or requested, the date of provision of the written reasons.

5 In the case of an appeal from a decision of a Regulatory Commission or Disciplinary Commission;

5.1 notification of the intention to appeal shall be made in writing to The Association (or to the relevant Participant, where The Association is the appellant) within seven days of the Notification Date.

5.2 a notice of appeal (the "Notice of Appeal") with The Association by email to Disciplinary@TheFA.com (or, where The Association is the appellant, with the relevant Participant) within 14 days of the Notification Date.

6 In case of all other appeals, the timings set out in paragraph 5 above shall apply, unless the relevant rules provide otherwise.

7 The Notice of Appeal must:

7.1 identify the specific decision(s) being appealed;

7.2 set out the ground(s) of appeal and the reasons why it would be substantially unfair not to alter the original decision;

7.3 set out a statement of the facts upon which the appeal is based;

7.4 save for where the appellant is The Association, in which case no appeal fee will be payable, be accompanied by the relevant appeal fee as set out in paragraph 21 of Part A: General Provisions.

Where an appeal is lodged electronically, the appeal fee must be received not later than the third day following the day of despatch of the electronic notification (including both the day of despatch and receipt);

7.5 where appropriate, apply for leave to present new evidence under paragraph 10 below.

8 The respondent shall serve a written reply to the Notice of Appeal (the "Response") on an appellant and the Appeal Board within 21 days of the lodging of the Notice of Appeal. Where appropriate, the Response must include an application for leave to present new evidence under paragraph 10 below.

9 Where the Regulatory Commission or other body appealed against has not stated the reasons for its decision, either:

9.1 the appellant shall request written reasons from that body which shall be provided to the Appeal Board; or

9.2 the Appeal Board shall require that a member of that body attends the appeal hearing. In which case:

(i) questions may be put by the Appeal Board at a hearing to satisfy itself as to the reasons for the decision); (ii) cross-examination by the appellant or respondent shall not be permitted;

(iii) representations may be made by the parties to the Appeal Board who may then put questions to the member of the body that made the decision.

New Evidence

10 The Appeal Board shall hear new evidence only where it has given leave that it may be presented. An application for leave to present new evidence must be made in the Notice of Appeal or the Response. Such application must set out the nature and the relevance of the new evidence, and why it was not presented at the original hearing. Save in exceptional circumstances, the Appeal Board shall not grant leave to present new evidence unless satisfied with the reason given as to why it was not, or could not have been, presented at the original hearing and that such evidence is relevant. The Appeal Board's decision shall be final. Where leave to present new evidence has been granted, in all cases the other party will be given an opportunity to respond.

Appeal Board Proceedings

11 The appellant shall prepare a set of documents which shall be provided to the Appeal Board and respondent at least seven days before the hearing and which shall comprise the following (or their equivalent):

11.1 the Charge;

11.2 the Reply;

11.3 any documents or other evidence referred to at the original hearing relevant to the appeal;

11.4 any transcript of the original hearing;

11.5 the notification of decision appealed against and, where they have been given, the reasons for the decision;

11.6 any new evidence;

11.7 the Notice of Appeal;

11.8 the Response

12 An appeal shall be by way of a review on documents only. The parties shall however be entitled to make oral submissions to the Appeal Board. Oral evidence will not be permitted, except where the Appeal Board gives leave to present new evidence under paragraph 10 above.

13 Once an appeal has been commenced, it shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the Appeal Board. Where an appeal is so withdrawn, the Appeal Board may make such order for costs, or such order in respect of any bond lodged pursuant to paragraphs 27 to 37 below, as it considers appropriate.

14 The chairman of an Appeal Board may upon the application of a party or otherwise, give any instructions considered necessary for the proper conduct of the proceedings, including but not limited to:

14.1 extending or reducing any time limit;

14.2 amending or dispensing with any procedural steps set out in these Regulations;

14.3 instructing that a transcript be made of the proceedings;

14.4 ordering parties to attend a preliminary hearing;

14.5 ordering a party to provide written submissions.

The decision of the chairman of the Appeal Board shall be final.

15 The Appeal Board may adjourn a hearing for such period and upon such terms (including an order as to costs) as it considers appropriate.

16 The Appeal Board shall proceed in the absence of any party, unless it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the failure of the party to attend, and shall do so in such manner as it considers appropriate.

17 The following procedures shall be followed at an appeal hearing unless the Appeal Board thinks it appropriate to amend them:

17.1 the appellant to address the appeal board, summarising its case;

17.2 any new evidence to be presented by the appellant;

17.3 the respondent to address the appeal board, summarising its case;

17.4 any new evidence to be presented by the respondent;

17.5 each party to be able to put questions to any witness giving new evidence;

17.6 the Appeal Board may put questions to the parties and any witness giving new evidence at any stage;

17.7 the respondent to make closing submissions;

17.8 the appellant to make closing submissions.

18 The Appeal Board may, in the event of a party failing to comply with an order, requirement or instruction of the Appeal Board, take any action it considers appropriate, including an award of costs against the offending party.

Appeal Board Decisions

General

19 A decision, order, requirement or instruction of the Appeal Board shall (save where to be made under the Rules by the Chairman of the Appeal Board alone) be determined by a majority. Each member of the Appeal Board shall have one vote, save that the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote in the event of deadlock.

20 The Appeal Board shall notify the parties of its decision to the parties as soon as practicable in such a manner as it considers appropriate; and unless it directs otherwise, its decision shall come into effect immediately.

21 The Appeal Board shall have power to:

21.1 allow or dismiss the appeal;

21.2 exercise any power which the body against whose decision the appeal was made could have exercised, whether the effect is to increase or decrease any penalty, award, order or sanction originally imposed;

21.3 remit the matter for re-hearing;

21.4 order that any appeal fee be forfeited or returned as it considers appropriate;

21.5 make such further or other order as it considers appropriate, generally or for the purpose of giving effect to its decision.

21.6 order that any costs, or part thereof, incurred by the Appeal Board be paid by either party or be shared by both parties in a manner determined by the Appeal Board.

22 Decisions of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding and there shall be no right of further challenge, except in relation to appeals:

22.1 to CAS brought by FIFA or WADA pursuant to the Anti-Doping Regulations; or

22.2 concerning the amount of costs any party is ordered to pay by the Appeal Board (which is considered in paragraph 24 below).

Other Costs

23 Any costs incurred in bringing, or responding to, an appeal shall normally be borne by the party incurring the costs. In exceptional circumstances the Appeal Board may order one party to pay some or all of the other party's costs. Such costs will not include any legal costs. Any applications for such costs must be made at the Appeal Board and must include details of the exceptional circumstances.

24 An appeal against only the quantum of costs ordered to be paid shall be heard and determined by a single person appointed by Sport Resolutions (UK) (or a similar independent body as determined by The Association from time to time). That person shall decide all matters of procedure for how such an appeal will be conducted.

Written Decision and Written Reasons

25 As soon as practicable after the hearing, the Appeal Board shall publish a written statement of its decision, which shall state:

25.1 the names of the parties, the decision(s) appealed against and the grounds of appeal;

25.2 whether or not the appeal is allowed; and

25.3 the order(s) of the Appeal Board.

26 The Appeal Board shall, upon the request of the appellant or the respondent (such request to be received at The Association within three days of the date of the notification of the decision), give written reasons for the decision.

Appeals from Decisions of Leagues: Bond Applications

27 The provisions relating to bond applications at paragraphs 28 to 37 shall only apply where an appellant is appealing a decision of a League (save for decisions of the Premier League or the EFL).

28 Within seven days of lodging the Notice of Appeal, the League (as respondent) may make an application for the Appeal Board to require a bond to be lodged by the appellant before the appeal may progress.

29 Whilst such a bond application is being processed, no Response to the Notice of Appeal will be due from the Respondent in accordance with paragraph 8 above.

30 Any bond application must be copied to the appellant, and must:

30.1 state the grounds for the application; and

30.2 state the amount applied for.

31 The appellant may provide a response to the bond application within seven days of its submission.

32 Whether or not the appellant has provided any response to it, the Appeal Board shall consider the bond application as soon as practicable after the seventh day following its submission. The Appeal Board may, in its discretion, consider the bond application on papers alone, or require the parties to attend a personal hearing.

Any such personal hearing shall be conducted according to such timings and procedure as the Appeal Board may determine at its discretion.

33 The test to be applied by the Appeal Board is whether it is satisfied that there is a real risk that the appellant will not pursue the appeal to a final determination by the Appeal Board. Where it is so satisfied, the Appeal Board may order the appellant to lodge a bond with The Association on such date and in such amount as it considers appropriate. The Appeal Board's decision in this respect shall be final and binding with no further right of appeal. For the avoidance of doubt, consideration of a bond may only be given by an Appeal Board following submission of an application by a respondent in accordance with paragraph 28.

34 Where an Appeal Board orders a bond to be lodged with The Association, the Appeal may not proceed until the bond is duly lodged. In any such appeal, notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 8 above, the respondent shall serve its response to the Notice of Appeal within 14 days from the date that the bond is lodged with The Association.

35 Where an Appeal Board decides not to order a bond to be lodged with The Association, notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 8 above, the respondent shall serve its response to the Notice of Appeal within 14 days from the date of the Appeal Board's decision.

36 Any bond lodged with The Association pursuant to paragraph 33 above will be held by The Association until the final determination of the appeal by an Appeal Board. Following such final determination, the bond shall in all cases be returned to the appellant in full.

37 Notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 23 below, in any case where a bond has been lodged with The Association, and the appeal is not pursued by the appellant to a final determination by the Appeal Board, the Appeal Board shall have a discretion to order the forfeiture of any part or all of the bond, such amount to be paid in full to the respondent to cover any costs it has so far incurred in responding to the appeal.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR HEARINGS DEALT WITH BY COUNTY AND OTHER AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

HEARINGS BEFORE A DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

A. Subject to the Rules of The Association, a Disciplinary Commission may adopt such procedures at a hearing of a Charge as it considers appropriate and expedient for the just determination of the Charge brought before it.

B. A Disciplinary Commission shall not be bound by any enactment or Rule of Law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a Court of Law.

C. A Disciplinary Commission must be chaired by a Chairman that has completed The FA Chairman training and passed the online assessment within the previous 2 years.

D. A Disciplinary Commission Secretary must attend all Disciplinary Commissions. Neither the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission nor any of the members of the relevant Disciplinary Commission may act as Disciplinary Commission Secretary.

E. The Disciplinary Commission Secretary must have completed The FA Secretary training and passed the online assessment within the previous 2 years.

F. A Disciplinary Commission may appoint members from outside of the Affiliated Association Council. Members of the County Local Football Association Anti-Discrimination Panel are eligible for all Disciplinary Commission appointments and are co-opted members to the County Disciplinary Committee.

G. For all personal hearings all case papers must be distributed to the Participant Charged and the Disciplinary Commission at least 3 days prior to the hearing and for non-personal hearings all papers must be distributed to the Disciplinary Commission at least 1 day prior to the hearing.

H. For any personal hearings taking place on or after 1 January 2018, at least one member of the Disciplinary Commission shall be independent.

Attendance of Children at Personal Hearings

CHILDREN

I. A child aged 13 or under must not appear at a Disciplinary Commission as either a witness or the person charged. An alternative method should be adopted which could include:

- A meeting - bring the parties together to talk through the issues.
- County FA (CFA) Welfare Officer (CFA WO) to talk to the child to warn them about their behaviour. A parent/carer should be present at any meeting.
- CFA WO to obtain written statement from child and Disciplinary Commission to then proceed on paper basis only – the CFA WO may need to write the statement in conjunction with the child and parent/carer.
- Private meeting between child and CFA WO to establish child's version of events, CFA WO to report verbally to Disciplinary Commission. The CFA WO should make a contemporaneous note of the meeting and a parent/carer should be present throughout.

J. A child between the ages of 14 and 16 years inclusive can attend a Disciplinary Commission provided that:

- he / she understands it is his / her duty to speak the truth.
- his / her evidence is sufficiently important to justify it being heard.
- the appropriate procedures relating to minors are adopted. The child must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

K. When dealing with a Disciplinary Commission involving those aged 16 and 17 years in Adult Football, best practice would be to follow the guidance established for adults, except in cases where the individual has learning development needs. Those with learning

development needs should be treated in a manner consistent with their mental capacity. If the suggestion is that the Participant has the cognitive reasoning of a child of a particular age, follow that guidance.

- Where a child is aged 17, consent of the parent should be sought for the child to attend the Disciplinary Commission where possible / appropriate. A 17 year old is still a child and if they choose to have adult representation this should be allowed.

L. Young people as witnesses

i. Evidence should only be received from young people (accompanied by a responsible adult) in front of the Disciplinary Commission, the Disciplinary Commission Secretary, the Participant Charged and his/her representative.

ii. All other occupants present at a hearing must remove themselves from the hearing whilst a young person is giving evidence.

iii. The asking of questions will be restricted to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission only.

iv. At the end of the questioning the representative or Participant Charged will be asked whether there are any other questions that they believe should be asked of the witness.

v. If required additional questions may be put to the witness but only by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission.

vi. Once all the questioning has been completed the young person will then leave the Disciplinary Commission room and will not be required to remain for the remainder of the hearing.

1. A person must be appointed to the Disciplinary Commission to act as its Secretary, whose duty shall be to call the evidence to be submitted in support of the Charge and generally assist the Disciplinary Commission in its determination of the Charge.

2. A Participant may be represented by one individual. (For instance, a Player may be represented by a Club Official of a Club with which he/she is associated or by a representative of the Professional Footballers' Association, and a Referee may be represented by a representative of the Referees Association except when he/she is acting as a witness.) A Participant appearing before a Disciplinary Commission may be legally represented. An individual acting as representative for a Participant shall not be allowed to give evidence at a Disciplinary Commission.

3. The Participant Charged and any representative shall be admitted to the hearing. The Disciplinary Commission shall satisfy itself that the Participant Charged has had details of the Charge.

4. Evidence (including witness evidence) in support of the Charge shall be received by the Disciplinary Commission. In cases concerning a report from a Match Official, that report shall be received in evidence first. This report may have been submitted by email or through a web-site, in accordance with accepted procedures of The Association.

5. The Participant Charged or his/her representative shall have the right to ask questions relevant to the matters in issue of any witness in support of the Charge.

6. After evidence in support of the Charge has been received by the Disciplinary Commission, any written statement made by the Participant Charged shall be considered by the Disciplinary Commission.

The Participant Charged may then give evidence on his/her own behalf and in such event he/she may have questions asked of him/her by the Disciplinary Commission. The Participant Charged or his/her representative may then submit evidence and call witnesses.

7. At any time the Chairman and members of the Disciplinary Commission, may ask questions of any witness or any representative. The Disciplinary Commission may draw such inferences as it considers appropriate from the failure of the Participant Charged to give evidence or answer a question put to him/her.

8. In the event of the evidence submitted in answer to the Charge disclosing a point which the Disciplinary Commission considers was not covered in the evidence of, or not put to, any witness in support of the Charge, the Disciplinary Commission may recall any witness and ask questions of such witness. The person charged or his/her representative may also ask questions as at paragraph 5 above.

9. The evidence having been completed to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Commission, the Participant Charged or his/her representative shall be entitled to make closing submissions based upon the evidence, but this may not include reference to facts not disclosed in the evidence presented to the Disciplinary Commission.

10. At the conclusion of the closing submissions, all persons shall withdraw whilst the Disciplinary Commission considers the evidence and submissions presented to it and determines whether the Charge has been proven or not. After reaching its decision, the Disciplinary Commission shall recall the Participant Charged and his/her representative. The Disciplinary Commission Secretary shall announce whether the Charge has been found proven or not proven.

11. If the Charge is found not proven the hearing will be declared closed.

12. If the Charge is found proven details of the Misconduct (as defined in and pursuant to the Rules of The Association) record of the Participant Charged shall be received by the Disciplinary Commission. The Participant Charged, or his/her representative, may then make a plea in mitigation.

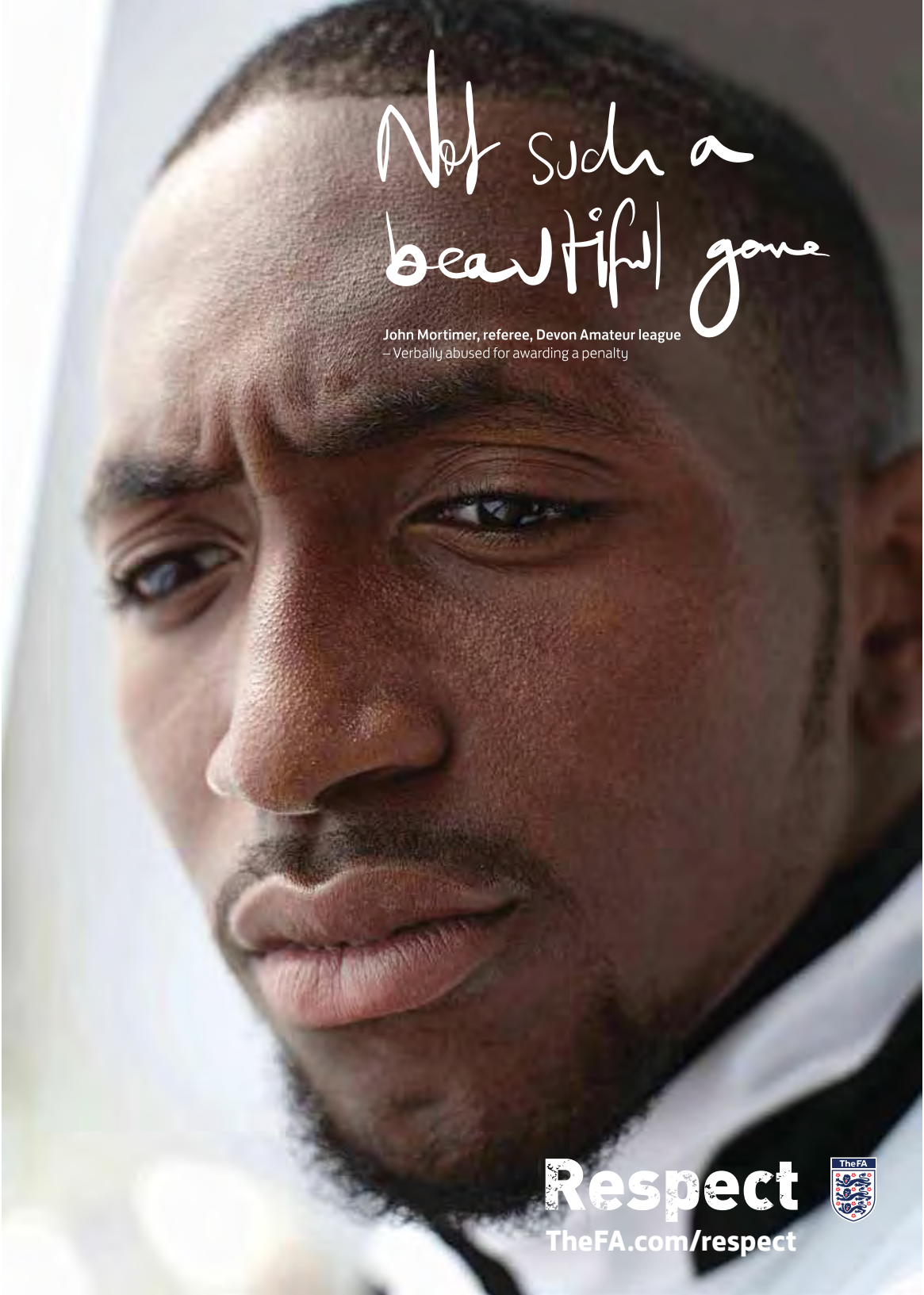
13. At the conclusion of the plea in mitigation the Participant Charged and his/her representative shall again withdraw and the Disciplinary Commission shall determine what order or orders, if any, shall be made under Regulation 6.1 of the Disciplinary Regulations.

14. The Participant Charged and his/her representative shall then be re-admitted and informed of the decision of the Disciplinary Commission by the Disciplinary Commission Secretary. This shall subsequently be confirmed in writing. (In cases of an Assault on a Match Referee, the findings of the Disciplinary Commission will be sent to the Match Official if requested by the Match Official, in writing).

15. As an alternative to the above, a Disciplinary Commission may, where it considers it appropriate, not announce its decision at the meeting but inform the Participant Charged that such decision will be communicated to him/her in writing through his/her Club Secretary.

BOARD HEARINGS

The Appeal Board will be conducted in accordance with the General Provisions Relating to Appeal Boards and the Appeal Regulations.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THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINE PROCESS FOR SMALL-SIDED FOOTBALL

Introduction

Implementing an effective disciplinary process is an important factor for all formats of football, helping to establish a quality, organised, safe and enjoyable football experience for all players and officials. The issue of discipline is of equal importance in Small Sided Football as it is in the 11v11 football, and subsequently should be shown proper attention and regard by Small Sided Football providers when organising their competitions; particularly if the competitions wish to be appropriately sanctioned and affiliated to The Association.

The Association has developed this disciplinary process to accommodate the varied and different needs of Small Sided Football. The Association recognises that applying the same disciplinary processes to Small Sided Football as it does in 11v11 football does not satisfactorily meet the differing demands of this version of the game. However, this does not mean that The Association takes ill-discipline in Small Sided Football any less seriously.

It is important to note for all Small Sided Football providers, that failure or disregard in establishing and effectively implementing these disciplinary processes can and will lead to The Association removing affiliation and classifying providers competitions as being unsanctioned by The Association.

For all Small Sided Football providers that affiliate to The Association nationally it is a condition of affiliation to agree to abide by the 'Heads of Agreement' that clearly state that the provider will manage disciplinary issues in accordance with this disciplinary process.

It is recommended that County FAs that affiliate local Small Sided Football providers establish similar agreements.

The implementation of this disciplinary process will help create a safer and more enjoyable football environment for Small Sided Football players and officials, but also importantly for the providers it can assist in retaining Participants playing in their competitions.

1. Discipline Ownership & Control

   All issues of discipline that occur at a Small Sided Football provider affiliated to The Association fall under the jurisdiction of the local County FA.

   The ability for Small Sided Football providers to manage discipline in their competitions for incidents outlined in Table 1 below have been delegated to the provider by the local County FA.

   It is at the discretion of The Association to remove this delegated responsibility from a Small Sided Football provider if the provider is unable to demonstrate competence in handling and managing disciplinary issues. In such cases the responsibility for all discipline in that competition will be returned to the local County FA.

2. Affiliation & Provision of Team Information

   When affiliating competitions and slots to The Association or County FAs, all Small Sided Football providers must provide the following information for all teams playing in their competitions to ensure that disciplinary cases can be managed appropriately:

   - Team Name
   - Team Captain/Manager contact details (name, address, email or telephone number

   The Small Sided Football provider must also ensure that The Association or County FA is updated with accurate team information throughout the course of the affiliation period. Small Sided Football providers will not be affiliated unless this team information is provided accurately.

The only exceptions to this rule are outlined below:

2.1. Disciplinary Agreement:

On affiliation to The Association or County FA the Small Sided Football Provider signs the Disciplinary Agreement in Appendix B where the provider agrees to operate a comprehensive system of recording and maintaining accurate team and player details. This agreement also requires the Small Sided Football Provider to provide The Association/ County FA with team information (team name and team captain contact details) within 48 hours of receiving a request for this information. It also accepts that from time-to-time The Association or County FA may request to undertake a random spot-check of a Small Sided Football providers competition to ensure that the provider has accurate team information for all teams in that competition.

As well as signing this Disciplinary Agreement, at the point of affiliation the Small Sided Football provider must also provide written evidence to The Association or County FA to demonstrate the current systems that they operate and maintain to record accurate team information.

If the Small Sided Football provider is able to comply with these points, the organisation will not be required to provide all team information to The Association / County FAs upon affiliation. If however, the Small Sided Football provider consistently fails to provide accurate team information when requested this privilege can be revoked by The Association.

2.2. FA Small Sided Football Accreditation

Small Sided Football providers that have attained The FA Small Sided Football Accreditation have demonstrated through the accreditation process that they have sufficient systems in place for recording and managing team information, and that as part of the accreditation they will provide The Association/County FAs with team details within 48 hours when requested in order for disciplinary cases to be managed. As a consequence, accredited Small Sided Football providers will not be required to provide team information upon affiliation.

3. Issuing of Cautions and ‘Timed Suspensions’

In Small Sided Football yellow cards and associated cautions are not employed.

Referees should instead issue a blue card for a cautionable offence. The issuing of a blue card indicates that the recipient will serve an immediate ‘timed suspension’ (‘sin bin’).

The options for disciplining offenders are therefore as follows:

Player shown a blue card and temporarily suspended from play

Player issued with a discretionary second blue card and temporarily excluded from play

Player issued with a red card and permanently excluded from play

A blue card offence should always be accompanied by a temporary suspension from play.

The period of timed suspension in Small Sided Football shall be two minutes. The release of Players from a temporary suspension should be at the direction of the Referee.

3.1 Recording of Blue Cards

In Small Sided Football cautionable offences that result in a blue card and a timed suspension from the match shall not be recorded and reported by the match official or Small Sided Football provider.

Blue card offences should not be reported back to the County FA, and no disciplinary fine shall be incurred by the player.

4. Disciplinary Procedures for Red Card Offences

4.1. 'Serious' Red Card Offences

Offences not classified in Table 1 below will be the responsibility of the local County FA. Once the County FA has reviewed the case the Small Sided Football provider along with the player will be informed of the outcome and any disciplinary action.

For these offences match official are required to complete the Disciplinary Report in Appendix A and submit a copy to the Small Sided Football provider and the relevant County FA.

4.2. 'Less Serious' Red Card Offences (as outlined in Table 1)

Offences classified within Table 1 should be dealt with by the Small Sided Football provider under the delegated-authority of the County FA covered in paragraph 1 above.

The match official should complete a 'Disciplinary Report' (Appendix A) and ensure that it is sent to the Small Sided Football provider.

The Small Sided Football provider should employ the following disciplinary tariff of suspensions in such cases as outlined in Table 1. The provider shall not fine the player.

Match Suspension Tariff:

Table 1

OFFENCE	PENALTY (TO BE ADMINISTERED BY SMALL SIDED
Receiving a second 'blue card' in the same match	1 Match suspension
Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring	1 Match suspension
Use of offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	2 Match suspension
Attempting to kick or strike another player Violent conduct Serious foul play	3 Match suspension

5. Remit of Disciplinary Action

Any suspensions for offences dealt with by the County FA that are not covered in Table 1 apply to all levels of football (i.e. 11 a side and Small Sided Football). Red cards administered in Small Sided Football for offences within Table 1 are the responsibility of the organiser to deal with according to The Association's recommended tariff of suspensions and are from Small Sided Football only.

6. Personal Liability for 'Serious' Disciplinary Offences

Initial responsibility for a disciplinary issue will be with the individual that committed the offence. If this individual leaves the team but can be accurately identified, this individual shall retain responsibility for the payment of a fine and should be suspended from all forms of football until the fine is paid in accordance with the Football Debt Recovery Regulations.

If the individual responsible for the offence cannot be accurately identified, the responsibility for the payment of this fine will be with (in order of responsibility):

The small sided team that the individual played for when committing the offence.

The team captain of the team that the individual played for.

7. Implementation of Disciplinary Procedures

A robust disciplinary process can only operate if a record is kept of the identity of participating teams and Players.

All Small Sided Football providers should maintain details of participating teams and team contacts prior to the beginning of a competition. Providers should ensure that these details remain updated.

In addition Small Sided Football providers should identify a system whereby the identity of participating Players is recorded prior to a game commencing. These records should be retained by the Organisers and referred to in the event of a serious incident or on suspicion that a Player is playing whilst under suspension.

The existence of these systems (in line with paragraph 2 above) shall be a requirement before The Association or County FA will provide sanction to a competition taking place.

In order for an effective discipline, affiliation and Referees appointment procedure to exist a good working relationship should exist between the Small Sided Football provider and the County FA. County FA's and Small Sided Football providers should establish a 'Heads of Agreement' document which identifies the responsibilities of each party in relation to maintenance of discipline and affiliation processes.

APPENDIX A

SMALL-SIDED FOOTBALL DISCIPLINARY REPORT

How to use:

- The Referee should complete this form after a red-card has been issued.
- One form should be completed for each red-card.
  - The first copy of this form should be retained by the Small Sided Football provider
  - The second to be retained by the Referee
  - The third copy should be forwarded to the County FA (Red Cards Type Two Offences only)

Referees must report to the local County FA **all** Red Card Type Two Offence.

Venue	
Date	
Player	
Team	
Opposition Team	

I have disciplined this player for the following Offence:

CARD TYPE	OFFENCE	PLEASE TICK
Red Card Type One	Denying a goal or an obvious scoring opportunity by physical means or by deliberately handling the	
	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language/ gesture (including at a Referee)	
	A second blue card offence	
	Violent conduct	
	Serious Foul Play	
Red Card Type One	Serious Violent Behaviour causing injury, including any form of assault	
	Spitting	
	Any offences where the offender has also acted in a discriminatory manner for reasons of ethnic origin, colour, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability	
	Any other offence not covered above including offences after the match or after being dismissed	

Notes of incident	

Referee Name: .....

Signature: .....

Email Address: .....

Date: .....

APPENDIX B

SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL PROVIDER DISCIPLINARY AGREEMENT

This Disciplinary Agreement must be signed and adhered to by a Small Sided Football provider upon affiliating to The Association or County FA if they do not wish to submit all team information details as part of the affiliation process.

The Small Sided Football provider agrees to adhere to the following:

1 The Small Sided Football provider agrees to appropriately affiliate all leagues and teams to The Association or County FA for the duration of this agreement.

2 The Small Sided Football provider will work with The Association and appropriate County FAs to manage and maintain a robust discipline process in their competitions and will adhere to The Football Association Small Sided Football Disciplinary Policy.

3 The Small Sided Football provider will promptly forward all incident reports to the relevant County FA for every sending off for offences not covered under Table 1 of the procedures that occurs in their competitions within 5 working days. The Small Sided Football provider will manage suspensions and disciplinary incidents that are considered 'less serious' and are covered within Table 1.in line with The Football Association Small Sided Football Disciplinary Policy.

4 The Small Sided Football provider will provide within 48 hours after receiving a request from a County FA the details of players that are involved in offences being dealt with by the County FA. If the Small Sided Football provider is unable to identify or provide details for the player involved, as a minimum the Small Sided Football provider must be able to produce the team captain / manager's name, address and contact details.

5 The Small Sided Football provider will ensure that suspended players are unable to play in their competitions for the duration of the player's suspension.

6 The local County FA will manage disciplinary incidents outlined in The Football Association's Small Sided Football Disciplinary Policy.

7 The County FAs will ensure that the Small Sided Football provider is made aware of all outcomes that affect Players involved in their competitions.

8 The County FAs will ensure that the Small Sided Football provider is informed of all Players that are suspended from participating in affiliated football.

9 The Small Sided Football provider will ensure that they operate a robust and thorough system of recording and maintaining accurate team and Player details in all of their affiliated competitions. The Small Sided Football provider at the point of affiliation will provide the County FA or The Association written details of this system that they operate.

10 The Association or County FA from time-to-time may request to undertake a spot-check of a Small Sided Football provider's competition to ensure that the provider has the necessary team details for all teams involved in the competition.

The Small Sided Football provider (named below) agrees to adhere to all of the points listed in this Disciplinary Agreement during the period of affiliation to The Association or County FA.

This agreement needs to be signed by the Small Sided Football provider and returned to either The Association or County FA at the point of affiliation.

Name of Small Sided Football provider:	
Name of Senior Representative at the Small Sided Football provider:	
Role at the Organisation:	
Signed:	
Date:	

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

Every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football, thus every club is required to endorse and adhere to The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy.

The Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children and young people who play or participate in football by protecting them from abuse and harm. The Association is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all children and young people to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities for as long as they choose to do so.

The Association recognises that the terms 'child or young person', 'abuse' and 'harm' are open to interpretation and challenge but for the purpose of this Safeguarding Children policy they are defined as follows:

A child or young person shall be defined as:

> 'anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday.'

Abuse shall be defined as:

> 'a violation of an individual's human or civil rights by any other person or persons and, for the purposes of safeguarding children, shall include physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, bullying and hazing.'

Harm shall be defined as:

> 'Ill treatment and forms of ill treatment (including sexual abuse and forms of ill-treatment which are not physical) and also the impairment of or an avoidable deterioration in physical or mental health and the impairment of physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development.'

'Harm' may be caused by acts of commission and acts of omission.

The Safeguarding Children Policy is supported by The Association's Respect programme to address verbal abuse and bullying of youngsters by parents and coaches on the sidelines. The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy principles are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration;
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, race, faith, belief or sexual orientation;
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately; and
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents and carers is essential.

The Association is committed to working in partnership with the Police, Children's Services Departments, Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCB) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in accordance with their procedures. This is essential to enable these organisations to carry out their statutory duties to investigate concerns and protect all children and young people.

The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy is in response to government legislation and guidance, developed to safeguard the welfare and development of children and young people.

Clubs and Leagues with youth teams must appoint a Welfare Officer in line with The Association affiliation requirements. A Club's Welfare Officer must sit on the management committee of that Club.

All League and Club Welfare Officers are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers.

A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR VOLUNTEER WELFARE OFFICERS

The role of the Welfare Officers is to:

1. Be clear about the Club's/League's responsibilities when running activities for children and young people
2. Help those actively involved with children and young people understand what their duty of care means on a day to day basis

As a Welfare Officer they will act as a role model to others in accordance with the roles and responsibilities of their position, in line with The Association's Rules and Regulations, the Respect codes of conduct for officials and the laws of the game.

In fulfilling the role they accept that within the role of Welfare Officer they will:

- Be child centred at all times and promote a fun safe environment for children and young people
- Follow all of the The Association's policies and in particular procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns including discrimination
- Act appropriately in all situations brought to their attention
- Champion Best Practice within their Club/League
- Communicate and positively engage with the CFA WO on all poor practice/ safeguarding matters brought to the attention of CFA /The Association
- Attend meetings as reasonably required by the Club Committee, Youth League and CFA
- Manage and deal with poor practice issues in an appropriate and timely manner
- Ensure appropriate levels of confidentiality and data security are maintained at all times
- Implement and manage a responsible recruitment process in line with The Association's policy and procedures
- Attend continued personal development (CPD) opportunities as offered by their CFA and show a commitment to keeping their training up to date

If they do not follow the above code any/all of the following actions may be undertaken by their Club, League, County FA or The Association (This is not an exhaustive list):

- Required to meet with the Club/League Committee, YLWO or CFA WO
- Required to follow an action plan monitored by the YLWO/CFA WO
- Required to complete an FA education course
- Imposing a fine or suspension
- Required to leave the Club/League they represent
- Removed from role by the Club/League/County FA/The Association
- On appointment, all League and Club Welfare Officers agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers and understand the actions that may be taken should they fail to act in accordance with the Code. In agreeing to fulfil the role they confirm that they meet the criteria outlined within The Association's Suitability Checklist for YLWO/CWOs.

B WELFARE OFFICER PERSON SPECIFICATION AND SUITABILITY CHECKLIST

1. Person Specification
   - Experience of dealing or working with young people
   - Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children issues[1]
   - A good communicator in a variety of situations with people from diverse backgrounds
   - Committed to and ability to abide by The Association Rules and Regulations and promote The Association's Respect programme and safeguarding children education
   - Empathy when dealing with individuals, sometimes in demanding situations
   - Ability to listen and assess situations fairly
   - Ability to handle confidential information sensitively and with integrity
   - Reasonable level of administration experience and how to deal with confidential documentation
   - Willingness to attend any in-service training facilitated by either The Association or the local County FA
2. Suitability Checklist
   - Understanding of child protection issues and some knowledge of safeguarding legislation
   - Knowledge of and positive attitudes to equal opportunities
   - Willing and able to provide relevant current references
   - Previous experience of dealing or working with children
   - Commitment to treat all children as individuals and with equal concern
   - Physical health – appropriate to carry out tasks
   - Integrity and flexibility
   - At least 18 years of age
   - Completion of The Association's Criminal Records Checks (CRC) process and acceptance by The Association of the outcome
   - Understanding of the need for confidentiality when dealing with issues
   - Reasonable level of administration experience and how to deal with confidential documentation
   - Completion of The Association's Safeguarding Children Workshop and Welfare Officer Workshop
   - Willingness to update skills and knowledge and attend in-service training facilitated by The Association or the local County FA
   - Has agreed to and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers

   NB If anyone is known to be unsuitable to work with children his/her application should be refused by the Club/League. If in any doubt about an applicant contact your County FA Welfare Officer.

More Information and Footnote References

If you need any further advice or information please contact your County FA Welfare Officer who will be happy to help you. More information about the role of the Welfare Officer is available on www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding and clicking on Welfare Officer FAQs under the Welfare Officer section and also on the Respect pages under 'My Role' simply click on Welfare Officer.

1 This can be gained through The Association's Safeguarding Children Education Programme; see www.thefa.com/ football-rules-governance/safeguarding for further information or speak to your County FA Welfare Officer.

2 The Association's Policy on CRCs has been amended in light of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. For more information please visit www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/criminal-records-checks or e-mail FAchecks@thefa.com or call 0845 210 8080.

3 Some people with a history of offending can still be considered for roles in football that involve children. For more information please visit www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/criminal-records-checks or e-mail FAchecks@thefa.com or call 0845 210 8080.

The Association reserves the right to prevent an individual from becoming a Welfare Officer or remaining as a Welfare Officer where it deems the individual does not meet the suitability criteria, or it reasonably believes there is another compelling reason why that individual is not suitable.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

This Preamble is provided for guidance. If there is any inconsistency between the Preamble and the operative parts of the Safeguarding Children Regulations below, the operative parts shall prevail.

As set out in The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy, The Association is committed to safeguarding children within football and has Case Management procedures in place to assess the suitability of individuals to be involved with children in football.

In assessing that suitability, children's welfare is the paramount consideration.

Towards this, The Association has the power under the Safeguarding Children Regulations to issue an order where any one or more of the following applies:

(i) The individual fails to comply with any part of The Association's Criminal Records Check (CRC) process;

(ii) The individual has been barred by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) or the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) from engaging in regulated activity relating to children;

(iii) The individual has been disqualified from working with children under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;

(iv) The individual is subject to any other restriction on their involvement with children not within (ii) or (iii) made pursuant to statute;

(v) The individual has been convicted of, or made the subject of a caution for, an "Offence" defined in Regulation 1.1; or

(vi) Following a risk assessment, The Association is satisfied that the individual poses or may pose a risk of harm to children; or

(vii) Following a risk assessment, The Association is satisfied that the individual is or was in a position of trust in relation to another person and has engaged in sexual activity and/or an inappropriate relationship with that person.

GENERAL

1.1 In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in the Schedules of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.

The expression "position of trust" shall mean any position where an individual is in a relationship of trust with any person with responsibility and / or authority in relation to that person, and shall include without limitation those who care for, advise, supervise, train, coach, teach, manage, tutor, mentor, assess, develop, guide, treat or provide therapy to children and young people.

1.2 The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine its own procedures save that in making findings of fact the test that the Safeguarding Review Panel shall apply shall be the civil standard of the balance of probability. Where a case is referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel pursuant to these Regulations it shall have the discretion to depart from the procedures set out in these Regulations where it considers it appropriate to do so.

1.3 The actions that may be taken under these Regulations by a Case Manager may also be taken by the Case Manager's nominee.

1.4 The Association may notify other parties of the terms of any order imposed under these Regulations where the Case Manager considers that such notification is appropriate in order to give effect to the terms of the order.

1.5 Where urgent cases arise under these Regulations the Chairman of the Safeguarding Review Panel may exercise the functions and powers of the Case Manager and/or the Safeguarding Review Panel, as provided for by these Regulations, on an interim basis. An interim decision taken by the Chairman of the Safeguarding Panel shall not be final until such time as it has been ratified by the Safeguarding Review Panel, which shall have the right to ratify, modify or make any other order as it considers appropriate in relation to the decision taken by the Chairman of the Safeguarding Review Panel.

THE ASSOCIATION'S SAFEGUARDING PROCESS

2. Any person, regardless of their age, applying for or currently in such a position that The Association in its discretion considers relevant must comply with the requirements of The Association's Safeguarding process.

Such persons will include but not be limited to:

(i) Those in "Regulated Activity" as defined in Part V of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. An individual will fall within the definition where:

(a) his/her duties include teaching, training, instructing, caring for, supervising or providing guidance or advice on wellbeing to Children or driving a vehicle (on behalf of an organisation) only for Children; and

(b) such duties happen frequently (e.g. once a week or more often) or intensively (e.g. on 4 or more days in a 30 day period, or overnight); and

(c) The individual carrying out any of the duties described in (a) and (b) above is unsupervised.

Any person falling within this Regulation 2(i) shall be referred to as a "Regulated Activity Person"; and

(ii) Those who would otherwise fall within the definition of a Regulated Activity Person but for the fact that their duties are supervised (a "Supervised Person").

The requirements of The Association's Safeguarding process are:

2.1 (a) In respect of a Regulated Activity Person, to obtain and provide to The Association a DBS Enhanced Criminal Records Check with Children's Barred List

(b) In respect of a Supervised Person, to obtain and provide to The Association a DBS Enhanced Criminal Records Check

2.2 To provide any such further detail, explanation or clarification of any part of the matters disclosed pursuant to Regulation 2.1 (a) or (b) above, as may be required by The Association;

2.3 To comply with any other request or requirement which may assist The Association in progressing or completing any investigation, risk assessment or other enquiry as part of the Safeguarding process;

2.4 Where required, to provide at least two references that attest to their suitability to be involved in youth football. The spouse or partner of the person subject to this requirement cannot act as a referee for this purpose. Any reference provided by a spouse or partner will not be accepted; and

2.5 To comply with each of the requirements set out in Regulations 2.1 – 2.4 within any such time limit as The Association may stipulate.

2.6 To comply with any order imposed by the Safeguarding Review Panel. Any person who fails to comply with any of the requirements set out in Regulation 2 shall be subject to an immediate suspension from football activity, on such terms and/or for such period as The Association may stipulate.

Where an individual is subject to a suspension under Regulation 2.6, that suspension will remain effective (and not subject to any review by The Association) until such time as:

(i) The individual successfully appeals against their suspension pursuant to Regulation 5; or

(ii) The individual complies with the requirements set out in Regulation 2 that resulted in his or her suspension.

Any requirement under this Regulation 2, or any suspension arising from any failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Regulation, shall apply whether or not a person withdraws their application or ceases to hold the relevant position at any time before, during or after the investigation, risk assessment or final order of the Safeguarding Review Panel.

INTERIM ORDERS

3. Upon receipt by The Association of:

3.1 Notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence;

3.2 Notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Children's Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or

3.3 Any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children,

The Association shall have the power to make any interim order including, but not limited to, issuing an interim suspension order suspending the individual from all or any specific football activity for such a period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate. Interim orders shall be issued by the Case Manager, who shall provide the individual with written notification of the interim order, the reason(s) for its imposition and of the right of appeal pursuant to Regulation 6.

4.1 In determining whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made, the Case Manager shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:

4.1.1 Whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;

4.1.2 Whether the matters are of a serious nature; and/or

4.1.3 Whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded having regard to the need for any suspension order to be proportionate.

If the Association believes it requires further information from an individual in order to assess whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made and/or to properly assess the factors in Regulation 4.1, the Case Manager may request further information from that individual. Such information must be provided in accordance with the deadline set by the Case Manager.

4.2 The Case Manager will notify the individual in writing of the terms of any interim suspension order or other interim order, such notification to be sent by registered post to the individual's usual or last known address.

5. An individual who is subject to an interim order under Regulation 3 or under Regulation 2.6 shall have the immediate right to appeal the interim order.

6. Appeals under Regulation 5 shall be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

7. To bring an appeal under Regulation 5, the individual as the appellant, must give notice in writing to The FA Judicial Services Department with a copy sent to the Case Manager. The

notice must request an appeal and state the grounds for that appeal. The appellant may submit any written material in support of the appeal.

Such material must be submitted to The Association, as the respondent, and the Safeguarding Review Panel within 14 days of giving such notice or it may not be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

8. The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine all procedural matters for the conduct of the appeal, including requiring more information from either the appellant or the respondent. Unless the Safeguarding Review Panel in its discretion exceptionally allows the appellant and the respondent to address it in person, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall only consider the written material submitted by the appellant in support of the appeal, together with any written material submitted by the respondent. In exercising its discretion as to whether exceptionally to allow the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person (whether through a representative or otherwise), whether that be as a result of the application made by the appellant or otherwise, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall give consideration to the following reasons (which is not an exhaustive list):

   8.1 Whether the terms of any order under consideration would affect the individual's paid employment within football, in which case, the appellant shall be entitled to address the Safeguarding Review Panel in person; and/or

   8.2 Whether exceptional material is put before the Safeguarding Review Panel.

9. In determining an appeal, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order in relation to the interim order as it considers appropriate, including ratifying, modifying or removing it.

10. Any appeal under Regulation 5 shall be determined by the Safeguarding Review Panel at the earliest opportunity, following the receipt of notice in writing and any written material in support of the appeal from the appellant and written material submitted by the respondent (and, in cases where the individual and Case Manager were permitted to address it in person, following any oral hearing).

11. All interim orders will be reviewed at the first opportunity following the expiry of 6 months from the date of the order being imposed or, if that order has been appealed under Regulation 5, the date upon which that appeal is determined (whether on the written papers or following an oral hearing), and at the same interval thereafter.

    The Safeguarding Review Panel will not review an interim order before the expiry of the relevant 6 month period except in exceptional circumstances and/or where there is a material change in the circumstances in which the order was made. Any review under Regulation 11 shall be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel which conducted an appeal in the same case under Regulation 5. The Safeguarding Review Panel may maintain, modify, or remove any interim order, or make any other order it considers appropriate.

12. The total period of an interim order under Regulation 3 shall not last beyond the final determination of any related case under the Rules of the Association. Where an interim order is imposed on an individual under Regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

DETERMINATION FOLLOWING ANY ORDER MADE PURSUANT TO STATUTE BARRING OR RESTRICTING INVOLVEMENT WITH CHILDREN

13.1 Where any individual is:

   13.1.1 Barred from regulated activity relating to children in accordance with section 3 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (as may be amended);

13.1.2 Disqualified from working with children in accordance with section 35 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; and/or

13.1.3 Subject to any other order, not within Regulations 13.1.1 or 13.1.2, issued pursuant to statute restricting their involvement with children,

The Association shall have the power to make any order, including but not limited to an order that any individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate. Any such order shall be issued by the Case Manager.

13.2 The Case Manager shall notify the individual in writing of the order and shall invite the individual to make any written representations within 14 days as to why the order should not be ratified by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

13.3 All such orders shall be reviewed at the next meeting of the Safeguarding Review Panel. In reviewing the order the Safeguarding Review Panel shall consider any written material submitted by the individual in accordance with Regulation 13.2, together with all written material submitted by the Case Manager. The Safeguarding Review Panel may ratify, modify or remove any such order, or make any other order as it considers appropriate.

ORDER FOLLOWING CONVICTION OR CAUTION

14.1 The Association's Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order in respect of any individual convicted of, or made the subject of a caution in respect of, an Offence, including but not limited to a suspension from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

14.2 Where a case is to be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 14.1, the Case Manager shall notify the individual in writing and shall invite the individual to make any written representations within 14 days.

14.3 Before making any order under Regulation 14.1, the Panel shall consider all information gathered in respect of an individual including, where applicable, information gathered pursuant to The Association's CRC process under Regulation 2, any written representations made by the individual under Regulation 14.2, together with all written material submitted by the Case Manager.

ORDER FOLLOWING RISK ASSESSMENT

15. In addition to The Association's powers under Regulations 2.6, 3, 13 and 14 the Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order that it considers appropriate, including but not limited to an order that any individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, if it is satisfied that the individual poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children and/or that the individual is or was in a position of trust in relation to any person and has engaged in sexual activity and/or an inappropriate relationship with that person.

16. Cases may be referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel in order to seek an order under Regulation 15 by the Case Manager where the Case Manager has reasonable cause to suspect that there are grounds for concern about an individual's continued participation in football activity involving a child or children.

17. The Case Manager shall reach this decision on the basis of a risk assessment of that individual's suitability for such participation. This risk assessment may be in such form and prepared by any person, as the Case Manager, at his/her discretion, considers appropriate.

18. Before a referral is made under Regulation 16, the Case Manager must use reasonable endeavours to notify the individual in writing. Such written notification must explain the order sought and the reason for it, and include a copy of the risk assessment and all other

written material that the Case Manager intends to rely upon in seeking the order, save for any exceptional material dealt with under Regulation 24.

19. The individual shall have 14 days to reply to this notification and to provide any written material that he/she wishes the Safeguarding Review Panel to take into account in considering whether or not to impose any order under Regulation 15.

20. Following the receipt of the reply and/or other written material from the individual, or the expiry of the 14 day period if no reply is received, the Case Manager may:

    20.1 Decide that no further action is currently required as there are no longer grounds for a referral under Regulation 16;

    20.2 Make any such further inquiries as he or she considers appropriate in light of any matters raised by the individual in response to the written notification; or

    20.3 Refer the case to the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 16.

21. Where further inquiries are made by the Case Manager, any written material arising from those inquiries may only be relied on by the Case Manager in applying for any order under Regulation 15 if that written material has been sent to the individual and he or she has had 14 days to reply to it, save for any exceptional material dealt with under Regulation 24. If the written material is relied upon, any response by the individual must also be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

22. The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine all procedural matters for the conduct of a case referred to it under Regulation 16. Unless the Safeguarding Review Panel in its discretion exceptionally allows the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person, the case shall be considered on the basis of the following written material only:

    22.1 The written notification and all written material provided with it by the Case Manager to the individual;

    22.2 The reply, if any, and all other written material submitted by the individual in response to the written notification;

    22.3 Any further written material provided by the Case Manager to the individual subsequently to the written notification; and

    22.4 Any response from the individual to such further written material and all other written material submitted with that response.

23. In exercising its discretion as to whether exceptionally to allow the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person, whether that be as a result of an application made by either party or otherwise, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:

    23.1 Whether the terms of any order under consideration would affect the individual's paid employment within football in which case the individual shall be entitled to address the Safeguarding Review Panel in person;

    23.2 Whether exceptional material is to be put before the Safeguarding Review Panel; and/or

    23.3 Whether an oral hearing has previously been conducted pursuant to Regulation 9 in relation to the same matter

EXCEPTIONAL MATERIAL

24.1 In considering an interim order under Regulation 5, a review of any interim order under Regulation 11, or whether or not to make any order under Regulation 15, as a general rule the Safeguarding Review Panel may not consider any material provided by either the Case Manager or the individual which the other party has not seen and had a reasonable opportunity to reply to.

24.2 Exceptionally, in respect of any of the matters set out at Regulation 24.1, the Case Manager may make an application to an Exceptional Material Panel for permission to submit material to the Safeguarding Review Panel that has not been sent to the individual ("exceptional material"), where the Case Manager considers that the exceptional material concerned should not be sent to the individual for any one or more of the following reasons:–

24.2.1 Revealing it to the individual may create a risk of harm to any person or persons, and/or

24.2.2 Revealing it to the individual may amount to a criminal offence or otherwise be unlawful.

24.3 Where the Case Manager makes an application to an Exceptional Material Panel for permission to submit exceptional material to the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 24.2 above, the Case Manager shall give notice of the application to the individual in writing at least fourteen days before the Exceptional Material Panel considers the application, unless the Case Manager considers that such written notice should not be given, as to give such notice may in itself:

24.3.1 Create a risk of harm to any person or persons; and/or

24.3.2 Amount to a criminal offence or otherwise be unlawful.

24.4 Any reply by an individual to a notice referred to in Regulation 24.3 must be passed to the Exceptional Material Panel for consideration.

24.5 The Exceptional Material Panel may, at its discretion, allow or reject the application in whole or in part.

24.6 In the event that the Exceptional Material Panel grants an order allowing the exceptional material to be submitted to the Safeguarding Review Panel, the Exceptional Material Panel shall give consideration as to whether either or both of the following may be provided to the individual:

24.6.1 A redacted version of the exceptional material; and/or

24.6.2 A summary of the exceptional material.

24.7 An Exceptional Material Panel shall be made up of one or more of the members of the Safeguarding Review Panel. A person that sits on an Exceptional Material Panel determining an application under Regulation 24.2 in relation to a particular individual may not be a member of the Safeguarding Review Panel that will have conduct of the case referred under Regulation 16 in relation to that individual.

OTHER ORDERS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING RISK ASSESSMENT

25. Following a referral under Regulation 16, in addition to its ability to make an order under Regulation 15, the Safeguarding Review Panel may make any other order consistent with the aims of the Safeguarding Children Policy that it considers appropriate in the circumstances.

SUPERVISION ORDERS

26. Unless otherwise discharged, a Supervision Order will last for the length of time ordered by the Panel. Before its expiry, The Association may apply for an extension, or further extensions, for a period not exceeding 3 years from the date of the first order.

DISCRETION TO REFER TO THE SAFEGUARDING REVIEW PANEL

27. Any of the powers and/or case management functions exercised by a Case Manager under these Regulations may instead be exercised by the Safeguarding Review Panel if the Case Manager, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the matter should be referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel ("a general referral"). The Case Manager shall make a general

referral to the Safeguarding Review Panel where the facts and circumstances of a case are exceptional and/or of significant public interest, though the Case Manager's discretion to make a general referral will not be limited to such cases.

28. Where the Case Manager makes a general referral to the Safeguarding Review Panel, the same rights of review and appeal arise as if the decision of the Safeguarding Review Panel had been made by the Case Manager. Any review or appeal of the decisions of the latter will be heard by a Safeguarding Review Panel, none of the members of which shall have been a member of the Safeguarding Review Panel which was involved in any earlier decision on that case.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

29.1 A Participant or The Association may appeal to an Appeal Board any decision of the Safeguarding Review Panel made under Regulations 13.1.3, 14 or 15. Subject to Regulation 29.2, such appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations. Subject to this right of appeal, decisions of the Safeguarding Review Panel shall be final and binding.

29.2 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Appeal Regulations, an Appeal Board convened to hear an appeal pursuant to Regulation 29.1 shall take place as a full rehearing of the case.

29.3 Any decision of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding with no further right of appeal.

WRITTEN MATERIAL

30. For the purposes of these Regulations, "written material" may include photographic, video, electronic and/or audio evidence.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AT RISK POLICY

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Policy the following definitions apply:

1. Adult at Risk

   A person aged 18 or over who has needs for care and support (whether or not a local authority is meeting any of those needs); and

   - is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
   - as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

2. Abuse

   Abuse is defined as a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons. It includes acts of commission (such as an assault) and acts of omission (situations where the environment fails to prevent harm). Abuse may be single act or omission or series of acts or omissions.

3. Capacity*

   Capacity refers to an individual adult's ability to take a specific decision or take a particular action at a particular time even if they are able or not able to make other decisions at other times. The starting point should be that the person has capacity to make a decision unless it can be established that they cannot.

POLICY

The Association is committed to football being inclusive and providing a safe and positive experience for every adult participant involved in the game regardless of age, gender, gender reassignment, disability, culture, language, race,faith, belief or sexual orientation.

The Association recognises that some adult participants some may need additional safeguards and/ or protection.

These adults are referred to as Adults at Risk.

The Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard and protect Adults at Risk, and to respond appropriately to any allegations or suspicions of abuse. Everyone who works with Adults at Risk has a responsibility to commit to this.

If abuse is suspected, or reported, The Association will work in partnership with the Adult at Risk wherever possible, depending on their capacity and the risk to them and others. The Association will also work in partnership with the police, the Disclosure and Barring Service, Safeguarding Adults Boards and local authorities so these organisations can carry out their statutory duties to safeguard and protect Adults at Risk. When responding to abuse or allegations of abuse and considering the sharing of information, The Association will put the needs of the adult first, work in their best interests and take into account the six principles of safeguarding adults detailed in the Care Act 2014:

empowerment; protection; prevention; proportionality; partnership; and accountability. These principles will underpin all work with Adults at Risk.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AT RISK REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

This Preamble is provided for guidance. If there is any inconsistency between the Preamble and the operative parts of the Safeguarding Adults at Risk Regulations below, the operative parts shall prevail.

As set out in The Association's Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy, The Association is committed to safeguarding Adults at Risk within football and has Case Management procedures in place to assess the suitability of individuals to be involved with Adults at Risk in football.

In assessing that suitability, the welfare of Adults at Risk is the paramount consideration. Towards this, The Association has the power under the Safeguarding Adults at Risk Regulations to issue an order where any one or more of the following applies:

(i) The individual fails to comply with any part of The Association's Criminal Records Check (CRC) process;

(ii) The individual has been barred by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) or the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) from engaging in regulated activity relating to Adults at Risk

(iii) The individual is included on the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Adults Barred List;

(iv) The individual has been convicted of, or made the subject of a caution for, an "Offence" defined in Regulation 1.1; or

(v) Following a risk assessment, The Association is satisfied that the individual poses or may pose a risk of harm to Adults at Risk.

(vi) Following a risk assessment, The Association is satisfied that the individual is or was in a position of trust in relation to another person and has engaged in sexual activity and / or an inappropriate relationship with that person.

GENERAL

1.1 In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in the Schedules of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to an Adult at Risk .

The expression "position of trust" shall mean any position where an individual is in a relationship of trust with any person with responsibility and / or authority in relation to that person and shall include without limitation those who care for, advise, supervise, train, coach, teach, manage, tutor, mentor, assess, develop, guide, treat or provide therapy to Adults at Risk

1.2 The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine its own procedures save that in making findings of fact the test that the Safeguarding Review Panel shall apply shall be the civil standard of the balance of probability. Where a case is referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel pursuant to these Regulations it shall have the discretion to depart from the procedures set out in these Regulations where it considers it appropriate to do so.

1.3 The actions that may be taken under these Regulations by a Case Manager may also be taken by the Case Manager's nominee.

1.4 The Association may notify other parties of the terms of any order imposed under these Regulations where the Case Manager considers that such notification is appropriate in order to give effect to the terms of the order.

1.5 Where urgent cases arise under these Regulations the Chairman of the Safeguarding Review Panel may exercise the functions and powers of the Case Manager and/or the Safeguarding Review Panel as provided for by these Regulations, on an interim basis.

An interim decision taken by the Chairman of the Safeguarding Review Panel shall not be final until such time as it has been ratified by the Safeguarding Review Panel, which shall have the right to ratify, modify or make any other order as it considers appropriate in relation to the decision taken by the Chairman of the Safeguarding Review Panel.

2. For these purposes, the term Adult at Risk or Adults at Risk means any person who falls within any one or more of the following:

   2.1 The Care Act 2014

   2.2 Section 59 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012; and

   2.3 any adult who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental health issues, learning or physical disability, sensory impairment, age or illness and who is or may be unable to take care of him/herself or unable to protect him/ herself against significant harm or serious exploitation.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AT RISK PROCESS

3. Any person, regardless of their age, applying for or currently in such positions that The Association in its discretion considers relevant whose duties include regularly caring for, training, supervising, administering treatment and/or therapy or medical treatment to an Adult at Risk may be required by The Association to comply with the requirements of The Association's Safeguarding Adults at Risk process. These requirements are:

   3.1 To obtain and provide to The Association a DBS Enhanced Criminal Records Check (to include the Adults Barred List check where the duties fall within the definition of "Regulated Activity" under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012) or to obtain and provide to The Association a DBS Enhanced Criminal Records Check without a check of the adults barred list where the duties do not fall within the definition of "Regulated Activity" under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 or other DBS check according to role.

   3.2 To provide any such further detail, explanation or clarification of any part of the matters disclosed pursuant to Regulation 3.1 above as may be required by The Association;

   3.3 To comply with any other request or requirement which may assist The Association in progressing or completing any investigation, risk assessment or other enquiry as part of the Safeguarding Adults at Risk process;

   3.4 Where required, to provide at least two references that attest to their suitability to be involved in football involving Adults at Risk. The spouse or partner of the person subject to this requirement cannot act as a referee for this purpose. Any reference provided by a spouse or partner will not be accepted; and

   3.5 To comply with each of the requirements set out in Regulations 3.1-3.4 within any such time limit as The Association may stipulate.

   3.6 To comply with any order imposed by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

   Any person who fails to comply with any of the requirements set out in Regulation 3 shall be subject to an immediate suspension from football activity, on such terms and/or for such period as The Association may stipulate.

   Where an individual is subject to a suspension under Regulation 3.6, that suspension will remain effective (and not subject to any review by The Association) until such time as:

   (i) The individual successfully appeals against their suspension pursuant to Regulation 6; or

   (ii) The individual complies with the requirements set out in Regulation 3 that resulted in his or her suspension.

Any requirement under this Regulation 3, or any suspension arising from any failure to comply with any requirement of this Regulation, shall apply whether or not a person withdraws their application or ceases to hold the relevant position at any time before, during or after the investigation, risk assessment or final order of the Safeguarding Review Panel

INTERIM ORDERS

4. Upon receipt by The Association of:

4.1 Notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence;

4.2 Notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police or any other authority relating to an Offence; or

4.3 Any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to an Adult at Risk,

The Association shall have the power to make any interim order including, but not limited to, issuing an interim suspension order suspending the individual from all or any specific football activity for such a period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate. Interim orders shall be issued by the Case Manager, who shall provide the individual with written notification of the interim order, the reason(s) for its imposition and of the right of appeal pursuant to Regulation 7.

5.1 In determining whether an order under Regulation 4 should be made, the Case Manager shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors

5.1.1 Whether Adults at Risk may be at risk of harm from the individual

5.1.2 Whether the matters are of a serious nature; and/or

5.1.3 Whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded having regard to the need for any suspension order to be proportionate.

If the Association believes it requires further information from an individual in order to assess whether an order under Regulation 4 should be made and/or to properly assess the factors in Regulation 5.1, the Case Manager may request further information from that individual. Such information must be provided in accordance with the deadline set by the Case Manager.

5.2 The Case Manager will notify the individual in writing of the terms of any interim suspension order or other interim order, such notification to be sent by registered post to the individual's usual or last known address.

6 An individual who is subject to an interim order under Regulation 4 or under Regulation 3.6 shall have the immediate right to appeal the interim order.

7 Appeals under Regulation 6 shall be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

8 To bring an appeal under Regulation 6, the individual as the appellant, must give notice in writing to The FA Judicial Services Department with a copy sent to the Case Manager. The notice must request an appeal and state the grounds for that appeal. The appellant may submit any written material in support of the appeal.

Such material must be submitted to The Association, as the respondent, and the Safeguarding Review Panel within 14 days of giving such notice or it may not be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

9 The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine all procedural matters for the conduct of the appeal, including requiring more information from either the appellant or the respondent. Unless the Safeguarding Review Panel in its discretion exceptionally allows

the appellant and the respondent to address it in person, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall only consider the written material submitted by the appellant in support of the appeal, together with any written material submitted by the respondent. In exercising its discretion as to whether exceptionally to allow the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person (whether through a representative or otherwise), whether that be as a result of the application made by the appellant or otherwise, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall give consideration to the following reasons (which is not an exhaustive list):

9.1 Whether the terms of any order under consideration would affect the individual's paid employment within football, in which case, the appellant shall be entitled to address the Safeguarding Review Panel in person; and/or

9.2 Whether exceptional material is put before the Safeguarding Review Panel.

10. In determining an appeal, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order in relation to the interim order as it considers appropriate, including ratifying, modifying or removing it.

11. Any appeal under Regulation 6 shall be determined by the Safeguarding Review Panel at the earliest opportunity, following the receipt of notice in writing and any written material in support of the appeal from the appellant and written material submitted by the respondent (and, in cases where the individual and Case Manager were permitted to address it in person, following any oral hearing).

12. All interim orders will be reviewed at the first opportunity following the expiry of 6 months from the date of the order being imposed or, if that order has been appealed under Regulation 6, the date upon which that appeal is determined (whether on the written papers or following an oral hearing), and at the same interval thereafter.

The Safeguarding Review Panel will not review an interim order before the expiry of the relevant 6 month period except in exceptional circumstances and/or where there is a material change in the circumstances in which the order was made. Any review under Regulation 12 shall be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel which conducted an appeal in the same case under Regulation 6. The Safeguarding Review Panel may maintain, modify, or remove any interim order, or make any other order it considers appropriate.

13. The total period of an interim order under Regulation 4 shall not last beyond the final determination of any related case under the Rules of the Association. Where an interim order is imposed on an individual under Regulation 4 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

DETERMINATION FOLLOWING ANY ORDER MADE PURSUANT TO STATUTE BARRING OR RESTRICTING INVOLVEMENT WITH ADULTS AT RISK

14.1 Where any individual is:

14.1.1 Barred from regulated activity relating to Adults at Risk;

14.1.2 Included in the list of individuals considered unsuitable to work with Adults at Risk, as kept by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS); and/or

14.1.3 Subject to any other order, not within Regulation 14.1.1 or 14.1.2, issued pursuant to statute restricting their involvement with Adults at Risk,

The Association shall have the power to make any order, including but not limited to an order that any individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate. Any such order shall be issued by the Case Manager.

14.2 The Case Manager shall notify the individual in writing of the order and shall invite the individual to make any written representations within 14 days as to why the order should not be ratified by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

14.3 All such orders shall be reviewed at the next meeting of the Safeguarding Review Panel. In reviewing the order the Safeguarding Review Panel shall consider any written material submitted by the individual in accordance with Regulation 14.2, together with all written material submitted by the Case Manager. The Safeguarding Review Panel may ratify, modify or remove any such order, or make any other order as it considers appropriate.

ORDER FOLLOWING CONVICTION OR CAUTION

15.1 The Association's Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order in respect of any individual convicted of, or made the subject of a caution in respect of, an Offence, including but not limited to a suspension from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

15.2 Where a case is to be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 15.1, the Case Manager shall notify the individual in writing and shall invite the individual to make any written representations within 14 days.

15.3 Before making any order under Regulation 15.1, the Panel shall consider all information gathered in respect of an individual including, where applicable, information gathered pursuant to The Association's CRC process under Regulation 3, any written representations made by the individual under Regulation 15.2, together with all written material submitted by the Case Manager.

ORDER FOLLOWING RISK ASSESSMENT

16. In addition to The Association's powers under Regulations 3.6, 4, 14 and 15 the Safeguarding Review Panel shall have the power to make any order that it considers appropriate, including but not limited to an order that any individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, if it is satisfied that the individual poses or may pose a risk of harm to Adults at Risk and/or that the individual is or was in a position of trust in relation to any person and has engaged in sexual activity and/or an inappropriate relationship with that person.

17. Cases may be referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel in order to seek an order under Regulation 16 by the Case Manager where the Case Manager has reasonable cause to suspect that there are grounds for concern about an individual's continued participation in football activity involving Adults at Risk

18. The Case Manager shall reach this decision on the basis of a risk assessment of that individual's suitability for such participation. This risk assessment may be in such form and prepared by any person, as the Case Manager at his/her discretion, considers appropriate.

19. Before a referral is made under Regulation 17, the Case Manager must use reasonable endeavours to notify the individual in writing. Such written notification must explain the order sought and the reason for it, and include a copy of the risk assessment and all other written material that the Case Manager intends to rely upon in seeking the order, save for any exceptional material dealt with under Regulation 25.

20. The individual shall have 14 days to reply to this notification and to provide any written material that he/she wishes the Safeguarding Review Panel to take into account in considering whether or not to impose any order under Regulation 16.

21. Following the receipt of the reply and/or written material from the individual, or the expiry of the 14 day period if no reply is received, the Case Manager may:

21.1 Decide that no further action is currently required as there are no longer grounds for a referral under Regulation 17;

21.2 Make any such further inquiries as he or she considers appropriate in light of any matters raised by the individual in response to the written notification; or

21.3 Refer the case to the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 17.

22. Where further inquiries are made by the Case Manager, any written material arising from those inquiries may only be relied on by the Case Manager in applying for any order under Regulation 16 if that written material has been sent to the individual and he or she has had 14 days to reply to it, save for any exceptional material dealt with under Regulation 25. If the written material is relied upon, any response by the individual must also be considered by the Safeguarding Review Panel.

23. The Safeguarding Review Panel shall determine all procedural matters for the conduct of a case referred to it under Regulation 17. Unless the Safeguarding Review Panel in its discretion exceptionally allows the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person, the case shall be considered on the basis of the following written material only:

23.1 The written notification and all written material provided with it by the Case Manager to the individual;

23.2 The reply, if any, and all other written material submitted by the individual in response to the written notification;

23.3 Any further written material provided by the Case Manager to the individual subsequently to the written notification; and

23.4 Any response from the individual to such further written material and all other written material submitted with that response.

24. In exercising its discretion as to whether exceptionally to allow the individual and the Case Manager to address it in person, whether that be as a result of an application made by either party or otherwise, the Safeguarding Review Panel shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:

24.1 Whether the terms of any order under consideration would affect the individual's paid employment within football in which case the individual shall be entitled to address the Safeguarding Review Panel in person;

24.2 Whether exceptional material is to be put before the Safeguarding Review Panel; and/or

24.3 Whether an oral hearing has previously been conducted pursuant to Regulation 10 in relation to the same matter.

EXCEPTIONAL MATERIAL

25.1 In considering an interim order under Regulation 6, a review of any interim order under Regulation 12, or whether or not to make any order under Regulation 16, as a general rule the Safeguarding Review Panel may not consider any material provided by either the Case Manager or the individual which the other party has not seen and had a reasonable opportunity to reply to.

25.2 Exceptionally, in respect of any of the matters set out at Regulation 24.1, the Case Manager may make an application to an Exceptional Material Panel for permission to submit material to the Safeguarding Review Panel that has not been sent to the individual ("exceptional material"), where the Case Manager considers that the exceptional material concerned should not be sent to the individual for any one or more of the following reasons:

25.2.1 Revealing it to the individual may create a risk of harm to any person or persons, and/or

25.2.2 Revealing it to the individual may amount to a criminal offence or otherwise be unlawful.

25.3 Where the Case Manager makes an application to an Exceptional Material Panel for permission to submit exceptional material to the Safeguarding Review Panel under Regulation 25.2, the Case Manager shall give notice of the application to the individual in writing at least fourteen days before the Exceptional Material Panel considers the application, unless the Case Manager considers that such written notice should not be given, as to give such notice may in itself:

25.3.1 Create a risk of harm to any person or persons; and/or

25.3.2 Amount to a criminal offence or otherwise be unlawful.

25.4 Any reply by an individual to a notice referred to in Regulation 25.3 must be passed to the Exceptional Material Panel for consideration.

25.5 The Exceptional Material Panel may, at its discretion, allow or reject the application in whole or in part.

25.6 In the event that the Exceptional Material Panel grants an order allowing the exceptional material to be submitted to the Safeguarding Review Panel, the Exceptional Material Panel shall give consideration as to whether either or both of the following may be provided to the individual:

25.6.1 A redacted version of the exceptional material; and/or,

25.6.2 A summary of the exceptional material.

25.7 An Exceptional Material Panel shall be made up of one or more of the members of the Safeguarding Review Panel. A person that sits on an Exceptional Material Panel determining an application under Regulation 25.2 in relation to a particular individual may not be a member of the Safeguarding Review Panel that will have conduct of the case referred under Regulation 17 in relation to that individual.

OTHER ORDERS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING RISK ASSESSMENT

26. Following a referral under Regulation 16, in addition to its ability to make an order under Regulation 17, the Safeguarding Review Panel may make any other order consistent with the aims of the Adults at Risk Policy that it considers appropriate in the circumstances.

SUPERVISION ORDERS

27. Unless otherwise discharged, a Supervision Order will last for the length of time ordered by the Panel. Before its expiry, The Association may apply for an extension, or further extensions, for a period not exceeding 3 years from the date of the first order.

DISCRETION TO REFER TO THE SAFEGUARDING REVIEW PANEL

28. Any of the powers and/or case management functions exercised by a Case Manager under these Regulations may instead be exercised by the Safeguarding Review Panel if the Case Manager, in his or her sole discretion, determines that the matter should be referred to the Safeguarding Review Panel (“a general referral”). The Case Manager shall make a general referral to the Safeguarding Review Panel where the facts and circumstances of a case are exceptional and/or of significant public interest, though the Case Manager’s discretion to make a general referral will not be limited to such cases.

29. Where the Case Manager makes a general referral to the Safeguarding Review Panel, the same rights of review and appeal arise as if the decision of the Safeguarding Review Panel had been made by the Case Manager. Any review or appeal of the decisions of the latter will be heard by a Safeguarding Review Panel, none of the members of which shall have been a member of the Safeguarding Review Panel which was involved in any earlier decision on that case.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

30.1 A Participant or The Association may appeal to an Appeal Board any decision of the Safeguarding Review Panel made under Regulations 13.1.3, 14 or 15. Subject to Regulation 30.2, such appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations. Subject to this right of appeal, decisions of the Safeguarding Review Panel shall be final and binding.

30.2 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Appeal Regulations, an Appeal Board convened to hear an appeal pursuant to Regulation 30.1 shall take place as a full rehearing of the case.

30.2 Any decision of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding with no further right of appeal.

WRITTEN MATERIAL

31. For the purposes of these Regulations, “written material” may include photographic, video, electronic and/or audio evidence.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE RULES OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED ("The Association")

("The Rules") as adopted by The Association on May 2018 (the "Effective Date")

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association of The Association ("the Articles").

A. CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall have as members (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not mean 'shareholders' or owners) those Clubs and Affiliated Associations such as Council may approve and which are otherwise qualified hereunder.

   All Clubs and Affiliated Associations shall play and/or administer football in conformity with these Rules and also:

   (a) The Laws of the Game; and
   (b) the statutes and regulations of FIFA and UEFA which are in force from time to time.

DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

2. In the interpretation of these Rules: any words and expressions, unless otherwise defined herein, shall be words and expressions as defined in the Articles:

Definition	Interpretation
2006 Act	means the Companies Act 2006 as amended, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
Academy	means an establishment for the coaching and education of Academy Players operated by a Club in accordance with the requirements of the Professional Game Youth Development Rules;
Academy Player	means a male player (other than an Amateur Player or a Trialist) who is in an age group between Under 9 and Under 21 and who is registered for and who is coached by or plays football for or at a Club which operates an Academy pursuant to the Professional Game Youth Development Rules, save for a player who: (a) In the reasonable opinion of the Club which holds his registration has developed technical, tactical, physical and psychological skills of such a level that he would not benefit from participating or continuing to participate in its Academy's Coaching Programme and Games Programme; and (b) Is registered as a Contract Player for that Club; and (c) Is at least 18.
Affiliated Association	means an association which is either a County Association or an Other Football Association;
Appeal Board	means any appeal board as established from time to time whose purpose is to hear appeals made by Participants pursuant to its terms of reference from time to time;
Appropriately Qualified Accountant	means any individual who is a member of one of the bodies holding membership of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy;
Articles	means the Articles of Association of The Association (and "Article" shall be interpreted accordingly);
Associate	means, in relation to an individual, any other individual who is: (a) the spouse or civil partner of that individual; or (b) a relative of that individual or of his spouse or civil partner; or (c) the spouse or civil partner of a relative of that individual or of their spouse or civil partner;
Associate Member Club	means a Club accorded the status of an Associate Member Club pursuant to Rule A3(c);

Associated Undertaking	means an undertaking in which another undertaking has a participating interest and over whose operating and financial policy it exercises a significant influence, and which is not a Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking;
Board	means the board of directors of The Association for the time being, constituted in accordance with the Articles;
Business Day	means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday a bank holiday or a public holiday;
Chief Executive Officer	means a person appointed from time to time to the office of chief executive officer by the Board in accordance with the Articles;
Chief Regulatory Officer	means the person who is employed by The Association in accordance with clause 4.5 of the Terms of Reference for the Composition and Operation of the Football Regulatory Authority;
Close Season	shall have the meaning set out in Rule B8(b);
Club	means any club which plays the game of football in England and is recognised as such by The Association;
Club Official	means any official, Director, secretary, servant or representative of a Club (whether formally appointed or not);
Competition	means any competition (whether a league or knock-out competition or otherwise) sanctioned by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association;
Concert Party	means any Person with which any relevant Person is acting in concert within the meaning of paragraphs (2) to (5) (inclusive) of the definition of “acting in concert” in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, or would be so acting in concert if the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers applied in the relevant case;
Connected Person	means any Person who directly or indirectly possesses or is entitled to acquire more than 30 per cent of: (a) the issued ordinary share capital of the company; or (b) the loan capital (save where loan capital was acquired in the ordinary course of the business of lending money) and issued share capital of the company; or (c) the assets of the company which would be available for distribution to equity holders in the event of winding up of the company;
Contract Player	means any player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club;
Control	means the power of a Person to exercise, or to be able to exercise or acquire, direct or indirect control over the policies, affairs and/or management of a Club, whether that power is constituted by rights or contracts (either separately or in combination) and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Control shall be deemed to include: (a) the power (whether directly or indirectly and whether by the ownership of share capital, by the possession of voting power, by contract or otherwise including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) to appoint and/or remove all or such of the members of the board of directors of the Club as are able to cast a majority of the votes capable of being cast by the members of that board; and/or (b) the holding and/or possession of the beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other persons) or by contract including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 30 per cent or more of the total voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club. For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a Nominee for any Person or of an Associate of any Person or of a Connected Person to any Person shall be attributed to that Person;
Council	means the Council of The Association for the time being constituted in accordance with the Articles and Member of (the) Council shall be any person for the time being appointed to and serving on (the) Council in accordance with Article 123;
County Association	means an association which has been accorded the status of a County Association pursuant to Rule A4(a)(i);

Director	means any Person occupying the position of director of a Club whose particulars are registered or registrable under the provisions of section 162 of the 2006 Act and includes a shadow director, that is to say, a Person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of the Club are accustomed to act, or a Person having Control over the Club, or a Person exercising the powers that are usually associated with the powers of a director of a company;
Effective Date	means 29 May 2018;
Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking	has the meaning set out in section 1161(4) of the 2006 Act;
FIFA	means the Fédération Internationale de Football Association or any successor body;
Football Creditor	means: (i) The Association and any Parent Undertaking of The Association and any Subsidiary Undertaking of that Parent Undertaking or The Association; (ii) The Premier League; (iii) The EFL; (iv) The National League; (v) The Northern Premier League; (vi) The Southern League; (vii) The Isthmian League; (viii) any member club of any of the organisations listed in (i) to (vii) above; (ix) any full-time or part-time employee of a member club, as defined in (viii) above, or former full-time or part-time employee of such a member club, in respect of sums due to such person by way of arrears of remuneration or expenses; (x) the Professional Footballers' Association; (xi) The Football Foundation; (xii) any Affiliated Association; and (xiii) any other affiliated clubs or leagues, and includes any successor bodies of any of the above;
Football Regulatory Authority or "FRA"	means the football regulatory authority of The Association;
Full Member Club	means a Club accorded the status of a Full Member Club pursuant to Rule A3(c);
Group	shall have the same meaning as defined in section 474(1) of the 2006 Act;
Group Undertaking	has the meaning set out in section 1161(5) of the 2006 Act;
Interim Suspension Order	means an order that a Participant shall be suspended from all or any specific football activity, for such period and on such terms as is considered appropriate;
Intermediary	shall have the meaning ascribed to the term within The Association's Regulations on Working with Intermediaries;
Laws of the Game	means the laws of the game as settled and in force from time to time by the International Football Association Board;
League Appeals Committee	means an appeal committee comprising those persons set out in Rule C1(j)(xii);
Management Committee Member	means a person responsible for the management and administration of an unincorporated Club;
Manager	means the person at a Club responsible for selecting a Club team;
Match	means a football match sanctioned by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association;
Match Officials	means referees and assistant referees and includes reserve officials and fourth officials;
Misconduct	shall have the meaning set out in Rule E1;
NADO	means National Anti-Doping Organisation;
National Game	means all aspects of football involving and affecting Participants in and at the level of step 1 of the National League System and below;
National League System	means the Competitions which interact with one another by way of promotion and relegation within those steps of the National Game pyramid as determined by Council from time to time;

Nominee	means, in connection to any Person, another Person who possesses rights or powers on his behalf, or which he may be required to exercise at his discretion;
Non-Contract Player	means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment;
Non-Member Club	means any Club affiliated to an Affiliated Association which is not a Full Member Club nor an Associate Member Club;
Nursery Club	shall have the meaning set out in Rule A3(i);
Official	means any official, director, secretary, servant or representative of an Affiliated Association or Competition;
Other Football Association	means one or any of the following listed associations: (a) The University of Oxford Football Association; (b) The University of Cambridge Football Association; (c) The Army Football Association; (d) The Royal Navy Football Association; (e) The Royal Air Force Football Association; (f) The Amateur Football Alliance; (g) The Women's Football Conference; (h) The English Schools' Football Association; and (i) The Independent Schools' Football Association;
Out of Contract Player	means a Contract Player whose contract has expired;
Parent Association	means the Affiliated Association of which a Club, in membership of more than one Affiliated Association, was first a member;
Parent Undertaking	shall have the same meaning as defined in section 1162 of the 2006 Act;
Participant	means an Affiliated Association, Competition, Club, Club Official (which for the avoidance of doubt shall include a Director), Intermediary, Player, Official, Manager, Match Official, Match Official observer, Match Official coach, Match Official mentor, Management Committee Member, member or employee of a Club and all persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by The Association;
Person	includes any natural person, legal entity, firm or unincorporated association and in the case of a Person which is incorporated any of its Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking;
Player	means any Contract Player, Out of Contract Player, Non-Contract Player or other player who plays or is eligible to play for a Club or is subject to any suspension from playing;
Professional Game Professional Game Board	means all aspects of football involving and affecting Participants in and at the levels of the Premier League and the EFL; means a committee of the Board established by the Board from time to time in accordance with the Articles and responsible to the Board for the conduct of the Professional Game, whose composition shall be as determined by the terms of reference of the Professional Game Board from time to time;
Professional Game Youth Development Rules	means the Youth Development Rules of the Premier League and/or the EFL (as applicable).
Regulatory Commission	means any regulatory commission as established from time to time whose purpose is to hear Participants' cases;
Rules	means these rules of The Association (and "Rule" shall be interpreted accordingly);
Scholarship	shall have the meaning set out in Rule C3(a)(i);
Shares	means shares or other equity securities;
Subsidiary Undertaking	shall have the same meaning as defined in section 1162 of the 2006 Act;
The Association	means The Football Association Limited;
UEFA	means the Union of European Football Associations or any successor body;
WADA	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

6 Save as expressly provided by these Rules, resolutions and decisions of The Association shall be binding upon all Affiliated Associations, Participants and Clubs and any members thereof, until they are rescinded or varied.

C. RULES RELATING TO PLAYER STATUS

AGE GROUPS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLAYERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

4 (A) CHILDREN NOT REGISTERED AS ACADEMY PLAYERS.

The following provisions apply to any child not registered as an Academy Player. All matches must be played in accordance with the correct version of the Laws of the Game appropriate for the format specified:

(i) Children Under 6 Years Old

A child who has not attained the age of six shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

(ii) Children 6 Years Old and Over – Age Groups, Formats and Related Provisions

For the purposes of (a) and (b) below,

(a) The relevant age for each player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant playing season.

i.e. Children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the playing season) will be classed as Under 7 players for that playing season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season will be classed as Under 8 players for that playing season, and so on.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to “play up” in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any difference in format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group for that playing season.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group (please see following page):

Age on 31 August of the relevant playing season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format
6	Under 7	5v5
	Under 8	
7	Under 8	5v5
	Under 9	7v7
8	Under 9	7v7
	Under 10	
9	Under 10	7v7
	Under 11	9v9
10	Under 11	9v9
	Under 12	
11	Under 12	9v9
	Under 13	11v11
12	Under 13	11v11
	Under 14	
13	Under 14	11v11
	Under 15	
14	Under 15	11v11
	Under 16	
15	Under 16	11v11
	Under 17	
	Under 18	
16	Under 17	11v11

(c) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season, shall not be permitted to play in a match during that playing season where any other player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

(d) However as exceptions to (c) above, The Association may in using its discretion:

(i) Enable disabled children to play football in an age group other than the groups dictated by their birth date, including “playing down”;

(ii) In accordance with a current FA dispensation policy, grant dispensation to enable a child to play football in an age group other than the groups dictated by their birth date, including “playing down”.

(e) To play in an Under 18 competition, a child must have attained the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant playing season.

(f) To play in an open age competition a child must have attained the age of 16.

(iii) Children 6 Years Old and Over- Competition Structure

(a) Under 7 and Under 8 Mini-Soccer

Leagues may organise a maximum of three trophy events per season, each to be played over a maximum period of two weeks, and may publish the results of such events. The remainder of the season may consist of organised development fixtures only, for which leagues and clubs may collect the results and compile league tables, but must not publish either.

(b) Under 9 and Under 10 Mini-Soccer

Leagues may organise a maximum of three trophy events per season, each to be played over a maximum period of four weeks, and may publish the results of such events. The remainder of the season may consist of organised development fixtures only, for which leagues and clubs may collect the results and compile league tables but must not publish either.

(c) Under 11

Leagues may organise a maximum of three trophy events per season, each to be played over a maximum period of six weeks, and may publish the results of such events. The remainder of the season may consist of organised development fixtures only, for which leagues and clubs may collect the results and compile league tables but must not publish either.

(d) Under 12 to Under 18

There is no restriction on the structure of competitions.

(iv) Sanction Provisions

The written consent of The Association or of the relevant Affiliated Association or Associations shall be required pursuant to Rules B1 and/or B7 as appropriate for any Competition for Under 18 age groups and below.

(v) Gender of Players in Under 7 to Under 18 Matches

A child in the age groups Under 7 to Under 18 inclusive may play in a match involving boys and girls .

(vi) Priority for School Activities

Priority must at all times be given to school or school organisation's activities in accordance with the recommendations of the "Memorandum: Children of School Age and School Games" whilst a pupil is receiving fulltime education.

All Clubs and Competitions, excluding those whose matches are played on Sundays, shall include in their rules a provision to the effect that the availability of a pupil must be consented to by the head teacher.

(B) PLAYERS OF SCHOOL AGE REGISTERED AS ACADEMY PLAYERS

(i) Players who reach the age of nine years during the academic year and who are in full-time education may register as an Academy Player.

(ii) The licensing authority for Academies shall comprise the PGB which shall operate under such Professional Game Youth Development Rules as shall be adopted from time to time.

(iii) It shall be deemed to be Misconduct for any Club or Club Official to induce any player of school age registered with a separate Club or Academy to leave school for the purpose of signing a contract of employment.

D. INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES AND CALL-UPS

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

1 A Player selected for an international or other representative team, tour, squad or other call- up arranged by The Association shall attend at the time and place notified to the Player and comply with the arrangements of The Association in every respect, save where there is good and sufficient cause not to do so.

2 A Club shall do all things necessary to ensure that a Player referred to in Rule D1 above complies with the arrangements of The Association.

3 Illness or injury shall constitute good and sufficient cause for the purposes of Rule D1 above by where The Association is satisfied, following receipt of medical evidence, that such illness or injury is of sufficient seriousness. The Player shall, in any event, submit to assessment by a medical adviser appointed by The Association.

INTER-AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION MATCHES

4 In inter-Affiliated Association Matches, a Player must be a bona fide member of a Club in membership of the Association for which the Player plays, but a Player shall always be eligible to play for the County Association of birth. A Player shall not be eligible to play for more than one Affiliated Association in the same season in Inter-Affiliated Competition matches.

E. MISCONDUCT

Save for where otherwise set out in these Rules, procedural matters concerning Misconduct shall be dealt with in accordance with The Association's Disciplinary Regulations.

1 The Association may act against a Participant in respect of any Misconduct, which is defined as being a breach of the following:

(a) the Laws of the Game;

(b) the Rules and regulations of The Association and in particular Rules E3 to E28 below;

(c) he statutes and regulations of UEFA;

(d) the statutes and regulations of FIFA;

(e) the rules or regulations of an Affiliated Association or Competition; and

(f) an order, requirement, direction or instruction of The Association.

2 The same facts or matters may constitute a breach of more than one rule, regulation, statute or law referred to above, The Association may bring a charge or such charges as it sees fit.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

3 (1) A Participant shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute or use any one, or a combination of, violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour.

(2) A breach of Rule E3(1) is an "Aggravated Breach" where it includes a reference, whether express or implied, to any one or more of the following :- ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation or disability. Mandatory minimum sanctions are applicable to certain Aggravated Breaches. Further provisions as to sanctions applicable to Aggravated Breaches are found in The Association's Disciplinary Regulations.

(3) Where an Aggravated Breach of Rule E3(1) is committed in youth football by a Player aged under 12, no disciplinary charge will be brought. In such cases, the Player will be subject to an education programme, the details of which will be provided to the Player by The Association.

(4) Where two or more Participants from a Club commit any Aggravated Breach of Rule E3(1) in any twelve month period, regardless of whether any such breach falls within sub-paragraph E3(4), the Club itself will be liable to a sanction imposed by a Regulatory Commission.

DISCRIMINATION

4 A Participant shall not carry out any act of victimisation as defined in the Equality Act 2010, or any act of discrimination by reason of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, disability, age, pregnancy, maternity, marital status or civil partnership, unless otherwise permitted by law and The Rules or regulations of The Association.

INTEGRITY MATTERS IN RELATION TO MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

5 (a) A Participant shall not, directly or indirectly, seek to influence for an improper purpose the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition.

(b) A Participant shall not, directly or indirectly, offer, agree to give, give, solicit, agree to accept or accept any bribe, gift or reward or consideration of any nature which is or could appear to be related in any way to:

(i) that Participant, or any other Participant, failing to perform to the best of their ability; or

(ii) that Participant or any other person (whether a Participant or not), directly or indirectly, seeking to influence for an improper purpose, the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition.

6 A Participant shall immediately report to The Association any offer, incidents, facts or matters which are or could appear to be contrary to Rule E5 above,

The terms 'football match' and 'competition' as used in Rule E5 include: (i) any Match or Competition (as appropriate); and (ii) any other football match or competition not within those definitions, including but not limited to any football match or competition sanctioned by UEFA, or FIFA, or by any other association, federation or governing body.

TICKETS

7 A Participant shall not:

(a) Sell a ticket for any football match; or

(b) Otherwise dispose of such a ticket to another person or entity, unless he is authorised to do so in writing by the organisers of the match.

BETTING

8 References to "Participant" in Rule E8 shall be construed in accordance with the following:

Rule E8(2) applies to any Match Official, Match Official coach or Match Official assessor operating at Level 4 or below, and any other person who is a Participant by virtue only of their involvement at a Club below Step 4 in the National League System, or at a Club at Steps 3-7 inclusive of the Women's Football Pyramid. Such Participants are not subject to Rule E8(1).

All other Participants are subject to Rule E8(1), and are not subject to Rule E8(2).

All Participants are subject to Rule E8(3).

(1) (a) A Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet on –

(i) the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition; or

(ii) any other matter concerning or related to football anywhere in the world, including, for example and without limitation, the transfer of players, employment of managers, team selection or disciplinary matters.

(b) Where a Participant provides to any other person any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time, the Participant shall be in breach of this Rule where any of that information is used by that other person for, or in relation to, betting.

(c) It shall be a defence to a charge brought pursuant to sub-paragraph E8(1)(b) if a Participant can establish, on the balance of

probability, that the Participant provided any such information in circumstances where he did not know, and could not reasonably have known, that the information provided would be used by the other person for or in relation to betting.

(2) (a) A Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet on –

(i) the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition:

(A) in which the Participant is participating, or has participated in that season; or

(B) in which the Participant has any influence, either direct or indirect; or

(ii) any other matter concerning or related to any Club participating in any league Competition, as defined in Rule A2, that the Participant is participating in or has participated in during that season, including, for example and without limitation, the transfer of players, employment of managers, team selection or disciplinary matters.

For these purposes, without limitation to the application of this Rule to other circumstances, all Employees and Officials of a Club are deemed to participate in every football match played by that Club while they are so employed or acting as a Club Official; all Players registered with a Club are deemed to participate in every football match played by that Club while they are so registered.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph E8(2)(a), a Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet, on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in, any football match played at under 18 level or below.

(c) A Participant shall not use any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time for or in relation to betting.

(d) Where a Participant provides to any other person any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time, the Participant shall be in breach of this Rule where any of that information is used by that other person for or in relation to betting.

(e) It shall be a defence to a charge brought pursuant to sub-paragraph E8(2)(d) if a Participant can establish, on the balance of probability, that the Participant provided any such information in circumstances where he did not know, and could not reasonably have known, that the information provided would be used by the other person for or in relation to betting.

(3) An individual Participant, when acting in a personal capacity, shall not be permitted to advertise or promote any betting activity that the Participant is prohibited from engaging in by Rule E8(1) or E8(2).

ATTEMPTS AND AGREEMENTS TO BREACH

9 An attempt by a Participant or any agreement with any other person (whether or not a Participant) to act in breach of any provision contained in these Rules shall be treated for the purposes of these Rules as if a breach of the relevant provisions had been committed.

COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS, INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS

10 Each Participant shall comply with a decision made pursuant to the Rules and regulations of The Association.

11 A Participant shall not participate in any activity with another Participant suspended from carrying out such activity.

12 A Club shall do all things necessary to ensure that a Player associated with it complies with a penalty or order imposed pursuant to the Rules and regulations of The Association.

13 An Affiliated Association, Competition, or Club shall not appoint to any position, or allow to continue in such position, any individual who has been suspended from holding such position.

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

14 A Participant shall immediately report to The Association any incident, facts or matters which may constitute Misconduct. This shall include (but not be limited to) any incident, facts or matters which may:

(a) Constitute a potential or actual breach of The Association's Safeguarding Children Regulations and/or Adults at Risk Regulations; or

(b) Relate to an approach made to a Participant by any person, whether or not that person is a Participant, in relation to betting on football contrary to FA Rules.

For the purposes of this Rule, a report to an Affiliated Association shall constitute a report to The Association.

15 A report to The Association of any incidents, facts or matters shall not be made for vexatious or frivolous reasons.

INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDERS

The provisions below are without prejudice to any powers of The Association to order interim suspensions, or other interim measures, in accordance with any regulations in force from time to time.

16 Suspension before charge

(a) Prior to a charge being brought, a Regulatory Commission shall have the power to issue an Interim Suspension Order in relation to a Participant associated with a Club in the Premier League, the EFL, The National League, Isthmian League, Northern Premier League, Southern League or The FA Women's Super League for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Regulatory Commission considers fit where:

(i) the Participant is under investigation for an alleged breach of, or an attempt or agreement to breach, FA Rule E5 and / or E8, or of rules or regulations of the Premier League, the EFL, The National League, Isthmian League, Northern Premier League or Southern League, UEFA or FIFA, or any alleged criminal offence which may involve such an alleged breach or attempt or agreement to breach, and has not been charged by The Association or other relevant authority; and

(ii) The Association, The Professional Footballer's Association (in the case of a Player who is a PFA member), and the relevant league have each agreed to an application being made to the Regulatory Commission for an Interim Suspension Order.

(b) An application made for an Interim Suspension Order pursuant to Rule E16(a) shall proceed in accordance with the Interim Suspension Order Regulations.

Grounds

(c) A Regulatory Commission may only issue an Interim Suspension Order pursuant to sub-paragraph E16(a) where it is satisfied that the serious nature and / or factual circumstances of the allegation(s) under investigation are such that the Participant's continued participation in football presents a real risk that either:

(i) the integrity of football would be affected; and / or

(ii) the public's confidence in the integrity of football would be affected; to such an extent that either or both of these factors outweigh(s) the Participant's interest in continued participation in football. Suspension after charge

(d) The Association, acting by the Chief Regulatory Officer or his or her nominee, shall have the power to issue an Interim Suspension Order in relation to a Participant associated with a Club in the Premier League, the EFL or The National League, Isthmian League, Northern Premier League, Southern League or The FA Women's Super League for such period and on such terms and conditions as The Association considers fit where:(i) The Participant has been charged by The Association, the Premier League, the EFL, National League, UEFA or FIFA in relation to any alleged act of Misconduct, or with any criminal offence; and

(ii) The Association, the Professional Footballers' Association (in the case of a Player who is a PFA member), and the relevant league have each agreed to the Interim Suspension Order. Periodic review

(e) A Participant subject to an Interim Suspension Order imposed pursuant to either Rule E16(a) or E16(d) shall be entitled to have the Order reviewed by a Regulatory Commission. Such review shall proceed in accordance with the Interim Suspension Order Regulations.

17. An Interim Suspension Order shall not last beyond the date upon which the related investigation or charge(s) of Misconduct or criminal offence or other disciplinary proceedings is / are decided or brought to an end.

18. Notification of any Interim Suspension Order issued shall be given as soon as reasonably practicable to the individual concerned and/or the Club with which the individual is associated.

ATTENDANCE AT AND PARTICIPATION IN MATCHES

19. An individual may take part in or attend at a Match only on condition that such individual observes the Rules, and each Affiliated Association, Competition and Club is required to observe and enforce such Rules.

20. Each Affiliated Association, Competition and Club shall be responsible for ensuring:

(a) that its directors, players, officials, employees, servants, representatives, spectators, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers,

conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from any one or combination of the following: improper, violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or provocative words or behaviour, (including, without limitation, where any such conduct, words or behaviour includes a reference, whether express or implied, to any one or more of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation or disability) whilst attending at or taking part in a Match in which it is involved, whether on its own ground or elsewhere; and

(b) that no spectators or unauthorised persons are permitted to encroach onto the pitch area, save for reasons of crowd safety, or to throw missiles, bottles or other potentially harmful or dangerous objects at or on to the pitch.

21 Any Affiliated Association, Competition or Club which fails effectively to discharge its said responsibility in any respect whatsoever shall be guilty of Misconduct. It shall be a defence in respect of charges against a Club for Misconduct by spectators and all persons purporting to be supporters or followers of the Club, if it can show that all events, incidents or occurrences complained of were the result of circumstances over which it had no control, or for reasons of crowd safety, and that its responsible officers or agents had used all due diligence to ensure that its said responsibility was discharged.

This defence shall not apply where the Misconduct by spectators or any other person purporting to be a supporter or follower of the Club included a reference, whether express or implied, to any one or more of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion or belief, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation or disability.

22 Any individual referred to in Rule E20 above may be removed from any ground, and such force used as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting such removal.

23 Each Club is expected to provide a private way from the playing area to dressing room wherever this is practicable.

24 Each Club shall have bills printed and posted in their grounds, threatening with expulsion anyone responsible for any insulting or improper conduct towards a Match Official.

ANTI-DOPING

25 A Participant shall comply with the provisions of any anti-doping regulations and any social drugs regulations of The Association from time to time in force.

SUSPENSION FOR SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENCES

26 Council shall have the power to order that a Participant be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it considers fit where the Participant has been convicted of a criminal offence and where Council considers there to be a risk of physical harm to another Participant or Participants through the convicted Participant's continuing participation in the game.

F. POWERS OF INQUIRY

POWERS OF INQUIRY OF THE ASSOCIATION

1 The Association shall have the power to monitor the compliance by each Participant with the Rules, the Laws of the Game, the statutes and regulations of FIFA and UEFA and the rules and regulations of each Affiliated Association and

Competition to which a Participant is subject and/or inquire into any incident, facts or matters which may constitute misconduct under these Rules. It is for The Association to determine in its absolute discretion the manner in which it conducts an inquiry.

2 In carrying out its functions under Rule F1, The Association shall have the power to require of any Participant upon reasonable notice:

(a) his or her attendance to answer questions and provide information at a time and place determined by The Association; and

(b) the provision to The Association of documents, information or any other material of any nature held by the Participant; and

(c) the procurement and provision to The Association of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by the Participant but which the Participant has the power to obtain. It is for The Association to determine the nature and extent of any material required for disclosure in accordance with (b) or (c)..

Where a Participant is interviewed by The Association pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above, such interview may be recorded by any method determined by The Association in its absolute discretion to be appropriate, including tape-recording.

A copy of any such recording shall be provided to the Participant as soon as practicable after the interview.

3 Any failure by a Participant to comply with any requirement under Rule F2 may constitute Misconduct under the Rules and The Association may bring a charge or such charges as it sees fit.

4 Each Affiliated Association, Competition, or Club shall ensure the compliance by its officials, directors, players, representatives or servants with a requirement to answer questions and provide information and/or produce any one or a combination of documents, information or other material in whatever form held.

5 In carrying out its functions under Rule F1, The Association may request any person who is not a Participant to assist it by producing any one or a combination of documents, information or other material in whatever form held and/or answering questions and providing information.

6 The powers of The Association, as set out in Rules F1 to F5 above, shall be exercised on the authority of Council as it sees fit.

7 The Association may share information that it holds about any Participant with a public body (including, but not limited to, UK Anti-Doping, WADA and the Gambling Commission) sports governing body or competition organiser (including, but not limited to, UEFA and FIFA), where The Association reasonably considers such sharing is necessary in order to –

(a) carry out its functions under Rule F1; and / or

(b) protect the integrity of football or sport generally.

The Association will ensure that any sharing of information is carried out in accordance with data protection law.

8 Save in respect of any matter to be dealt with under Rules F1 to F5 above, a commission of inquiry may be appointed by the chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority from time to time (or, in his or her absence, the deputy chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority) as it sees fit and may consist of such persons and have such terms of reference as are considered appropriate. The terms of reference of the commission of inquiry may be published at the time

of its appointment. The terms of reference may relate to any matter connected with the affairs of The Association.

9 A commission of inquiry may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate; and shall have the same powers as set out under Rules F2, 4 and 5 above.

10 A commission of inquiry shall present a report to the chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority (or, in his or her absence, the deputy chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority). The chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority from time to time (or, in his or her absence, the deputy chairman of the Football Regulatory Authority) may publish a report in any way considered appropriate, subject to law or statute, and taking into account matters of confidentiality and/or commercial sensitivity.

G. DISCIPLINARY POWERS

JURISDICTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1 Misconduct under Rule E1(a) shall be dealt with by The Association, or an Affiliated Association on its behalf, notwithstanding that the alleged breach may constitute Misconduct under the rules and regulations of an Affiliated Association or Competition.

2 The Association shall have the power to take disciplinary action in all cases where facts or matters give rise to alleged Misconduct under Rule E1(b) to (f) inclusive and these powers of The Association shall be exercised on the authority of Council as it sees fit.

3 Facts or matters giving rise to alleged Misconduct under Rule E1(b) to (f) inclusive, which also give rise to an alleged breach of the rules and/or regulations of:

(a) the Premier League or the EFL, may be dealt with by The Association under the Rules and regulations of The Association, unless The Association and either the Premier League or the EFL as appropriate, agree that either league shall act; or

(b) a Competition other than those referred to at Rule G3(a) above, shall be dealt with by the Competition having jurisdiction under its rules and regulations, unless The Association and/or an Affiliated Association acts. A Competition shall not act before The Association or Affiliated Association acts.

4 The power to impose a penalty or other order for Misconduct shall be exercised on the authority of Council as it sees fit. The power to impose an interim or provisional suspension order where possible Misconduct is alleged or under investigation shall be exercised on the authority of Council as it sees fit.

H. APPEALS TO AN APPEAL BOARD

1 There shall be a right of appeal to an Appeal Board under the Rules and regulations of The Association only where the Rules and regulations of The Association expressly provide for such an appeal or in any other case where The Association, acting by the Chief Executive Officer (or his or her nominee), agrees to an appeal taking place.

2 There shall be no right of appeal to an Appeal Board under the Rules and regulations of The Association where an appeal has been heard by the Premier League, or the EFL, or an Affiliated Association in respect of a decision of a Competition, or in respect of decisions arising out of competitions of Affiliated Associations where the rules and regulations provide that such decisions are final.

3 An Appeal may be made only by:

(a) the person or body who is the subject of the original decision appealed against;

(b) The Association; or

(c) in respect of certain decisions made under and prescribed by the Anti-Doping Regulations, FIFA, WADA, or the NADO.

4 An appeal shall be dealt with under the relevant regulations of The Association from time to time in force.

J. RULES, REGULATIONS AND LAWS OF THE GAME

(c) Rules and Regulations

(i) The Association shall have the power to make or alter such regulations as are deemed necessary to provide for matters arising from or to implement these Rules in so far as any such regulation is not in conflict with any Rule.

(ii) Affiliated Associations and Clubs in membership with The Association and/or an Affiliated Association, as well as all other Participants, shall be deemed to have knowledge of and be bound by the said Rule or regulation if the same shall have been published by The Association, the production of which shall constitute at all times undisputed proof of the validity of such Rule or regulation.

MIXED FOOTBALL

3 Players in a Match must be of the same gender save for matches in a playing season in the age groups Under 7 to Under 18 inclusive (as defined at Rule C).

L. FAIR PLAY IN FOOTBALL

Fair play in football means that EVERYONE connected with football:

(a) shows understanding of and respect for the Laws of the Game;

(b) supports the belief that the game should be played in an entertaining and positive way; and

(c) behaves on and off the field in a sporting manner towards all others involved, be they players, officials or spectators, irrespective of results.

KIT AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

Introduction

These Regulations are made pursuant to FA Rule J2 and The Association's Regulation's for the Registration and Control of Referees. Clubs are also referred to the Laws of the Game.

All references to a club or clubs in these Regulations include any team, whether or not part of a club.

Clubs participating in International competitions must also comply with all relevant regulations of FIFA, UEFA and other Confederations.

It is recommended that clubs and football boot and clothing manufacturers seeking clarification of any of the regulations do so by referring to the specific competition rules and The Association.

We would encourage clubs and football boot and clothing manufacturers to seek feedback at the earliest possible time, in relation to designs and advertising from The Association and their specific competition. Clubs and manufacturers are reminded to obtain the necessary permissions before manufacture.

Definitions and Interpretation

"Advertising" means any designation, message, logo, trademark, name or emblem of any nature.

"Clothing" means the Match clothing of a Player, Club Official or Match Official and shall include without limitation shirts, shorts, socks, undershorts, t-shirts (or any other item of clothing worn under the shirt), sweat-bands, headbands, hairbands, caps, captain's armband, tracksuits, "walk on jackets" (i.e. that worn by Players for the pre-match player line up), gloves, waterproofs, sweat tops, sock tie-ups. Also, any outer garments worn by substitutes and Club Officials in the Technical Area at any time. Save where stated to the contrary, Football Boots are not considered as Clothing.

"Clothing manufacturer" means any undertaking that carries out the business of the manufacture or licensing of football clothing and has been appointed by the Club concerned to supply the clothing.

"Club Officials" in these Regulations includes any Club Official as defined in the Rules who has team duties such as managers, coaches, physiotherapists, and doctors and includes any person who takes up a position in the Technical Area at any time during a Match

"Football Boots" means any footwear worn during the period of a Match by a Player or Match Official.

[Note: In calculating the area of any Advertising referred to in these Regulations, the usual mathematical formula will be used, and any outlines or box surrounds of the relevant designation, message, name, logo, emblem or mark, and all included space, shall be considered as part of the area of Advertising. Please see the examples set out at the back of these Regulations. If any further guidance is needed please contact The Association – sanctioning@thefa.com]

A. GENERAL

1. Save as set out in these Regulations, Advertising on Clothing and Football Boots is prohibited during the period of a Match. This applies to Players, including substitutes, any others in the Technical Area, including Club Officials and to Match Officials. The rules of an Affiliated Association or Competition may provide that for matches under their jurisdiction a Club is obliged to obtain permission for any of the Advertising listed in Section C below, subject always to these Regulations. Clubs must seek the permission of the Competition organiser in order to wear any items of Clothing during any pre-match warm-up, ceremony or player line up that bear any slogan or message not otherwise covered by these Regulations (for example but not limited to a message of support regarding an ill team-mate).

2. Where the rules of an Affiliated Association or Competition require a Club to obtain permission under A(1), a new application for permission must be made to the appropriate body each time it is proposed to amend the Advertising. Subject to the provisions of Section B2 and Section C(5) below, or any relevant provisions of the appropriate Competition, there is no restriction on the number of such applications that may be made during the course of each season.
3. Disciplinary action in accordance with the Rules may be taken against a Club, Player, Club Official or Match Official for any breach of these Regulations.
4. The appearance on, or incorporation in, any item of Clothing (including Football Boots) of any distasteful, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting, discriminatory or otherwise ethically or morally offensive message, or any political message, is prohibited. The Advertising of tobacco products is prohibited.
5. A Club shall observe all recognised Advertising standards and in particular those of the Advertising Standards Authority.
6. Advertising entailing the use of numerals is permitted only if such numerals clearly form part of the Advertising and cannot in any way be confused with Players' shirt numbers.
7. No colour or design may be used in Advertising that might create problems of identification for Match Officials and/or opponents. The colour and design of the Clothing of opponents, goalkeepers and match officials must be taken into account.
8. Without limiting the effect of the above, in the case of a team comprising players all under the age of 18 years on 31 August in the current season, the appearance on or incorporation in any item of Clothing of any reference whatsoever to a product, service or other activity which is considered by The Association as detrimental to the welfare, health or general interest of young persons, or is otherwise considered inappropriate, having regard to the age of the players, is prohibited.

   It is the view of The Association that examples of such products, services or related activities would include, but are not limited to, age restricted products, services and related activities such as alcohol and gambling. Generally, reference to a public house or restaurant may be permissible, unless the establishment primarily or exclusively exists for the supply and consumption of alcohol (which is likely to be reflected in its alcohol licensing conditions). Alcoholic drinks, breweries and products, services or activities related to gambling are unlikely to be permissible under any circumstances.

   Prior to entering into any contractual agreement with a product, activity or service that may be considered to be detrimental or inappropriate to young persons, clubs should contact The Association to seek approval.
9. Any issues arising in relation to the interpretation or effect of these Regulations shall be referred to The Association for its determination, which shall be final and binding (subject to provisions relating to Match Officials).
10. A Club shall supply on demand to The Association any item of Clothing for consideration as to whether it complies with these Regulations.

B. PERMITTED ADVERTISING (not relating to sponsors)

The following Advertising is permitted:

1. Club emblem and name

   (i) On Football Boots

   The officially designated Club emblem (or part thereof), name, initials, nickname or a trademark registered by the Club, or a combination of such, may appear without restriction.

(ii) On all other Clothing

The officially designated Club emblem (or part thereof), name, initials, nickname, foundation year or a trademark by the Club, or a combination of such, may appear:

(a) once only on the front of the shirt, providing it does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres (see Fig 1); and

(b) once only anywhere on the shorts providing it does not exceed an area of 50 square centimetres (see Fig 2); and

(c) once only on each sock providing it does not exceed an area of 50 square centimetres (see Fig 3).

An additional officially designated Club emblem (or part thereof), name, initials, nickname or a trademark registered by the Club, or a combination of such, may appear on each sock or on any cap worn by a goalkeeper providing it does not exceed an area of 50 square centimetres (see Fig 4) and, where it appears on a sock, is covered when a Football Boot is worn (see Fig 3).

(d) once only on each sock tie-up providing it does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres. The sock tie-up may show the Player's name, Player's squad number, Competition name, sponsor designation and date of match or any combination of the same. Clubs must receive the approval of the Competition for the use of sock tie-ups.

(e) No more than two of the officially designated Club emblem (or part thereof), name, initials, nickname, foundation year, a trademark registered by the Club or web site address, may appear on the collar or collar zone of a shirt and/or tracksuit. Any single item may be used once only. Each item to have a surface area not exceeding 12 square centimetres, and and lettering in written / text identifications must not exceed 2 centimetres in height (see Fig 5). The collar zone is a 5 centimetre band starting at the base of a clearly defined collar.

(f) The club may incorporate one of its types of club identification or parts thereof, in jacquard weave form, as tonal print or by embossing the shirt and/or shorts. There is no limitation as to the number, size and positioning of the type of club identification chosen.

The design of such jacquard weave may also be the names of individuals (eg club supporter) providing each is limited to 20 square centimetres, with unlimited repeats being acceptable. Clubs must receive the approval of the Competition to apply the names of individuals into a jacquard weave or similar technique.

The jacquard weave must be incorporated in the main colour and/or in one of the minor colours. It must not dominate, contain a contrasting colour, or affect the distinctiveness of the kit.

(g) once only on the front of any walk on jackets and outer garments of Clothing including that worn by substitutes and Club Officials in the Technical Area at any time with size and positioning consistent with B1(ii)(a) and (b) above, except that there are no restrictions as to the position and size of the Club name. In addition once only on the back with no restriction as to the position or size.

2. Clothing Manufacturer

(i) On Football Boots

The established mark, logo, name or model/style of Football Boots or their manufacturer, or a combination of the same, may appear without restriction.

(ii) On all other Clothing

The established mark, logo or name of a Clothing manufacturer, or a combination of the same, may appear once only:

(a) on the shirt and on the shorts provided it is an area no greater than 20 square centimetres (see Fig 7).

(b) on each of a goalkeeper's gloves, and on a goalkeeper's cap, provided such does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres (see Fig 6).

(c) on each of an outfield player's gloves provided such does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres.

(d) on the front and back of any t-shirt or any other item of Clothing worn under the shirt provided such does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres and this is not visible outside the playing shirts during the period of the Match.

(e) on undershorts worn under playing shorts provided such does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres and this is not visible outside the playing shorts during the period of the Match.

(f) (i) The established mark, logo or name of a Clothing manufacturer, or a combination of the same, may also appear up to twice on each sock between the top edge and the ankle, provided that it is an area no greater than 20 square centimetres for such mark, logo or name (or combination thereof) where it appears once on each sock or 10 square centimetres where it appears twice on each sock. It may be incorporated into the design of the socks, but must be limited to 10 square centimetres repeats and must be restricted to any turn-over on the socks (see Fig 8).

(ii) An additional established mark, logo or name of a Clothing manufacturer, or a combination of the same, may appear once only on each sock providing it does not exceed an area of 50 square centimetres and it is not visible when wearing a Football Boot.

(g) (i) An additional established mark, logo or name of the Clothing manufacturer may be used once or repeatedly on either/or both sleeves as part of the design on the trim or taping of shirts, shorts and socks. Such trim or taping shall be limited to down the outer seam of the shirt (armhole to the bottom of the shirt), or the length of the sleeve (neck to cuff), or across the bottom of each sleeve (cuffs) and to the bottom edge of the shorts or down the outer seam of the shorts and across the top edge of the socks (see Fig 9).

(ii) The mark, logo or name of the Clothing manufacturer which appears once or repeatedly, as part of the design on the trim or taping of the shirts, shorts and socks shall be

restricted to a maximum width of 10cm on the shirts and shorts and to a maximum width of 5cm on brand-new (unworn) socks (see Figs 8 and 9).

(h) An established mark, logo or name or combination of the Clothing Manufacturer must appear on all Clothing of all Players and Club Officials wherever such Advertising appears consistent with the size and positioning set out at B.2(ii) above. Once submitted to and approved by a Competition, the established mark, logo or name or combination on players' and Club Officials' Clothing may not be modified during the course of that season, without the approval of the Competition.

(i) In addition to the club identification, the manufacturer may incorporate one of its types of identification in jacquard weave form or by embossing in the shirt and/or shorts. The type of manufacturer identification chosen must not exceed 20 square centimetres. There is no limitation as to the number and positioning of the type of manufacturer identification chosen.

The jacquard weave must be incorporated in the main colour and/ or one of the minor colours. It must neither dominate nor affect the distinctiveness of the kit.

3. Product marks and seals of quality

(i) On Football Boots

The official licensing product mark or seal of quality is permitted on the outside of Football Boots without restriction.

(ii) On all other Clothing

An official licensing product mark or seal of quality is permitted on the outside of the Clothing only if Competition rules so allow. When placed on a shirt, such mark or seal may not exceed 10 square centimetres in size and shall be placed on an area which is hidden when the shirt is tucked inside the shorts.

A second, smaller licensing mark or seal of quality is allowed on the shirt which must not exceed 5 square centimetres and must be placed along the torso outer seam. In addition to any licensing product mark(s) or seal(s) of quality which may appear on the shirt, such a mark or seal is permitted on the shorts. It may not exceed 5 square centimetres.

4. Numbers

(i) On Football Boots

A Player's shirt number may appear on his boots without restriction.

(ii) On all other Clothing

Where the Competition rules require a number on the back of the shirt, it should be clearly legible and positioned in the centre of the back of the shirt.

The number should be between 20 cm and 35 cm in height with provision for each competition to set specific criteria.

A number may also appear on the front of the shorts which must correspond with the number on the shirt.

The number should be between 10 cm and 15 cm in height with provision for each competition to set specific criteria.

The officially designated logo or name of the Competition or combination of the same may appear once only on each of the player's shirt numbers providing the logo, name or combination does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres. The officially designated logo or name of the Competition's designated charity or combination of the same may also appear once only on each of the player's shirt numbers providing the logo, name or combination does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres. No other Advertising or any other marking is allowed on players' shirt numbers.

5. Players Names and Personalisation

(i) On Football Boots

A Player's name, including any appropriate nickname or initials, may appear on that Player's boots without restriction. Other names, places, appropriate nicknames or numbers of personal significance to that Player (e.g. the name or birthday of a family member, or the number of playing appearances made) may also appear on that Player's boots without restriction.

(ii) On all other Clothing

The name of a player may appear on the back of shirts or tracksuits only if Competition rules so permit. The height of the lettering must not be greater than 7.5 centimetres.

6. Other Logos

(i) On Football Boots

Except as permitted by paragraphs 1 – 5 above, the appearance of any logo of any description on a Player's Football Boots is prohibited.

(ii) On goalkeeper gloves

A goalkeeper's name, including any appropriate nickname or initials, may appear on the goalkeeper's gloves providing such name etc does not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres.

(iii) On all other Clothing

(a) The officially designated logo or name of an Affiliated Association or Competition may appear once only on each sleeve of shirts, provided Affiliated Associations or Competition rules so permit. Such mark must appear between the shoulder seam and the elbow and must not exceed 100 square centimetres.

(b) The officially designated logo, name of any awards or titles won in previous seasons or commemorative occasions (which may include any match details e.g. date, venue, opponents) or a unique number for each Player that represents their place in the chronological list of Players that have played for that Club may appear on shirts, provided such does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres and permission has been granted from the Competition in which the kit is to be worn.

(c) A single image of the national flag of the country to which the Club is affiliated may appear once only on each sleeve of the playing shirt provided that the rules of the Affiliated Associations and the Competition so permit and that it does not exceed an area of 25 square centimetres.

(d) The officially designated name, logo or emblem of a registered charity may appear once only on shirts, provided that such name, logo or emblem does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres. Alternatively, such a charity name, logo or emblem may appear on shirts in the space reserved for the main club sponsor, either alone or in combination with a club sponsor logo, provided that a total area of 250 square centimetres is not exceeded.

Before any such charity name, logo or emblem is used on a kit, permission must be granted from the Competition in which the kit is to be worn. Such permission may only be granted on a maximum of three occasions in any one season.

(e) A Competition may request permission from The Association for the inclusion of a designated name, logo or emblem of an initiative to appear once only on shirts, provided that such name, logo or emblem does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres. Alternatively, such a name, logo or emblem may appear on shirts in the space reserved for the main club sponsor, either alone or in combination with a club sponsor logo, provided that a total area of 250 square centimetres is not exceeded. Permission will be at the sole discretion of The Association.

(f) The captain of each team may wear an armband in accordance with Affiliated Association or Competition Rules. If worn the captain's armband must not include any form of Advertising or sponsorship. With the prior agreement of the Affiliated Association or Competition the captain's armband may include the official club emblem, the Affiliated Association or Competition logo, or any initiative or emblem that promotes the game of football.

CLUB EMBLEM

Regulation B.1

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

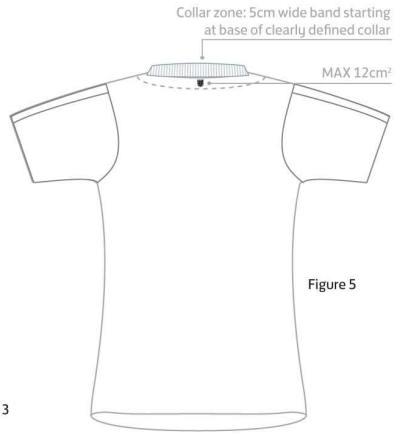
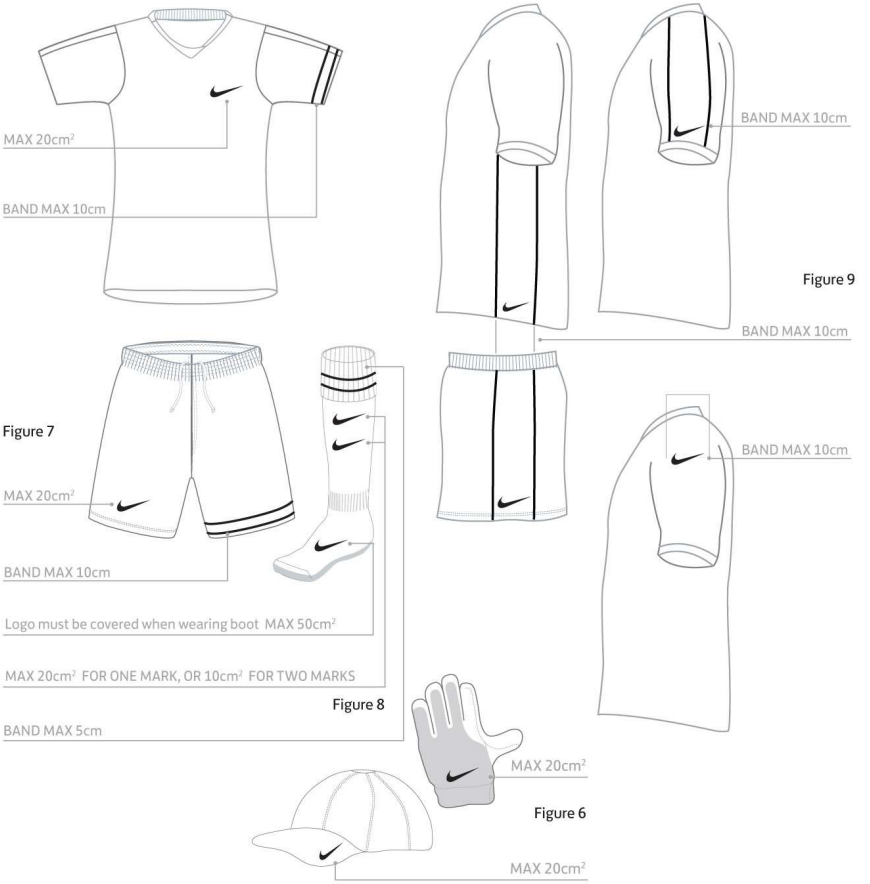


Figure 5

Figure 4

CLOTHING MANUFACTURER

Regulation B.2



C. SPONSOR DESIGNATIONS

1. On Football Boots

   Except as permitted by paragraphs B1 – 5 above, the appearance of any Advertising of any description, including sponsors' designations, on a Player's Football Boots is prohibited.

2. On all other Clothing

   No sponsor Advertising is permitted anywhere on the Clothing of a Player on the field of play during a match except as provided for in this part C.

   The following Advertising is permitted:

   (i) Playing kit

   (a) On the Clothing of a Player on the field of play, the following areas shall be permitted to be used for Advertising

   - One single area not exceeding 250 square centimetres on the front of the shirt (see Fig 10);
   - One single area not exceeding 100 square centimetres on the back of the shirt (see Fig 13);
   - One single area not exceeding 100 square centimetres on each sleeve of the shirt, between the shoulder seam and the elbow (provided Affiliated Association or Competition Rules so permit) (see Fig 12);
   - One single area not exceeding 100 square centimetres on the back of the shorts (see Fig 14); and
   - Once only on each sock tie-up providing it does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres (see Fig 11).

   One or more company may be advertised and, in respect of any one company, one or more of its products. The same Advertising must appear in the same form on the Clothing of all Players and Club Officials, wherever such Advertising appears, throughout the entirety of the match.

   (b) Any Advertising under C2(i) must be clearly separated from the items described in B above.

   (ii) Walk on jackets and Tracksuits and other Clothing worn in the Technical Area

   Advertising may appear on (a) walk on jackets; and (b) the tracksuits and other Clothing worn by Players and Club Officials in the Technical Area in accordance with the size and locations set out in C2(i) and can be either:

   - the same sponsor(s) as worn on the playing kit (home or away strips)
   - be additional to the sponsors as worn on the playing kit
   - be different to the sponsors as worn on the playing kit
   - a single sponsor that is an official partner of the relevant competition

3. Clubs may conclude sponsorship arrangements with different companies in respect of Advertising permitted under C2(i) above for both their 'home' and 'away' strips. Where Competition rules allow for a third strip to be worn, this may carry Advertising as worn on either the "home" or "away" shirt. The third strip may carry an alternative sponsor advertisement with the permission of the Competition. The

Advertising must appear in the same form on the Clothing of all Players and Club Officials wherever such Advertising appears, throughout the entirety of the match.

4. Clubs with more than one team may conclude separate shirt Advertising agreements in respect of each of its teams.

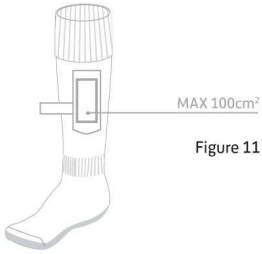
5. Club playing name

No Club in Membership of the Premier League, EFL, a League at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System, The FA Women's Super League, The FA Women's Championship or The FA Women's National League, may include the name of a sponsor in its Club playing name unless in the sole opinion of The Association the Club's playing name arises from a historical association with that Club such as a works sports and social club. Any other Club may include the name of a sponsor in its playing name with the prior written consent of its Affiliated Association and where such consent is given, Advertising on behalf of one company only shall be carried on the Club's match shirts irrespective of the provisions of B(4) and C2(i) above.

SPONSOR DESIGNATIONS

Regulation C.2(i) front of the shirt and sock tie-up

Figure 10



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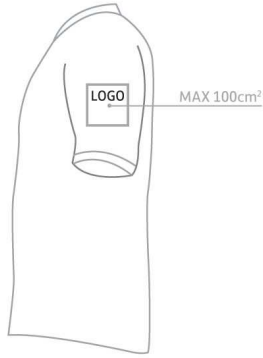


Figure 12

SPONSOR DESIGNATIONS

Regulation C.2(i) Back of the shirt and shorts

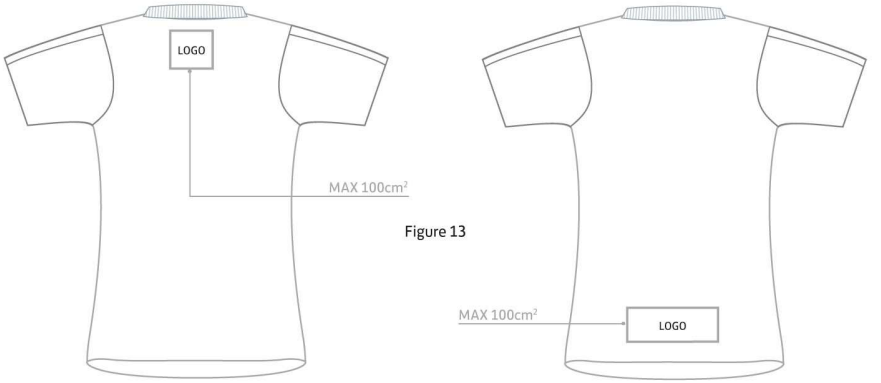
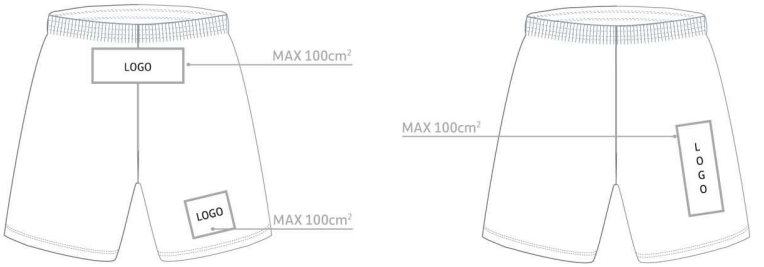


Figure 13

(Examples of where a single logo could be located)

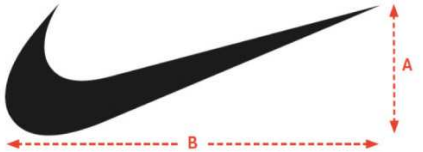


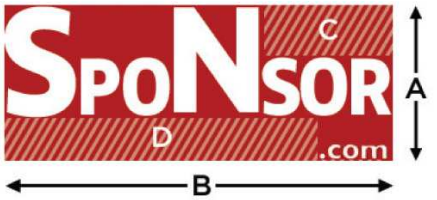
MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

In order to help clubs maximise the space for their sponsors within the regulations, we have provided some practical examples of how The FA would measure sponsor advertising on football club shirts.

If you would like assistance or require clarification of measurement and sizing relevant to your club sponsor, please email sanctioning@TheFA.com

(A multiplied by B)

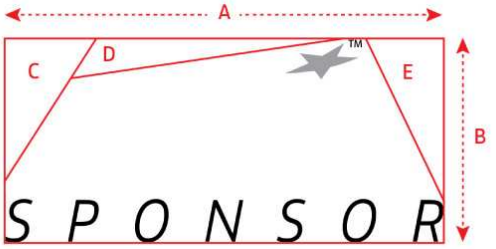




(A multiplied by B less C + D)

Items on kit will be measured according to their smallest geometric form (square, rectangle, triangle, circle etc), and the dimensions calculated using the usual mathematical formula.

To calculate the surface area, the widest part of the items will be measured from edge to edge. Exceptionally, items may be divided into several individual geometric forms for the purpose of calculating the surface area.



MAXIMUM 250cm2

(A multiplied by B less C + D + E)

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES OF NEUTRAL COLOURED PATCHES/SHIRT COLOURS

A. Sponsor advertising on a neutral coloured patch – i.e. white sponsor logo on a black patch on a predominantly white/green shirt.

In this scenario the area measured would be the total area covered by the black patch on which the logo sits.

B. **Sponsor advertising on a patch which is based on one of the main colours of the shirt** – i.e. white sponsor logo on a red and white striped shirt.

In this scenario the area measured would only be that around the sponsor's logo even if this logo may stand out more prominently because of the white stripes in the shirt.

C. **Measuring of a 'chest ring**' – e.g. the white band around a club's shirt

If a club's traditional shirt contains a chest ring and that is one of the official colours of the playing kit, the area that is measured will only be around the sponsor's logo and not the whole of the chest ring.

D. MATCH OFFICIALS

No Advertising of any nature, save as set out below, is permitted on Match Officials' Clothing or Football Boots without the consent of The Association.

The following Advertising is permitted:

1. The mark, logo or name of a Clothing manufacturer or a combination of the same, may appear:
   (a) once only on the shirt provided it is an area no greater than 20 square centimetres.
   (b) once only on the shorts provided it is an area no greater than 12 square centimetres.
   (c) incorporated into the design of the socks, but must be limited to an area no greater than 12 square centimetres.
2. Jacquard Weave

   A jacquard weave or similar technique such as embossing shall be allowed providing each is limited to 20 square centimetres, with unlimited repeats being acceptable. The design of such jacquard weave may be the manufacturer's mark, logo or name. The jacquard weave shading shall be restricted to two shades differing from the base colour, using a standard Pantone reference manual.
3. Sponsor Advertising

   Sponsor Advertising is permitted only on shirt sleeves and the total surface area of the Advertising shall not exceed 200 square centimetres. Any sponsorship contract must be made between the sponsor and The Association or Professional Game Match Officials Limited. Individual Affiliated Associations or Leagues are not permitted to enter into sponsorship contracts.
4. Badges

   Match kit shirts may carry the recognised badge of the appropriate Competition once only, which must be on either site of the breast pocket. This badge must not exceed an area of 20 square centimetres and, where it contains the established trademark, trade name or logo of a sponsor of the Competition, must be approved by The Association in advance.

   In addition to the recognised competition badge the match kit shirt may carry once only on either site of the breast pocket an officially designated badge of FIFA, The Association, the relevant Affiliated Association or the Referees' Association (where relevant).
5. Sock Tie-Up

   Each sock tie-up may show the name and/or badge of appropriate Affiliated Association or the Referees' Association providing it does not exceed an area of 100 square centimetres.

   No Advertising is allowed.

Lancashire FA

MATCHES AGAINST FOREIGN CLUBS

PRO - APPLICATION TO PLAY AGAINST FOREIGN TEAMS - FORM (JUNE 2018)

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Application from a Premier League/English Football League/FA Women's Super League Club wishing to participate in Matches against Foreign Opposition

To be received at The FA 60 days before the date of the intended match or the first of a series of matches. FA Rule B 4 (b) and FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches shall apply.

All Clubs given permission to play matches against foreign opponents of another National Association shall ensure that, both on and off the field, members of the party uphold the prestige of The Association and of their Club and comply with all applicable Rules, Regulations and Policies including those of The FA and the Premier League, EFL or FAWSL.

_____Football Club ("the Club"), wish to arrange the following match(es)

or tournament(s) against the following foreign team(s):

Name of Club(s)/Tournament(s)	- First Team - Reserves - Age Group	Date	Kick-Off	Host Association and Venue	National Association of Team(s)

AGENTS Please indicate whether the match(es)/tournament(s) listed above have been arranged by an agent.
Name and address of licensed agent_____ _____

_____

TELEVISION If your Club have entered into any contract which relates to the television transmission of the match(es) / tournament or part of it/them into the territory of the United Kingdom, or have any knowledge of any plans for such transmission, please complete the following:

1. Have you retained the television rights for the match(es) /tournament? YES NO

2. If "NO" to question 1 then who are the television rights holders? _____

3. If you have entered into a television contract, does this contain the necessary UEFA/FIFA Regulations covering the authorisation for the exploitation of the Audio-Visual and Sound Broadcasting Rights?
UEFA Article 48* Applicable FIFA Article*

4. Do you have any knowledge of any intention to transmit television pictures of the match(es) / tournament into the territories of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland? YES NO

* As such Articles may be updated or revised from time to time.

I confirm the above information to be correct and that the Club agrees to comply with applicable Rules, Regulations and Policies of T he FA and the Premier League, EFL or FAWSL in relation to this application and acknowledge that The FA may at its discretion share details of this application with relevant football and statutory authorities.

Signed:		**Date:**	
Name(Print):		**Position:**	

Forms to be returned to: Licensing & Sanctioning Department,

The Football Association
Wembley Stadium, PO Box 1966, London SW1P 9EQ
sanctioning@thefa.com
0800 169 1863 ext 4601

Lancashire FA

NON-LEAGUE - APPLICATION TO PLAY AGAINST FOREIGN TEAMS - FORM (JUNE 2018)

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES AGAINST FOREIGN OPPOSITION

Only for use by those that are NOT a Premier League /English Football League or FAWSL Club

To be completed in full and forwarded to the County Association to which your Club is Sanctioned/Affiliated at least 60 days prior to the date of the intended match or the first of a series of matches. We_____the applicant Club with Affiliation Number_____wish to arrange the following match(es) against the following foreign team(s):-

Name of Club(s)/ Tournament	- First Team - Reserves - Age Group	Date of match(es) and kick-off time	Venue	Host Association	National Associations of Team(s)

(If insufficient space, please provide a separate list along with this form)

In submitting this application we acknowledge and confirm that in relation to the match(es)/tournament for which consent to participate is requested we shall fully comply with the Laws of the Game and all FA Rules, Regulations, Procedures and Policies.
In circumstances where the match(es)/tournament involves one or more youth teams, we additionally acknowledge and confirm the following:
• We shall fully comply with The FA's Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures - http://www.thefa.com/football-rulesgovernance/safeguarding;
• We shall at all times be responsible for the safeguarding and welfare of our Club's Officials, Players and Staff;
• We hold written consents from the parents/carers of all young persons aged under 16 that will attend the match(es)/tournament. No young person shall participate in the match(es)/tournament in the absence of such consent;
• Where match(es)/tournaments involving young persons of school age are due to take place during term time, we hold written permissions from the head teachers of all young persons involved;
• We have read and shall adhere to the Safe Sports Events, Activities and Competitions Guidance provided by the NSPCC, Child Protection in Sport Unit - https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/2013/safe-sport-events-activities-andcompetitions/ and
• We have satisfied ourselves that there will be an adequate Safeguarding Plan (compliant with the NSPCC's Safe Sports Events, Activities and Competitions Guidance), on site emergency procedures and first aid provision in place to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants of the Club at all times during the match(es)/tournament.

If the Club requires safeguarding support please contact your County Welfare Officer.

Club Signatory _____Print Name_____

Email address_____

Date_____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR ALL CLUBS BELOW STEP 4 OF THE NLS

_____County Football Association hereby approves the above application to play against foreign teams.

Signed by the Secretary/Youth Secretary_____

Print name _____

Date_____

Completed form to be forwarded to:

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GOALPOST SAFETY GUIDELINES

Updated June 2018
The Football Association, along with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Health and Safety Executive and the British Standards Institution, would like to draw your attention to the following guidelines for the safe use of goalposts.

Several serious injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years as a result of unsafe or incorrect use of goalposts.Safety is always of paramount importance and everyone in football must play their part to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future:

To minimise the risk of poorly designed, badly installed or inadequately maintained goals being used the BSI have a standard for football goals, nets, maintenance and management which has been agreed across Europe. Only goals and nets that are certified as complying with the relevant British Standard should be purchased or used for all forms of football.

Traditionally larger sized/weighted goals have been designed to withstand the types of misuse that can occur on unsupervised sites (people swinging on the cross bar, etc.); making the goals strong enough to withstand abuse does result in them being quite heavy and concerns have been expressed that there is the possibly of a greater risk of injury occurring through a heavy goal tipping or when a free-standing type, as often used on 3G pitches, is being moved around a field. Lighter goals have been developed for these pitches and a new standard established.BS EN 16579

When selecting goals and other sports equipment, consideration must be given to the precise uses of the pitch, so that changes in activity can take place with the minimum of effort and inconvenience. Goals can be freestanding, and therefore easily moved, although it is important to make proper provision for their storage when not in use (the run-offs of the pitch must not be used for this purpose) or they can be socketed when semi-permanent installation is required.

1. For safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or practice field) must always be anchored securely to the ground or have a weighted back bar.

- Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturer's instructions; this is also a requirement for the Laws of the Game.
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts;
- Particular attention is drawn to the fact that if not properly assembled and secured, portable goalposts may overturn; and
- Regular inspections of goalposts must be carried out to check that they are properly maintained.

2. Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use. They should either be dismantled or removed to a place of secure storage, or placed together and suitable fixings applied to prevent unauthorised use at any time.

3. Goalposts which are "homemade" or which have been altered from their original size or construction should not be used under any circumstances as they potentially pose a serious safety risk.

4. There is no BS/CEN standard for wooden goals and it is unlikely that wooden goals will pass a load or stability test. The FA recommends that wooden goals should be replaced with British Standard compliant metal, aluminium or plastic goalposts. All wooden goals previously tested by independent consultants have failed strength and stability tests.

The FA and BSI, recognise the previous industry, standards for goalposts – BSEN 748 (2013) BS8461:2005 +A1: 2009 and BS 8462: 2005 +A2: 2012 along with the new BS EN standard 16579. It is strongly recommended that you ensure that all goals purchased comply with the relevant standard. A Code of Practice BS 8461 is also available and copies of all of these standards are available from the BSI. Funding for the replacement of unsafe goals is available via the Football Foundation and eligibility criteria and further details can be obtained from their website.

REMEMBER TO USE GOALPOSTS SAFELY AT ALL TIMES

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GOALPOST AND PITCH SIZES

The FA receives many enquiries around pitch and goal sizes suitable for all age groups and therefore recommends the following should be applied where possible:-

Age grouping	Type	Recommended size of Goal Posts		Maximum Recommendation without runoff		Recommended size including runoff (Safety area around pitch)	
		(Height x width) ft		(Length x width) yds		(Length x width) yds	
Mini-Soccer U7/U8	5 v 5	6	12	40	30	46	36
Mini Soccer U9/U10	7 v 7	6	12	60	40	66	46
Youth U11/U12	9 v 9	7	16	80	50	86	56
Youth U13/U14	11 v 11	7*	21*	90	55	96	61
Youth U15/U16	11 v 11	8	24	100	60	106	66
Youth U17/U18	11 v 11	8	24	110	70	116	76
Over 18 Senior Ages	11 v 11	8	24	110	70	116	76

Note: County FAs and Leagues may have defined rules for their own competitions and reference should always be made to their handbooks for additional guidance and compliance.

The FA recommends that run-off's for natural grass pitches should be a minimum of 3 yards (or 3 metres) all around the pitch. For those clubs playing in the football pyramid the minimum safety run off is 1.83 metres (6 feet) but ideally at least 2 metres. If a new ground is to be constructed at least 3m should be provided.

The run-off must be of natural grass and must not be of tarmac or concrete construction, with no barriers or obstructions evident within the run-off area. If Football Turf (3G) is to be used as a run-off, this should be constructed to meet the performance standards of full size pitches and be green in colour.

Where pitches neighbour others within a confined area, the minimum run-off between both pitches should ideally be 6 yards to allow for spectators watching either match.

The Laws of the Game may be modified in their application for matches for players of under 16 years of age, for women footballers, for veteran footballers (over 35 years) and for players with disabilities.

Any or all of the following modifications are permissible:-

(a) the size of the field of play

(b) the size, weight and material of the ball

(c) the width between the goalposts and the height of the crossbar from the ground

(d) the duration of the periods of play

(e) substitutions

* If a pitch is to be provided for U13/14 it is recommended that 7 x 21 goalposts are provided. However, it should be noted that 8 x 24 would also be acceptable as not all sites will be able to provide specifically for this age group

LINE MARKING

Multi-line Marking on Single Pitches

FIFA rules stipulate (Law 1 The field of play) that where 3G Football Turf pitches are being used 11v11 adult pitch should be marked in white. Other lines are permitted provided that they are of a different colour and clearly distinguishable. The lines must be of the same width which must not be more than (12cm) 5 inches. The FA have produced guidance documents for natural and football turf pitches that include recommended colours and how pitch dimensions and layouts can be implemented. These documents are available on The FA website.

As a quick guide the following colours are recommended when marking pitches:

Red	Mini Soccer U7 & U8 (5v5)
Yellow	Mini Soccer U9 & U10 (7v7)
Blue	U11 & U12 (9v9)
White	other age groups & adult (11v11)

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GUIDANCE NOTES ON LINE MARKING OF FOOTBALL PITCHES

Various practices have been used in the past for the application of white, or other coloured, lines to football pitches. The objectives of such practices has been to both reduce labour and materials costs whilst endeavouring to keep the lines visible for a greater length of time. Some of these practices have lead to injury and subsequent court action being taken against managers and clubs. You are therefore advised to study the following notes carefully.

A. LEGISLATION

The main governing factors for marking out white lines are the same as that for other routine tasks in the workplace.

1. Duty of Care

Under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 every employer has a duty of care to ensure the workplace is safe for their employees, contractors, visitors, players, and spectators.

2. The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH)

Regulations to prevent ill health from exposure to any hazardous substances present in the workplace.

3. Risk Assessment

You are required to carry out assessments on all tasks carried out in the workplace in relation to the nature of hazard, worst outcome, person(s) at risk, current precautions, estimated risk and further precautions.

If a risk assessment is correctly carried out this will ensure an appropriate line marking material is applied, ensuring best practice and, above all, safety of the groundsperson and players.

It is the duty of all Managers to ensure that all the regulations are adhered to as they are ultimately responsible in the eyes of the law. If line marking is carried out by contractors then a specification should be drawn up to include all the safeguards outlined in these guidance notes. This might also extend to include specifying a particular product however, the contractor should also provide a written risk assessment on the day of the line marking activity.

B. SUITABLE LINE MARKING COMPOUNDS

1. Permanent paints

Based on pigmented viscous liquid. These “paints” can be applied either in a diluted form or neat.

2. Powders

There are various non-toxic whiting powders available which are based on ground natural calcium carbonate and can be used wet or dry. They are safe to use provided COSHH regulations are adhered to. Under COSHH the user would eliminate the risk as much as possible, although in practice this might require the user to wear gloves and eye protection and to wash off any contact with the skin as a precautionary measure. Most powders are supplied in a fine form.

Only materials approved for use as a line marking material on a grass surfaces can be used on football pitches. An example of an illegal material is hydrated Lime (Calcium hydroxide). This should never be used for line marking. It is toxic and can give rise to chemical skin burns and irritations. It can cause serious damage to the eyes and skin on contact in both its dry or wet form. Its use is not approved or recommended under any circumstances.

C. USE OF HERBICIDES TO REINFORCE LINE MARKINGS

Until **The Food and Environment Protection Act, 1985 (FEPA)** was introduced many groundsmen and club members used various herbicides mixed in with whitening compounds to keep the lines in longer and more visible during the winter playing season.

It is, however, only permissible to use a herbicide which is approved for use on sports turf, and this is likely to be a total herbicide. COSHH and a suitable Risk Assessment must be carried out prior to any application. A further legal consideration is that the user must have successfully obtained his/her Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1, PA2A or PA6A).

Any herbicide product for line marking must be used within the conditions of approval granted under The Control of Pesticide Regulations, 1986 (COPR), and subsequent amendments, and as outlined on the product label. There should be no risk to players by contact or transfer of the active herbicide to any part of the body. A Risk Assessment must always be carried out prior to any use of these materials to a grass surface.

The addition of herbicides to whitening materials is not a recommended practice however, there may be approved products available which might be considered in some circumstances.

Play safe – use only safe and approved materials. Do not use old materials as they may no longer be approved for use.

D. MACHINES AVAILABLE TO MARK LINES

Marking machines fall into the following categories.

1. Dry Line Markers

As the name implies, these are for applying dry powder compounds.

2. Pressure Pump Markers

A wheel driven pump forces marking fluid through a jet or spout directly onto the turf surface.

3. Electric Pump Markers

These are battery driven to constantly maintain the required pressure and direct the liquid onto the turf surface.

4. Belt Feed Markers

These have a moving belt system which conveys a continual supply of liquid onto the turf surface by contact

5. Wheel Transfer Markers

These convey the liquid via rotating wheel onto a tray and then via a sponge wheel directly onto the turf surface.

All of the above markers are obtainable from most sports ground suppliers. Before purchasing any marker have a demonstration first, and ensure you get the right marker for your requirements.

E. USEFUL CONTACTS & INFORMATION

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/2677/contents/made

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1985/48

The Control of Pesticides (Amendment) Regulations 1997
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1997/188/contents/made

Guidance for those affected by the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012:
http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/guidance/industries/pesticides/topics/using-pesticidescodes-of-practice/Guidance_Sustainable_Use_PPP_Regs_2012.htm

Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products available from
http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/guidance/industries/pesticides/topics/using-pesticides/codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-using-plant-protection products

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Health & Safety Executive website
http://www.hse.gov.uk/

The Amenity Forum website
http://www.amenityforum.co.uk

Suppliers of products
http://www.iog.org/directory-and-shop/industry-directory/companies

F. IMPORTANT NOTE

These notes are, intended solely to provide helpful guidance for club managers and groundsmen.

The information may vary or change from time to time, as a result of directives issued by governing bodies or government departments.

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THIRD GENERATION (3G) FOOTBALL TURF PITCHES

There continues to be significant interest in the use of Third Generation Football Turf Pitches (3G) for clubs in the National League System and below.

Much of this interest, both from leagues and clubs within the non-League pyramid, seeks to understand The FA's position regarding the sanction of these pitches, particularly in FA Competitions.

The FA Board and Council have now approved the use of such pitches in all FA competitions.

- FA Cup
- FA Trophy
- FA Vase
- FA Youth Cup
- FA Women's Super League, FA Women's Premier League, FA Women's Cup and FA WSL Continental Cup
- FA Sunday Cup
- FA County Youth Cup

The use of such pitches is however dependent on compliance with conditions of use – a copy of these is available for download and should be read in association with these notes.

It has been agreed that matches for steps 3 - 6 of the National League System, Womens Super League and FA competitions may be played on 3G Football Turf Pitches that conform to the FIFA 1 star/Quality performance standard, or the equivalent International Artificial Turf Standard (IATS)/International match standard (IMS). (see specific notes in the league rules relating to steps 1 and 2 and the FA Cup competition rules relating to first round 'proper' fixtures involving professional clubs)

To qualify for use, the pitch must be certified annually as meeting the FIFA 1 Star/Quality or IATS/IMS Standard and listed on the FA's Register of 3G Football Turf pitches. The relevant certificate or report must be supplied to The FA and relevant competition for approval before play is allowed.

3G Football Turf pitches are also allowed to be used for matches for Step 7 and below (including youth competitions) subject to the pitch meeting the correct performance criteria (relaxed from the FIFA 1 star /Quality standard) and appearing on the FA 3G register. A pitch must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every three years and the certificate or report passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

Clubs should make their own risk assessment of whether such an installation is plausible or not given their individual circumstances and depending on the volume of use. There is a risk that pitches may deteriorate over time and may not achieve the required standards at each period of retesting especially if the pitch has significant use and is not maintained appropriately.

It is suggested that clubs negotiate suitable longevity warranties from the pitch manufacturers to ensure that the pitch will last in line with the club's business plan and intended usage levels. A sinking fund should be established to ensure sufficient funds are available when the surface needs replacing.

Clubs are encouraged to understand the full maintenance required, which may be necessary to validate any warranty. The FA have found that most pitches that fail the performance test have insufficient maintenance. These pitches are not maintenance free and it is recommended that 1 hours maintenance is provided for every 10 hours use. This should increase for high activity use such as youth competitions or school use.

The FA together with representatives from the industry have prepared information regarding the design, installation, construction, maintenance and testing of Football Turf Pitches and The FA Facilities team can also offer advice to clubs considering installation. This information can be accessed within the facilities section of The FA's website www.TheFA.com.

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- Respect is a behavioural code for Football
- Respect is about recognising that the integrity of the game is more important than the result of the match
- Respect is For ALL and plays a key part in uniting the game
- Respect is about creating an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in Football
- Respect is about those involved taking responsibility for the consequences of their own actions
- Respect is about supporting match officials to do their job.
- Respect is not a slogan. It is a collective responsibility of those involved in football to create a safe, fun and inclusive environment in which the game can take place.

The following Respect Codes of Conduct outline the types of behaviour that will support a safe, fun and inclusive game in this country. They also identify a range of sanctions which may be taken if these codes are not abided by.

YOUNG PLAYERS – RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/team manager.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Understand that a coach/team manager has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach/team manager or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club

SPECTATORS – RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obliged to undertake an FA education course
- Obliged to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS – RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club

In addition:

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn

MATCH OFFICIALS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct of match officials at all time.

I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Referees Committee

ADULT PLAYERS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match official's decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect.
- Remember we all make mistakes.
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

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STANDARD CODE OF RULES

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football (the"Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below, and The FA Women's Pyramid excluding FA Women's Super League and FA Women's Championship.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the [ ] League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

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

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

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

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

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA] [the County Football Association Limited].

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.

"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

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

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

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

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

(B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION

2. (A) The Competition will be known as [" "] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(B) This Competition shall consist of not more than [ ] Clubs *and/or [ ]* Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

(C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [ ].

(D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through

the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

(E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.

(F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

(G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding* [ ] *in number.*

(H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

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

(iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

(K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.

(M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one Team from the

same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

CLUB NAME

3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or an SGM.

When Rule 22(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per *Club/Team* payable on or before the AGM of the Competition in each year.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and deposit (if required) have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [ ] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and [ ] members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than [ ] in each year.

All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [ ] in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

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

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.

(C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:

(i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or

(iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

With the exception of Teams playing at Step 7 of the National League System, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Step 7 of the National League System is £500

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) [%] of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management

Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [ ] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received [ ] days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

(i) invite submissions by the parties involved;

(ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal;

(iii) permit new evidence; or

(iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

(H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

All such protests, claims, complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than [ ] in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least [ ] members are present and entitled to vote:-

(i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.

(ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.

(v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.

(vi) Appointment of auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14)

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Step 7 which shall be determined by The FA).

(x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.*

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.

(H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.

(J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/(Director)and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary)/(Director)of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."

The agreement shall be signed by:

(i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or

(ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the [ ] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS.

MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office; (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clause (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

"We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chairman and Secretary of FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) *At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.*

ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [ ] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [ ] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by [ ]. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if [ ] [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of £[ ] shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on [ ].

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

INSURANCE

16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

(B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time.

The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DISSOLUTION

17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.

(B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.

(C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.

(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

MATCH RELATED RULES

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. (A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:

(i) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, which is submitted to the Competition [ ] days prior to the Player playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match;

Or

(ii) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a subsequent match day until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition. A maximum of [ ] Players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 18(A)(ii);

or

(iii) registered through WGS.

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 18(A) (i) or (ii) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rules 18(A) (i) or (ii), registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via WGS (under Rule 18 (A) (iii)), Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) (i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have at least [ ] Players registered [ ] days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in Competition Matches, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.

(iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (iii) shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a

fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [date] except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club , and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the *(Registrations)* Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player without a written contract changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [ ] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have taken part in [ ] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is/are [ ].

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or

b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or

c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(O) The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education:-

(i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday leagues competitions).

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

(P) A Player who has played for a Team in the [ ] division [ ] times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee.

CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [date] who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeepers jersey) at least [ ] days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the *away/home* Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

Within the National League System ("NLS") all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All Competition Matches outside of the NLS shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition match with the consent of the (*Fixtures*) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [ ] clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is [ ]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. *Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's*

Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition *Referees Appointments* Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

(iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (*Fixtures*) Secretary within [ ] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. *Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [ ] persons, or car allowance at [ ] p per mile for transporting [ ] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.*

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to [ ] (*3, 4, 5 , 6, 7*) substitute Players of whom not more than [ ] (*(3, 4, 5*) may be used.

A Player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, a Club may use up to [3 from 3 substitutes Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] in a Competition Match.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [ ] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

(G) The half time interval shall be of [ ] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who may/shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The (*Registration/Fixtures*) Secretary must receive within [ ] days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the *referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition.* Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The Home Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the [ ] by [ ]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest.

If the records of two or more Teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches under conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

(B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [ ] Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [ ] Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).

(i) Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated Team(s);or

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or

(c) election.

(iii) The last [ ] Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule22 (B)(i) above.

(iv) When a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which its reserve Team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division; and should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division its reserve Team automatically retires from the Competition.

(v) Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.

(C) In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play- Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows [ ].

(D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

(E) Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions [ ] Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the [ ] Competition at their AGM.

Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the [] or [ ] placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions.

At the end of each Season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from the[ ] Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either (a) to accept a Club from the [ ]Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition.

The bottom [ ] Clubs in the [ ] Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will [ ] be allocated either to the [ ] Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.

[ ] Clubs will be promoted to the [ ] Competition from the [ ] Competition, and the [ ] Competition providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or [ ] placed Club and has the necessary grading criteria.

In the event of there being no eligible Club wishing promotion or not having the necessary grading criteria from any of the Competitions, this will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the [ ] Competition.

If only [ ] Clubs are eligible or wish for promotion, the bottom [ ] Clubs in the [ ] Competition will be relegated. If only [ ] Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the [ ] Competition will be relegated.

If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the [ ] Competition.

In the event of a [ ] Competition Club not being placed in the bottom [ ] Clubs at the end of the Playing Season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the Playing Season, or having been excluded under Rule [ ] only [ ] Clubs will be relegated at the end of the Playing Season.

In the event of a [ ] Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule [ ] such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.

MATCH OFFICIALS

23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.

(C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of [ ] per mile/ or inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *full fee plus expenses/half fee plus expenses/expenses only*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall

be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£
7 (C), 7 (E), 7(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£
5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£
18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£
18(O)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£
19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£
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20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£
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21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£
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STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions (the "Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the [ ] League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

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

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

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

"Mini Soccer" means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

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

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA][the [ ] County Football Association Limited].

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.

"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

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

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

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

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

"Youth Football" means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

(B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2. (A) The Competition will be known as [" "] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(B) This Competition shall consist of not more than [ ] Clubs *and/or* [ ] Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

(C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [ ].

(D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through

the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

(E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.

(F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

(G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding [ ] in number.*

(H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

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

(iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

(K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.

CLUB NAME

3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.

(B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per *Club/Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition)* and shall be payable on or before [ ] in each year.

(C) A Deposit of £[ ] shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [ ] in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.

(E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [ ] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and [ ] members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than [ ] in each year.

All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [ ] in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

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

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.

(C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-

(i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or

(iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge

is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) [%] of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [ ] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a

member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received [ ] days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit of £ [ ] and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

(i) invite submissions by the parties involved; or

(ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or

(iii) permit new evidence; or

(iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than [ ] in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least [ ] members are present and entitled to vote:-

(i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.

(ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.

(v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.

(vi) Appointment of auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.

(x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.

(B) A copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.

(C) A signed copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12*.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.

(H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.

(J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the

Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."

The agreement shall be signed by:

(i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or

(ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the [ ] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

11. (A) *Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least [ ] days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.*

(B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM.
MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any *Club or Team* whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

"We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [ ] FC(Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [ ] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [ ] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [ ] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by [ ]. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if [ ] [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of £[ ] shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on [ ].

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited/verified* annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

INSURANCE

16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

(B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time.

The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended

cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DISSOLUTION

17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.

(B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.

(C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.

(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

MATCH RELATED RULES
QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. (A) (i) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

(a) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form [ ] in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer [ ] of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary [ ] days prior to the Player playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing in a Competition Match. The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition;

or

(b) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form [ ] in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by his/her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by [ ] an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a subsequent match day until the Club is in possession of the completed counterfoil. A maximum of [ ] Players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 18 (A) (i) (b). The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Players' parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition;

or
(c) registered through WGS.

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 18(A) (i) (a) or (b) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rules 18(A) (i) (a) or (b) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via WGS (under Rule 18 (A) (i) (c)) Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

(ii) Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing in a Competition Match. The original document must be forwarded by post to the appropriate Officer of the Competition within three days of the Competition Match.

The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) (i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.

(iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered [ ] days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	5
7v7	7
9v9	9
11v11	11

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	4
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	4
	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
10	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.

(i) A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.

(ii) In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered.

The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.

(iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:

a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or

b. Except for the purpose of a transfer.

And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

(F) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.

(iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of

exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G)(iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [date] except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club , and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (*Registrations*) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [ ] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have taken part in [ ] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is /are [ ].

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

(a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or

(b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or

(c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

(O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).

(iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [date] who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least [ ] days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the *away/ home* Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA.

The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy event per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least [ ] days prior.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (*Fixtures*) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [ ] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	6
11v11	7

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E) (i) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. *Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.*

(ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

(iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to

the (Fixtures) Secretary within [ ] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. *Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for* [ ] *persons, or car allowance at* [ ] *p per mile for transporting* [ ] *persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.*

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(iv) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed.

No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.

(v) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.

Where a Competition does not allow return substitutes:

For Under 17s and Under 18s – a Club may name up to [ ] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) substitute Players of whom not more than [ ] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) may be used.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:

For Under 11s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to [3 from 3 substitute Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] [6 from 6 substitute Players] [7 from 7 substitute Players]. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a

substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.

In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [ ] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

(G) The half time interval shall be of [ ] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(H) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who *may/shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The (*Registration/Fixtures*) Secretary must receive within [ ] days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the *referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition*. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The Home Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the [ ] by [ ]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff). The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

(B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [ ] Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [ ] Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).

(i) Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated Team(s); or

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or

(c) election

(iii) The last [ ] Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22 (B)(i) above.

(iv) Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.

(v) Should either or both of the relegated Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next lower division, relegation shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next lowest Team or Teams in the division concerned.

(C) In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows [ ].

(D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

MATCH OFFICIALS

23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.

(C) *Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.*

(D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, *subject to the*

determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of [ ] per mile / or inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *full fee plus expenses/half fee plus expenses/expenses only*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(J) *The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.*

(K) *Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*

(L) *Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.*

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£50.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£150.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£100.00
7 (C), 7(E)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£10.00 (per player)
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£10.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£100.00
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£100.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£100.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£100.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00
18 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE PLAYING SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
18(M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£100

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£30
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£30.00
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
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20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
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21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£20.00
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23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25.00
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STANDARD CLUB RULES

SUGGESTED RULES:

1. Name

The club shall be called ..... (the "Club").

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, promote the game of Association Football, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation in the same.

3. Status of Rules

These rules (the "Club Rules") form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. Rules and Regulations

(a) The members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited ("The FA"), County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated ("Parent County Association") and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.

(b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without prior written approval by the Parent County Association. The FA and the Parent County Association reserve the right to approve any proposed changes to the Club Rules.

(c) The Club will also abide by The FA's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equality Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

5. Club Membership

(a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the "Membership Register") which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(b) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the Club Committee and granted in accordance with the anti-discrimination and equality policies which are in place from time to time. An appeal against refusal may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the Membership Register.

(c) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

(d) The FA and Parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

6. Annual Membership Fee

(a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to community participation. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

7. Resignation and Expulsion

(a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of his/her resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than two (2) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in its opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time.

(c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the income and assets of the Club (the "Club Property").

8. Club Committee

(a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Welfare Officer (where a Club has youth teams) Secretary and Minutes Secretary and up to 5 other members, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

(b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"). One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the ..... or in their absence the..... The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.

(c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than four meetings a year.

(e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.

(f) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The FA, the Parent County Association and any applicable Competition, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(g) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of The FA that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football club.

9. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

(a) An AGM shall be held in each year to:

(i) receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year;

(ii) receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year;

(iii) elect the members of the Club Committee; and

(iv) consider any other business.

(b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the meeting.

(c) An EGM may be called at any time by the Club Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by not less than five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required and the resolutions proposed. Business at an EGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.

(d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a General Meeting (whether an AGM or an EGM) together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the meeting.

(e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be..... .

(f) The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Save as set out at (g) below, each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(g) Any member aged under 18 years may not vote in a general meeting save that one of his or her parents/guardians may vote on his or her behalf.

(h) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

10. Club Teams

At its first meeting following each AGM the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team.

The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a written report of the activities of the team.

11. Club Finances

(a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the "Club Account"). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories.

All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

(b) The Club Property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club. The distribution of profits or proceeds arising from the sale of Club Property to members is prohibited.

(c) The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club (although a Club shall not remunerate a member for playing) and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

(d) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

(e) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

(i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

(ii) employ members (although not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Club Committee without the person concerned being present;

(iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; and

(iv) indemnify the Club Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

(f) The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of six years.

(g) The Club shall prepare an annual “Financial Statement”, in such format as shall be available from The FA from time to time. The Financial Statement shall be verified by an independent, appropriately qualified accountant and shall be approved by members at general meeting. A copy of any Financial Statement shall, on demand, be forwarded to The FA.

(h) The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the Treasurer (“the Custodians”),who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.

(i) The Custodians shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

(j) On their removal or resignation a Custodian shall execute a Conveyance in such form as is published by The FA from time to time to a newly elected Custodian or the existing Custodians as directed by the Club Committee. The Club shall, on request, make a copy of any Conveyance available to The FA. On the death of a Custodian, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Custodians. If there is only one surviving Custodian, an EGM shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian.

(k) The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the Club Property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

12. Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.

(b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.

(c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them for related community sports.

THE LANCASHIRE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee
(Founded 1922)

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Duncan Tighe

Hon. Treasurer
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Kelvin Davies

Referees' Societies

The Lancashire Football Association would strongly advise all registered referees to become members of a local Referees' Group or Society. You will receive lots of benefits and support such as; in-service training, mentoring, advice on Law, assessments, promotions, debates, great guest speakers, the sale of supplies and organised social events.
JOIN YOUR LOCAL SOCIETY TODAY!

Contacts for Lancashire Referee Societies

Accrington & District
Marlon Gupta
Alex Maclean . .

Accrington meet at 7.45pm on the first Thursday of every month (Aug-April) with an AGM in May - TBC The venue is Accrington Stanley FC

Blackburn
Mo Matadar
John Lilley

Blackburn Ref Soc meetings are on last Thursday of the month in August through to May - except for December which is the 3rd Thursday. Main meeting starts at 7.00pm in the Blackburn Library with instruction and training for new referees at 6.15 prior to the main meeting.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Districts
Mariusz Kurkiewicz . .

B, F&W Refs meet every Monday at Unity College Business Centre, Warbreck Hill Road, Blackpool, FY2 0TS from 7pm - 9pm

Bolton & District
David Fletcher
Darren Handley

Bolton Society meets at Tonge Moor Conservative Club, Tonge Moor Road, Bolton BL2 2HN. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7.45pm.

Burnley
Dale Markham
Ged Cowgill . .

Burnley Referees monthly meetings are on the last Thursday in the month at Burnley Cricket Club, starting at 8.00pm

Also on Twitter @burnleyrefs

Bury
Matt Clarke

Bury Refs meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at St Mary's Social Club, Pine Street, Radcliffe, M26 2WQ – 7.30pm start

Chorley
Steve Unsworth
Derek Heighway

The Chorley Referees Association meets on the 1st Thursday of every month from September to May at St George's Church Institute –Trinity Road Chorley – PR7 2DW – starting at 7.30pm

Furness Ref Society
Bob Davies
Clive Roddie

Furness Referees Society meetings are held on the 2nd. Monday each month at Hawcoat Park Social Club, Hawcoat Lane, Barrow in Furness, at 7.00 P.M.

Lancaster & Morecambe
Alistair Stewart

Lancaster & Morecambe Referees Society meets every Monday at University of Cumbria, St Martin's Campus Sports Centre – 7.45pm start – running from September to March

Leigh Referees Development Group
Aran Hodkinson
Simon Robinson

The Leigh RDG meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at Leigh RMI - with a 7.30pm start - but meetings are also subject to change, depending on Bank and Public Holidays, check our website for details.

Nelson and Colne Referees Society
Keith Wilkinson
Roger Skinner

Referees meet on the Monday of the last full week of the month at the Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne with a 7pm start

Preston & District
Ed Duckworth
Shaun Taylor

Preston Refs meet on the first Monday of the month from September - June, at BAC/EE Club, Preston starting at 7.30pm.

Rochdale
David Cryer
Andy White . .

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Rochdale Cricket Club, Bridgefold Road, Rochdale OL11 5BX starting at 7.30pm

Wigan Referees Development Group
Darren Bond
Jonathan Chadwick .

Wigan Refs meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at Highfield Cricket Club – 7.30pm start

Any referee wishing to attend a meeting should first contact the society contact as listed above to ensure there have been no changes to the meetings or programme. The LFA cannot be held responsible for any incorrect information.

The details above have been sent by the individual societies.

LFA Referee Tutors 2018/19

Available to work on Basic Referees Courses, Referee Societies & In-Service Events

Carl Berry

Mark Doherty

David Cefyn Grafton

Eric Hart

Farhan Kazi

Kat McEvoy

Jim Parker

Fiona Shone

Duncan Tighe

Neil Yates

Samuel Yates

LANCASHIRE FA OBSERVERS

COUNTY OBSERVERS

If you need the contact details of a particular observer please call the Referees Department on 01772 624000.

KEN BERRY
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DAN ISSAWI
ROGER KING
CHRIS McCANN
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MIKE THOMPSON
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DEAN WATSON
DAVID WOLFENDEN

SUPPLY LEAGUE OBSERVERS

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CHRIS McCANN
PAT McKENNA
ROD MARSDEN
ANTHONY PARKINSON
JOHN POWNER
GRAHAM SPEED
BILL STOCKDALE
LEE TAYLOR
DUNCAN TIGHE
DEREK WILDMAN
DOUG WILLOUGHBY
ANDREW WORKINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGISTERED REFEREES

Affiliated Associations must provide, as a minimum, the following for Referees administered by them:

Allocation to Leagues
The Association is responsible for the allocation of Referees promoted to, or serving on, the National Contributory Leagues List of Assistant Referees to a suitable Supply League on which to referee. The allocation of Referees to officiate as Assistant Referees in the recognised division of one Supply League only, in which teams from the Affiliated Association operate, is the responsibility of the Affiliated Association to ensure that local football is not deprived of Referees.

Referees successfully completing the Referee Course are to be advised in writing, in accordance with the Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees, of the leagues on which they may operate.

Appointments
Affiliated Associations make appointments to their individual Competitions. In addition, they are invited to make nominations in respect of FA Competitions at the request of The Association's Refereeing Department.

Benevolent Scheme
Affiliated Associations are encouraged to make available access to any Benevolent Scheme it runs to Referees. They may also access, on behalf of a Referee, The Football Association Benevolent Fund.

County Football Association Badge
The Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees require Referees to wear the badge of the County FA who administers his registration on FA Competitions, where such a badge is available. This provides County identity for Match Officials when operating both within and outside their Affiliated Association boundary. Affiliated Associations should make the County FA badge available to Referees.

County Football Association Handbook
Affiliated Associations should provide, as a minimum, the County Cup Competition Rules, details of Club Secretaries and details of grounds/match venues.

General Advice
General advice and guidance on all football related matters should be communicated by the Affiliated Association to those Referees it administers.

In-Service Training
Referees at Level 4 and below are provided with in-service training by Affiliated Associations. In-service training for Referees in the promotion scheme is mandatory in accordance with the Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees and may be co-ordinated in conjunction with National Referee Managers. Other in-service training (i.e. Supply League Referees, Pre-Cup Final training, assessor training, etc) should be provided for Referees as appropriate. Funding may be accessed to meet some of the training and development needs.

Laws of the Game
All referees must be provided with a current edition of the Laws of the Game by their Parent Association and any Law amendment bulletin published by The Association.

Legal Advice
Affiliated Associations may assist in the provision of legal advice where appropriate to Referees. This could involve seeking advice from The Association on behalf of the Referee in certain circumstances.

Liaison with the National Referee Managers
Affiliated Associations should make every use of the services of the National Referee Managers in the support of its responsibilities for registered Referees as outlined in this Memorandum.

Licensed Referee Tutor Courses
Affiliated Associations should identify those candidates it considers suitable to attend Licensed Referee Tutor Courses in accordance with the criteria notified by The Association from time to time. The Association makes financial provision for these courses.

Mentor Scheme
Affiliated Associations are required to provide Mentor support for Referees undertaking the Referee Course (previously the Basic Referee Course). It is recognised that mentoring is an aid to retention and Affiliated Associations are encouraged to extend the service to other Referees wherever possible.

Monitoring of Financial Provision
Affiliated Associations are required to develop and produce a County Development Plan linked to the National Game Strategy which details key initiatives and targets to support recruitment, retention and development of Referees as well as offering details on the financial support provided by The Association. Returns are to be submitted to The Association upon request.

Nominations to the Contributory League List
Affiliated Associations are required to nominate eligible and suitable Referees to join the Contributory League Assistant Referees List from their Senior County Referees on request from The Association's Refereeing Department. Those Referees who are nominated for consideration to the Contributory League Assistant Referees List must have successfully completed the required fitness test as determined by The Association's Referees' Committee from time to time.

Personal Accident Insurance
Affiliated Associations are encouraged to investigate the need for Personal Accident Insurance for Referees.

PGMOL
The Professional Game Match Officials Ltd is responsible for officials operating in the Premier League, EFL and Panel Leagues.

Promotion and Assessment Scheme
Affiliated Associations are responsible for the promotion of Referees up to Level 5 - Senior County Referee, in accordance with the Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees, by ensuring that Referees are active at the appropriate Level and are regularly assessed. The promotion assessment scheme is part funded by The Association. Senior County Referees and below, outside the promotion scheme, who are administered by their Parent Association should be regularly assessed for development purposes.

Public Liability Insurance
A minimum of £5 million, as recommended by The Association, cover for public liability insurance.

Recruitment and Training of New Referees
The recruitment and training of new Referees is an important area which Affiliated Associations have responsibility towards the development of the future of the game. The Association supports this with provision of financial and material support.

Referee Discipline
The Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees devolve the responsibility for Referee discipline, of those Referees not operating on the National List of Contributory League Officials or above, to the Referee's Parent Association. Where an alleged offence is committed by a Referee whilst acting as a Match Official in any capacity (on or off the field) the matter will be dealt with by a Referees' Committee or Commission thereof, except where the charge relates to FA Rule E. In this and all other circumstances the Referee will be dealt with as any other Participant. Referees should be made aware of the process by which any acts of misconduct, or indiscipline in relation to their registration, will be dealt with by the Affiliated Association.

Registration
Registrations for Referees must be in accordance with the Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees as amended by The Association from time to time. Affiliated Associations will collect the National Registration fee and, where appropriate, any Associate Referee fee levied by them for Referees administered by another Affiliated Association. Except where determined otherwise, Affiliated Associations will be responsible for the provision of CRC and any other checks on Referees as decided by The Association.

Safeguarding Children Training
In accordance with the Rules of The Association, every participant in a position of trust e.g. coach, referee, medic, welfare officer etc... is required to undergo Safeguarding Children Training. The Association's Referees Department and Equality and Child Protection Unit will provide appropriate guidance.

Schools of Excellence and Referee Academies
Affiliated Associations are strongly encouraged to include a School of Excellence (or Referee Academy) for referees.

Transfers
Affiliated Associations are responsible for ensuring that Referees who move to another administrative area are notified to the receiving Association. On receipt of that notification, the receiving Affiliated Association should ensure that the Referee is made aware of the refereeing activities in the County.

REGULATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF REFEREES

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to The Football Association Rule J1(d), the Council is authorised to make regulations with reference to Match Officials as they deem expedient. These 'Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees' (the "Regulations") are the regulations made under that Rule.

Affiliated Associations are responsible for the administration of Referees registered with The Association who reside in their area as determined by The Association. Service Associations have administrative responsibility for Referees who are serving members of the Armed Forces.

Affiliated Associations shall appoint a Referees' Committee to carry out its' functions under these Regulations.

These regulations fully embrace The Association's Equality Policy, Safeguarding Children Policy and Regulations and Safeguarding Adults at Risk Regulations.

For the purpose of these Regulations the terms used will be defined as follows:

Administer – to carry out the administrative procedures relating to the registration and control of Referees as required or determined by The Association from time to time.

Affiliated Association – a County Football Association or Service Association.

Annual Review – the review by a Competition of its List of Match Officials entitled to be appointed for a match in that Competition, to establish the suitability of each Referee to continue to be eligible to be retained on that List. This will take place between the last day of the playing season and the 31st July each year. Such a review will take into consideration the Referee's administration, fitness, conduct and performance on the field of play as defined in these Regulations, as modified by any written instructions to a Competition from the Association from time to time. The Competition must provide reasons for the removal of a Match Official from their List to the Parent Association of the Match Official.

Club Mark – a numerical indication of a Referee's performance on the field of play, reported by competing Clubs after a match, on a scale defined by The Association.

Contributory Leagues – those nominated divisions, within specific Leagues as determined and considered by The Association, suitable for Level 3 Referees.

County Referee – a Referee who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association, as required by these Regulations, the ability to officiate at Level 6 and above.

Examine – to supervise, in written and/or other form of examination, Trainee Referee candidates to the requirements and standards determined by The Association from time to time.

FA Basic Referee Course (previously referred to as The Basic Referee Training Course) – a course of instruction for 11-a-side football as determined by The Association leading to the examination of Referee candidates.

FIFA List – those Referees and Assistant Referees, nominated by The Association and selected by FIFA, eligible for appointment to international matches.

Futsal – the only form of small sided football approved by FIFA.

Futsal Observer – those individuals authorised by The Association to produce Observer reports at levels determined by The Association in relation to futsal.

Junior County Referee – a Referee who has completed successfully the Basic Referee Training Course, having reached the age of 16 years.

League – a Competition sanctioned under relevant Regulations by The Association or an Affiliated Association.

Marking Season – except as otherwise determined by The Association, the marking season for promotion/retention shall be from the 1st March until the last day of February in the following year.

National List – those Referees selected by The Association, eligible for appointment to games in the Premier League, EFL and other matches as determined from time to time.

Observer report – written appraisal of a Referee's performance on the field of play, carried out by an Observer, or a Futsal Observer, on behalf of The Association, Affiliated Association or competition and submitted to the appropriate body.

Observers – those individuals authorised by The Association to produce out Observer reports at levels determined by The Association.

Panel List – those Referees selected by The Association, eligible for appointment to games within specific Panel Leagues as determined by The Association, suitable for Level 2 Referees.

Parent Association – the Affiliated Association within whose boundaries a referee resides (except for Service referees and the Amateur Football Alliance).

Playing Season – that period of the year when The Association permits football to be played.

Referee – a person registered as qualified under these Regulations who may be appointed as a Match Official.

Registration Period – from 1 June in each year, (or the date of successful completion of the Basic Referee Training Course if later) to the following 31 May.

Senior County Referee – a Referee who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association, as required by these Regulations, the ability to officiate at Level 5 and above.

Service Association – an Affiliated Association having responsibility for the administration of the game as determined by The Association from time to time in or relating to Her Majesty's Regular Forces (the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force).

Specialist Assistant Referee – Referees who are permitted by The Association to officiate almost exclusively as Assistant Referees.

Supply League – those nominated divisions, within specific Leagues as determined and considered by The Association, suitable for Level 4 Referees.

The Association – means The Football Association.

Trainee Referee – a Referee candidate who is undergoing the FA Basic Referee Course, will be recognised and classified as a Level 9 Referee and may be appointed as a Match Official in accordance with these regulations.

Youth Referee – means a registered Referee who is aged 14 or 15.

For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through the Council, which shall delegate such functions to the Referees' Committee.

1. REGISTRATION

(a) No person shall be appointed as a Match Official in any Match or Competition under the jurisdiction of The Association either directly or indirectly unless registered in accordance with these Regulations. A Competition may include in its regulations a provision by which a person who is not a registered Match Official may carry out the duties of a Match Official in a specific Match but only in circumstances where a registered Match Official cannot be appointed to or officiate in that Match. In these circumstances the appointed unregistered and/or unqualified Match Official will carry the same powers and duties of an appointed registered Match Official for the purpose of that match.

(b A Referee must be registered with The Association through the Affiliated Association within the area in which the Referee resides, which will be deemed that referee's Parent Association (or County). The Parent Association for serving members of The Armed Forces is the Affiliated Association of the service in which they serve; such referees may also register as an Associate Referee with the

Affiliated Association in whose area they reside. A Referee will be required to pay the standard national registration fee to be determined annually by The Association. Registration will run from the date of registration until the following 31 May. A Referee may become an Associate Referee with another Affiliated Association but will not be required to pay a further fee. The Memorandum attached to these regulations details the responsibilities of Affiliated Associations in respect of Referees administered by them.

(c) In cases where the boundaries of Affiliated Associations overlap, the Affiliated Associations concerned must mutually agree responsibility of the training and examination of Trainee Referees. Once the FA Basic Referee Course has been completed, the registration of the Referee must then be transferred to the Affiliated Association of the area in which the Referee resides. A Referee who changes residence from one administrative area to another will be required to be released by the original Association before being registered with their new Association for administrative purposes but will not be required to pay a further registration fee for that season.

(d) Referees shall not be registered with The Association until they are able to satisfy the Affiliated Association of their date of birth. A Trainee Referee must be 14 years of age or older at the time of registration.

(e) A Referee who has failed to register as a Referee with The Association for between two and five seasons shall not be re-registered until they have successfully undertaken and completed the FA Basic Referee Course written examination. The Affiliated Association may then register the Referee at their former Level (up to Senior County Referee) once they are satisfied with his/her competence. A Referee who has not been registered for more than five seasons must attend and successfully complete the FA Basic Referee Course at which point they will be registered as a Junior County Referee.

(f) A Referee's registration may be cancelled or suspended by the Affiliated Association in consultation with The Association where the Referee has not acted in the best interests of the game. The Association may take any action it deems appropriate. Applications for the re-instatement of a Referee who has previously been disqualified under this Regulation must be referred to The Association.

2. REFEREE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND EXAMINATION

(a) The Association and Affiliated Associations shall be responsible for the recruitment, training and examination of Referees.

(b) The requirements and standards for Referee training and examination shall be agreed by The Association.

(c) Initial Referee training course fees shall be set by The Association for:

– FA Basic Referee Course

– Futsal

– Small Sided Football

– Mini Soccer

– Disability Football

(d) FA Basic Referee Course - A candidate will undergo training and evaluation, including practical and written assessments as determined by The Association.

(e) All other formats of initial Referee training will be examined at the end of the period of training.

(f) The minimum age a candidate may be presented for initial examination of the FA Basic Referee Course and all other forms of refereeing will be 14 years.

(g) Candidates who do not reach the standard required by The Association in the initial examination may be re-examined at a time appropriate to the needs of the individual as determined by The Association and/or the Affiliated Associations.

3. CLASSIFICATION

(a) On behalf of The Association, each Affiliated Association must classify Referees administered by their Association. The classification period runs from 1 June in each year, or the date of successful completion of the initial examination, to the following 31 May.

As at 1 June in each year every Referee is to be classified as follows;

International	FIFA List Referee
Level 1	Select Group or National List Referee
Level 2a	Panel Select List Referee
Level 2b	Panel List Referee
Level 3	Contributory League Referee
Level 4	Supply League Referee*
Level 5	Senior County Referee. This classification includes Referees who have served at a higher Level.* *
Level 6	County Referee
Level 7	Junior County Referee (16 years of age or over)
Level Y	Youth Referee (14 or 15 years of age)
Level T	Trainee Referee
Level D	Referee Workforce (an active Referee officiating in 6 or fewer matches a season) – Tutor – Observer – Mentor – Coach

*Any such referee registered with the Guernsey FA, Jersey FA and the Isle of Man FA and officiating on those islands may be classified as Level 4i according to criteria approved by The Association.

** Where a Referee has achieved a Level higher than Level 5 and is not retained, the Referee will usually be reclassified as a Level 5 Referee, with the option of further promotion in the normal way or until a status of non-active is declared by the individual.

The Association may designate Referees as Specialist Assistant Referees who will officiate almost exclusively as Assistant Referees according to guidelines determined from time to time.

A Referee may be registered as one or more of the following specialist categories; such registration may be in addition to a Level 1 to 10 registration.

MSR	– Mini Soccer Referee
SS	– Small Sided Referee
International	– FIFA List Referee
WFR1	– Premier League and Super League Women's Football Referee

WFR2	– Combination Women's Football Referee
WFR3	– Regional Premier Division Women's Football Referee
WFR4	– Regional League Women's Football Referee
WFR5	– County League Women's Football Referee
WFR6	– Girls and County League Women's Football Referee
WFR7	– Trainee Women's Football Referee
International	– FIFA List Referee
FR1	– Select Group Referee
FR2	– National List Referee
FR3	– Regional Referee
FR4	– County Referee
FRY	– Youth Referee
FRT	– Trainee Referee

(b) When a Referee changes residence from one Affiliated Association to another, the classification Level will be accepted by the Affiliated Association into whose area the Referee has moved.

(c) A Referee moving to England from another country must provide proof of their current Referee status from their National Association. The Association will determine their classification Level.

(d) Trainee Referees undertaking the FA Basic Referee Course must be registered as Level 9 by the end of module 3. A Level 9 Referee will automatically become a Level 7 Referee (16 years of age or over) or Level 8 (14 or 15 years of age) upon successful completion of the FA Basic Referee Course.

(e) A Level 8 Referee will automatically become a Level 7 Referee on reaching the age of 16

(f) FIFA nominations:

Nominations will be approved annually by The Association's Referees' Committee

Priority will be given to developing English officials who show the potential to officiate at future major international finals and tournaments

A FIFA official who ceases to be on the FIFA list will not be considered for future nomination although consideration may be given in exceptional circumstance to an official who resigned from the FIFA list for significant personal reasons.

The following factors will be taken into consideration for each potential nominee:

- Domestic performances
- International performances
- Potential to officiate in future major international tournaments with special consideration being given to UEFA EURO Championships and FIFA World Cups
- Fitness and body composition
- Availability
- Ambassadorial qualities
- Organisation and attitude (including feedback, reporting, self-analysis etc...)

Consideration will be given to operational requirements and the strategic planning of the overall makeup of the English FIFA lists

4. PROMOTION

In addition to specific criteria outlined below, candidates for promotion may be required to undertake all or some of the following:

- Physical fitness test(s).
- Laws of the Game test(s).
- Competition rule and regulations test(s).
- Interview.

Account may also be taken of administration and availability.

Men

(a) Selection and promotion within Levels 4 to International will be determined as follows:

International Level	Annual nomination by The Association to FIFA, selected from those eligible Referees as at the date of nomination determined by FIFA.
Level 1	Referees who have been promoted from Level 2 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association.
Level 2	Referees who have been promoted from Level 3 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association.
Level 3	Referees who have been promoted from Level 4 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association.
Level 4	Referees who have been promoted from Level 5 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association following nomination by the Affiliated Association to act as an Assistant Referee on the National Contributory Leagues and as a Referee on a Supply League.

Referees will be required to complete successfully an annual fitness test and other criteria as determined by The Association prior to having their classification confirmed. On initial selection for promotion to a higher Level, Referees may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability against criteria determined by The Association. The Association will determine the acceptable number of matches required for consideration to be selected for Levels 4 and above.

(b) Selection and promotion within Levels 7 to 5 will be determined as follows:

Referees must apply for promotion in writing to their Parent Association no later than 1 March preceding the season in which promotion is sought. Referees considered for promotion in the preceding season, but not successful, will automatically be included in the promotion scheme for the following season unless they indicate otherwise, in writing, to their Parent Association.

The Parent Association may charge promotion candidates an administration fee (the maximum sum to be determined from time to time by The Association); the administration fee will be refunded to candidates who complete the promotion process, regardless of whether or not they are promoted.

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The responsibility of promoting Referees within Levels 7 to 5 rests with the Referee's Parent Association. All selections to Level 5 must be made by 25 March each year and selections to Level 6 by 30 April each year.

Levels 5 and 6

Promotion from Level 6 to Level 5 and Level 7 to Level 6 shall be based on a Referee's practical performance on the field of play and other criteria as follows:

– Observer reports by Observers on a minimum of three games.

– Club marks from competitions over the age of 16 years over a minimum of 20 games (a minimum of 70% must be in open age competitions) officiated in as a Referee in the marking season.

– A Level 6 Referee wishing to be considered for future promotion to Level 4 must complete at least 5 games as an Assistant Referee.

– Attending at least one promotion in-service training event.

– Successful completion of a written examination as determined by The Association.

Level 7 - Reclassification from Level Y and T

(d) At an interim meeting at the end of September County Associations may:

– Identify Level 7 Referees who are showing promise and consider them for accelerated promotion from Level 7 to 5 in one season providing they meet the criteria as determined above

– To gather supporting evidence for this "accelerated promotion" the Affiliated Association should provide the Referee with more challenging matches eg higher division matches in local leagues, games in later rounds of County Competitions. Referees being considered for this promotion would require an additional 20 games and a further three Observer reports at the higher Level of challenge. The Referee must attend an in-service training event for Level 6 to 5 and take the appropriate examination as determined in the criteria set by The Association.

– Review for promotion to Level 6 or 5 a Referee who was ineligible for consideration in the annual promotion meeting because of shortage of games. Referees who meet the criteria may be promoted to Level 6 or Level 5 with effect from 1 October.

(e) A Level 7 Referee must officiate as a Referee in a minimum of 20 games in one registration period before applying for promotion. No Affiliated Association may impose any other qualification periods which cause delayed passage through the promotion pyramid.

Women

(f) Promotion through the Women's Pyramid of Football will follow the criteria above, excepting that Referees choosing the women's pathway cannot automatically cross over to the same Men's classification Level as this pathway is for the development of female Referees only.

As at 1 June in each year Referee is to be classified as follows;

International	FIFA List Referee
Level 1	Premier League and Super League Referee
Level 2	Combination Referee
Level 3	Regional Premier Division Referee
Level 4	Regional League Referee

Level 5	County League Referee
Level 6	Youth Referee (14 or 15 years of age)
Level 7	Trainee Women's Football Referee

International Level - annual nomination by The Association to FIFA, selected from those eligible Referees as at the date of nomination determined by FIFA. Nominees must operate regularly at the highest level of the national women's competition.

Level 1	Referees who have been promoted from Level 2 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association.
Level 2	Referees who have been promoted from Level 3 for outstanding ability as determined by The Association.

Promotion to Level 1 and Level 2 will be based on a Referee's practical performance on the field of play by considering the criteria determined as follows:

– Observer reports by Observers on a minimum of three games.
– Club marks from competitions over the age of 16 years over a minimum of 20 games (a minimum of 70% must be in women's competitions) officiated in as a Referee in the marking season.
– Attending at least one promotion in-service training event.
– Successful completion of a written examination as determined by The Association.
– Successful completion of a fitness test as determined by The Association.

Referees will be required to complete successfully an annual fitness test and other criteria as determined by The Association prior to having their classification confirmed. On initial selection for promotion to a higher Level, Referees may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability against criteria determined by The Association. The Association will determine the acceptable number of matches required for consideration to be selected for Levels 2 and above.

Levels 3, 4 and 5

Promotion from Level 4 to Level 3, Level 5 to Level 4, Level 6 to Level 5 shall be based on a Referee's practical performance on the field of play by considering the criteria determined as follows:

– Observer reports by Observers on a minimum of three games.
– Club marks from competitions over the age of 16 years over a minimum of 20 games (a minimum of 70% must be in women's competitions) officiated in as a Referee in the marking season.
– A Level 3 Referee wishing to be considered for future promotion to Level 2 must complete at least 5 games as an Assistant Referee.
– Attendance at at least one in-service training event
– Successful completion of a written examination as determined by The Association.

Trainee Referees undertaking the FA Basic Referee Course must be registered as Level 7 by the end of module 3. A Level 7 Referee will automatically become a Level 5 Referee (16 years of age or over) or Level 6 (14 or 15 years of age) upon successful completion of the FA Basic Referee Course.

A Level 6 Referee will automatically become a Level 5 Referee on reaching the age of 16.

Futsal

International FIFA List Referee

Annual nomination by The Association to FIFA, selected from those eligible Futsal Referees as at the date of nomination determined by FIFA. Nominees must operate regularly on the FA Futsal National League competitions.

FR1 – Officiates all National competitions and Home internationals (if FIFA fitness test has been passed)

Promotion from Level 2 to 1 shall be based on the following criteria:

– Successful completion of a fitness test as determined by The Association.

– Successful completion of a Laws of the Game examination.

– Attendance at in-service training events as determined by The Association.

– Officiate at least 50% of games in the playing season.

– Attain Observer Report average as determined by The Association.

FR2 – Officiates FA National League 2 and below; and BUCS Premier Leagues and below

Promotion from Level 3 to 2 shall be based on the following criteria:

– Successful completion of a fitness test as determined by The Association.

– Successful completion of a Laws of the Game examination.

– Attendance at in-service training events as determined by The Association.

– Officiate at least 50% of games in the playing season.

– Attain Observer Report average as determined by The Association.

FR3 – Officiates FA National League 3 and below; and BUCS Tier 2 competitions

Promotion from Level 4 to 3 shall be based on the following criteria:

– Successful completion of a Laws of the Game examination.

– Have a minimum of one year's experience as a Futsal Referee.

FR4 – Officiates County Futsal leagues and other sanctioned competitions

Reclassification from FRY upon reaching the age of 16.

A FRT referee will automatically become FR4 upon successful completion of the FA Futsal Referee Course.

FRY – Officiates FA and County FA Youth competitions

FRT – Officiates County Futsal leagues and other sanctioned competitions A Level 7 Futsal Trainee Referee will automatically become a Level 5 Referee (16 years of age or over) or Level 6 (14 or 15 years of age) upon successful completion of the Futsal Referee Training Course.

5. COMPETITIONS

(a) Affiliated Associations must advise successful candidates of the result of the initial examination, in writing, as well as providing them with details of local competitions on which they are eligible to officiate.

(b) Referees under the age of 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the Referee. e.g. a 15 year old referee may only referee in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger. This also applies to those mentioned in regulation 1(a) regarding unregistered and or unqualified Referees.

(c) Referees under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition. This also applies to those mentioned in regulation 1(a) regarding unregistered and/ or unqualified Referees.

(d) The Association will advise Affiliated Associations annually of those Competitions, and the recognised Leagues and divisions, which have been granted Supply League status.

(e) A Competition acting alone may not suspend a Match Official from its List at any time during the playing season (such power resting solely with The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association as appropriate under Regulation 7 below).

A Competition can only remove a Match Official from its List during the season with the written approval and permission of the Association or the Parent Association of the Match Official.

A Competition may remove a Match Official from its List as part of the Annual Review and must provide reasons for the removal to the Parent Association of the Match Official.

(f) The practical performance on the field of play of Match Officials officiating at Supply Leagues and above shall be appraised and reviewed during and at the end of each marking season.

Competitions at Supply Leagues and above are responsible for informing Referees of their performance at regular intervals during the season.

Competitions shall provide annually to The Association or Affiliated Association as appropriate a List of the Match Officials they have appointed with the Marks and Observer reports obtained in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 12 of these Regulations.

All affiliated football clubs are to mark Referees on a scale of 1-100. An example of the marking Guide and form to be used in Supply Leagues is shown at Appendix A. Similarly an example of a marking guide and form for all other affiliated football is shown at Appendix B.

(g) A Match Official may appeal to the relevant Affiliated or Service Association, or where appropriate The Association, against a decision of a Competition to remove or suspend the Match Official from its List.

(h) A Competition shall not have the power to act in relation to the Registration of a Referee.

Any allegation of behaviour alleged to constitute a breach under Regulation 7 (a)(i) or (ii) below must be reported to The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association in accordance with Regulation 7 (c) below.

(i) Match Officials' Fees and Expenses are set or approved by Affiliated Associations. Match Officials officiating in competitions at Supply League and above may not receive any other financial reward or incentive based on their on field of play performances from any Affiliated Association or Competition, other than the set fees and expenses.

(j) A Competition may add a new referee to its List for a period not exceeding 6 months, on a probationary basis. By the end of this period of time, the Competition must either confirm the referee as an addition to its List or inform the Parent Association of the Match Official that it will no longer offer them appointments.

6. TRAINING

(a) The Association shall identify the training requirements of Referees at all levels and be responsible for accrediting courses of instruction to meet those requirements.

(b) Referees will be required to attend accredited training at intervals determined by The Association. Only training delivered by accredited or approved Referee tutors will be valid.

(c) Training may be delivered, at the appropriate levels, in conjunction with Affiliated Associations, Match Officials' associations or the Referees' Association by Referee tutors accredited or approved by The Association.

7. CONDUCT OF REFEREES

(a) The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association, as appropriate, shall have the power to act at any time in relation to the registration of a Referee who has:

(i) less than proficiently applied the Laws of the Game; or

(ii) committed a technical irregularity; or

(iii) proved to have been concerned as an agent for a Club or a Player in the transfer or attempted transfer and/or engagement of a Player; or

(iv) wilfully mis-stated his/her age, or, date of birth; or

(v) as a player, violated the Laws of the Game to such a degree that a Regulatory Commission or a Disciplinary Committee subsequently imposes a penalty of suspension from playing; or

(vi) been found to have committed an act of Misconduct (as defined in and) pursuant to the Rules of The Association or an Affiliated Association or Service Association; or

(vii) a Football Banning Order imposed on him or her; or

(viii) has not acted in the best interests of the game.

(b) Only The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association may act in relation to the Registration of a Referee. Such action may only be taken by its Referees' Committee. Where an alleged breach of Regulation 7(a) is committed by a Referee whilst acting as a Match Official in any capacity (on or off the field) the matter will be dealt with by a Referees' Committee or Commission thereof except where a charge is brought under FA Rule E. A Regulation 7(a) breach can only be subject to a charge under FA Rule E if brought by, or after consultation with, The Association. Where a charge is raised under FA Rule E, and in all other circumstances, the Referee will be dealt with by a Disciplinary or Regulatory Commission as any other Participant.

(c) Any behaviour alleged to constitute a breach under 7(a) (i) or (ii) above must have been notified to, or otherwise come to the attention of The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association within 14 days of the relevant incident(s) for such to be acted upon under 7(a).

(d) A technical irregularity under 7 (a)(ii) above shall be any failure by a Referee to meet any requirement imposed on, or notified to, a Referee by The Association, Affiliated or Service Association as appropriate from time to time.

A "technical irregularity" includes, but is not in any way limited to, any failure to comply with administrative requirements imposed on a Referee such as the requirements to file reports, answer correspondence, attend match venues or

disciplinary or regulatory hearings at a particular time, etc or any breach of Regulation 10 or 13.

(e) Where a Referee is alleged to have breached 7(a) (i) – (viii) above, the Referees' Committee shall advise the Referee, in writing, of the relevant allegation(s) and supporting facts and state that the matter will be considered by the Committee or a duly appointed Commission thereof.

The Referee shall respond within 14 days and may either:

(i) deny the allegation(s), setting out a statement of his case; or

(ii) request a personal hearing, in which case a fee of £25 must accompany the request; or

(iii) admit the allegation(s). A Referee who admits the allegation(s) may set out any submissions which he wishes the Referees' Committee to consider when considering what, if any, action to take. The Referee may also request a personal hearing as above.

In considering any allegation at a personal hearing, a Referees' Committee or Commission thereof, may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and expedient for the determination of the matter brought before it; and shall not be bound by any enactment of rule or law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law.

Guide to Procedures at Personal Hearings

The following may be used as a guide to the procedures to be followed at a personal hearing, unless the Referees' Committee or Commission consider it appropriate to amend them:

(a) The allegation(s) will be read out to the Referee, who will be asked if the allegation(s) are admitted or denied.

(b) Evidence in support of the allegation(s) to be called.

(c) Evidence in response to the allegation(s) to be submitted by the Referee, who may, with the permission of the Referees' Committee or Commission, be accompanied by a representative. (Any such representative shall not be permitted to give evidence as a witness).

(d) The Referees' Committee or Commission and the Referee (as appropriate) shall be entitled to ask questions of any witness giving evidence in support of the allegation(s).

The Referees' Committee or Commission shall be entitled to ask questions of the Referee, who may give evidence in defence of the allegation(s). The Referees' Committee or Commission may draw such inferences as it considers appropriate from the failure of the Referee to give evidence or answer a question.

(e) In the event of evidence submitted in answer to the allegation(s) disclosing a point which the Referees' Committee or Commission considers was not covered in the evidence of, or not put to, any witness in support of the allegation(s), the Referees' Committee or Commission may recall and ask questions of such witness. The Referee or relevant representative may also ask questions.

(f) After the evidence has been completed to the satisfaction of the Referees' Committee or Commission, the Referee or representative shall be entitled to make submissions based upon the evidence, but this may not include reference to facts not disclosed in the evidence presented to the Referees' Committee or Commission. At the conclusion of the submissions all persons shall withdraw whilst the Referees' Committee or Commission considers the evidence and submissions presented to it and determines whether the allegation(s) has been proved or not.

After reaching a decision, the Referees' Committee or Commission shall recall the Referee and any representative, and announce whether the allegation(s) have proved or not proved. The decision shall be subsequently confirmed in writing. As an alternative the Referees' Committee or Commission may, where it considers it appropriate, not announce its decision at the meeting but inform the Referee that such a decision will be communicated in writing.

(g) Where the Referees' Committee or Commission find the allegation(s) proved, it shall have the power to act in relation to the Registration of the Referee as it considers appropriate. This may include, but is not limited to, censure, a period of remedial training, suspension or removal of Registration

(h) A Referee may be dealt with in the normal course as a participant for any alleged Misconduct (i.e. by a Regulatory Commission or another Disciplinary Commission as appropriate), in addition to having issues relating to the Registration as a Referee considered by The Association, Affiliated Association or Service Association through its Referees' Committee in relation to the same behaviour. In such cases, a charge of Misconduct shall be considered before any matter relating to the issue of Registration is dealt with by the Referees' Committee under Regulation 7 (a)(vi).

Action in respect of the Registration of Match Officials appointed to Competitions of The Association and other Competitions including Contributory League Level and above in the Order of Precedence (Section 9) will be considered by the appropriate committee of The Association.

(i) In circumstances where it is considered appropriate, the Referees' Committee may order that the Registration of a Referee be suspended with immediate effect, pending determination of a charge of Misconduct or pending the determination of a charge under 7(a)(i) or (ii) above and in the latter case the reason for such suspension is to be notified to the Referee in writing and reported to the Commission hearing any resultant charge.

8. APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF A REFEREES' COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION THEREOF

(a) Where The Association or an Affiliated or Service Association, through its Referees' Committee, makes an order in relation to the registration or classification of a Referee there shall be a right of appeal by the Referee against the decision.

Where the order is made under Regulation 7, the appeal procedure is outlined below. In all other cases the appeal shall follow the procedure determined by the appropriate body i.e. The Association, Affiliated Association or appointing authority.

(b) (i) Notice of an appeal against a decision of a Referees' Committee or Commission thereof made under Regulation 7 must be lodged with The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association within 14 days of notification of the decision appealed against, accompanied by a fee as determined by The Association.

(ii) An Appeal shall be considered by an "Appeals Panel" comprising Members of the Council of The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association established specifically to deal with appeals from decisions under Regulation 7, none of whom shall have been party to the original decision. A decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding.

(iii) The Notice of Appeal must:

(1) identify the specific decision(s) being appealed

(2) set out the grounds of appeal; and

(3) set out a statement of the facts upon which the appeal is based.

(iv) The grounds of appeal shall be that the body whose decision is appealed against:

(1) misinterpreted or failed to comply with any rules or regulations relevant to its decision; and/or

(2) came to a decision to which no reasonable such body could have arrived at; and/or

(3) made an order, which is excessive.

(v) The Appeals Panel may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and expedient for the just determination of an appeal brought before it, and shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law.

The following is set out as a guide to the conduct of a hearing before the Appeals Panel:

(1) The Appellant to address the Appeals Panel, summarising its case;

(2) The Respondent to address the Appeals Panel, summarising its case;

(3) The Appeals Panel may put questions to the parties at any stage;

(4) The Respondent to make closing submissions;

(5) The Appellant to make closing submissions;

(6) The Appellant and the Respondent to withdraw whilst the Appeals Panel considers the submissions and determines the matter.

(7) The Appellant and the Respondent to be recalled and the decision and any orders consequential to it announced to both parties. Alternatively, where it considers it appropriate, the Appeals Panel may decide not to announce its decision, but make it known at a later date, in writing. In any event, the Appeals Panel shall publicise a written statement of its decision (see 8(b)(ix) below).

(vi) The Appeals Panel shall proceed in the absence of any party, unless it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the failure of the party to attend, and shall do so in such manner as it considers appropriate.

(vii) A decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final and binding and there shall be no right of further challenge.

(viii) The Appeals Panel shall have power to:

(1) allow or dismiss the appeal; or

(2) remit the matter for re-hearing by the Referees' Committee; or

(3) exercise any power which the body against whose decision the appeal was made could have exercised; or

(4) make any further or other order considered appropriate, either generally, or for the purpose of giving effect to its decision. Any fee may be returned or forfeited, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Appeals Panel, who shall also have the power to determine by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne.

(ix) As soon as practicable after the hearing, the Appeals Panel shall publish a written statement of its decision, which shall state:

(1) the names of the parties, the decision(s) appealed against and the grounds of appeal;

(2) whether or not the appeal is allowed; and

(3) the order(s) of the Appeals Panel.

The written statement shall be signed and dated by the chairman of the Appeals Panel and be the conclusive record of the decision.

9. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Registered Referees shall not officiate in any Competition, which is not sanctioned, or match in which unaffiliated clubs compete.

(b) The "Order of Precedence" of appointments, whether as a Referee or Assistant Referee shall be as follows:

(1) The FA Challenge Cup Competition;

(2) The Premier League;

(3) EFL;

(4) The FA Challenge Trophy Competition;

(5) The FA Challenge Vase Competition;

(6) Affiliated Association Cup Competitions*

(7) The Panel Leagues;

(8) The FA Youth, FA County Youth Challenge Cup Competitions and FA Women's Cup 4th round and above.

(9) Contributory Leagues (recognised divisions only), National League Systems Cup and FA Sunday Cup

(10) FA Women's Super League and Cup

(11) Supply Leagues (marking divisions only)

(12) FA Women's Premier League and Cup

(13) Senior County Leagues

(14) Intermediate County League

(15) FA Women's Cup prior to 4th round

(16) Women's Combination League and Cup

(17) Women's Regional League and Cup

(18) County Junior Leagues

(19) County Women's Leagues and Cup

(20) All other competitions, including Youth Competitions

*Affiliated Association appointments only take precedence over Panel Leagues, The FA Youth and FA County Youth Challenge Cup Competitions, Contributory League and Supply League appointments. If the appointment is in the Affiliated Association's nominated Senior Cup Competition or in the Semi-final and/or Final of any other Affiliated Association Competition whether the appointment is as a Referee or an Assistant Referee.

**Fourth Officials where appointed do not form part of the Order of Precedence and usually do not take precedence over an active appointment.

(c) Referees must attend personal hearings when required to do so. At Contributory Level or above Match Officials' appointments already received, take precedence over requests to attend personal hearings. On receipt of notification of a personal hearing Referees must close the date with all appropriate competitions

(d) Where release from an appointment is required to enable a Referee to take a more senior appointment at least four days' notice must be given to the relevant Affiliated Association or competition by the association or competition requesting the release. Where fewer than four days' notice is given, The Association or Competition must obtain permission from the Affiliated Association or Competition for the Referee to be released.

(e) Once The Association or an Affiliated Association has appointed a Match Official if, subsequently, the match is postponed, abandoned or results in a draw and the rearranged fixture is then scheduled to take place less than four complete days from the date of the original match, The Association or Affiliated Association appointment will take priority over any other appointment already accepted by the Referee from a competition lower in the order of precedence, unless The Association or Affiliated Association waive their right to the services of the match official so appointed.

(f) "Fourth Officials" are appointed to certain rounds of FA Competitions, Premier League and EFL matches and associated Competitions, and the Panel Competitions. The duties and responsibilities of the Fourth Official are detailed in the Laws of the Game and in the Competition Rules. Such appointments form part of the Order of Precedence within the Competitions listed above.

(g) Reserve Assistant Referees may only be appointed in FA, Premier League and EFL Competitions, with the approval of The Association. They have no duties other than to replace an official who is unable to officiate.

(h) With the exception of appointments made by The Association, Referees must obtain permission from their Parent Association (or County Association), or The Association in order to officiate in matches outside the United Kingdom.

10. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A Referee shall at all times act impartially. Where a Referee believes that there is a material interest conflicting with the duties and obligations of a Match Official and any appointment, then the Referee shall decline to act or officiate and declare it to the appointing authority (whose decision in relation to any dispute or difference in such matters shall be final and binding).

11. REFEREES' UNIFORMS

(a) (i) All Match Officials in Competitions under the jurisdiction of The Association and Affiliated Associations must wear uniforms comprising a plain shirt which shall be almost entirely black with a white or black collar and black shorts. Socks will be black; the sock top will be black, white or the colour of the shirt or its collar. Affiliated Associations may give permission for Referees to wear non-black shirts in a Competition which the Affiliated Association organises and/or sanctions. The shirt(s) must be almost entirely of a single colour. Where a Competition appoints neutral assistant referees, only one non-black coloured shirt is permitted; the colour must be designated and competition rules must ensure that the match officials can wear black or the designated colour without clashing with the Players.

(ii) Referees' uniforms must not carry any form of advertising.

(b) Headgear may be worn in extreme weather conditions. It must be plain black and not restrict the vision of the Match Official.

(c) The following Competitions may be exempt from (a) above, on application to The Association subject to the conditions below:

- FA Women's Super League and Premier League
- The Premier League
- EFL
- Competitions of Panel and Contributory League Status

Application must be submitted annually prior to 1 May for the following season. Approval will be considered only for shirts that are almost entirely of a single colour and where the competition confirms to The Association that all Match Officials will be provided with shirts, shorts and socks free of charge.

(d) Match Officials officiating in FA Competition matches are required to wear the FIFA or Football Association badge (where awarded) or the badge of their Affiliated Association. No other competition badge should be worn.

(e) Advertising and branding on Match Officials' uniforms (where permitted in accordance with sub-paragraph 11(c) above) must be in accordance with The Association's Regulations relating to advertising on the clothing of Players, Club Officials and Match Officials.

12. RETURNS

(a) Annually, in accordance with the instructions of The Association issued from time to time, competitions shall provide to The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association lists of Match Officials used. Such lists shall include the marks awarded by clubs, and Observer reports where appropriate, during the specified period, together with any other information required.

(b) Not later than the date decided by The Association, Affiliated Associations shall nominate suitable Referees for consideration by The Association for selection to the Contributory League Assistant Referees List.

(c) Competitions that are required to administer fitness tests must submit the results to The Association and the Referee's Parent Affiliated Association.

13. CODES OF CONDUCT

Match Officials shall be bound by Codes of Conduct such as are instructed by The Association from time to time (Appendix C).

14. REPORTING MISCONDUCT

(a) Referees must submit full details on all matters of misconduct, sendings off and cautions only to the appropriate Association or Affiliated Association responsible for administering misconduct and not to any other organisation or Competition.

(b) Referees may include on the normal Competition match report forms the names and club details of those personnel reported for misconduct but must not include any details of the incident and for all on-field offences they can only report the name of the player/players cautioned/sent off, the club, the time of offence and the relevant FA offence code.

(c) Should any match official be approached to supply any details, they should immediately report the matter to the Association or Affiliated Association.

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