

NATIONAL LEAGUE SUSTEM 2013/2014

CLUB ALLOCATIONS – STEP 1 to STEP 4

Following a meeting of the FA Leagues Committee held earlier today club allocations for Steps 1 to 4 for Season 2013/2014 have been released.

There were some difficult decisions to make, especially at Step 4 and in particular in the Southern League South & West Division. Due to the fact that neither the Wessex nor Western Leagues were in a position to promote a club together with the requested relegation of Sholing Sports that division was left with three spaces to fill. This situation was not helped by the fact that no Step 3 club was relegated to that division. This has resulted in a group of three clubs, Fleet Town, Godalming Town and Guildford City FCs being transferred to the South & West division from the Central division. This had a knock on effect on other clubs at Step 4

Following the aborted Step 5 Review in 2012 a commitment was made to promote more clubs from Step 5. In order to achieve this it was also agreed that the Step 3 divisions would increase to 24 clubs and that the two Isthmian League Step 4 divisions would do likewise. This has resulted in 17 clubs being promoted from Step 5. Of these 17, Guernsey FC become the first Channel Island club to compete in the upper levels of the league structure following their second successive promotion. They have been allocated to the Isthmian League Division 1 South and it will be interesting to note if the club can continue its meteoric rise. The increase in the numbers promoted is obviously a one-off and in future 14 clubs will be eligible for promotion compared to the previous 12.

In Step 1, two reformed clubs have made it to the top level with Chester and FC Halifax Town regaining the positions held by their predecessors. At Step 2 it has been possible to re-allocate Bishop's Cleeve FC to Conference South. This Step also sees Concord Rangers, Gosport Borough, Leamington, North Ferriby United and Whitehawk FCs making their debuts in the second tier of the "pyramid"

As in previous years, there are a number of issues that may yet impact of these allocations and therefore they remain subject to change until the dates of the AGMs of the four competitions.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
LEAGUES COMMITTEE – MAY 2013
PROPOSED CLUB ALLOCATIONS – STEPS 1 to 4 SEASON 2013/2014
 (These are subject to subsequent changes prior to the relevant AGMs)

STEP 1 – FOOTBALL CONFERENCE NATIONAL

Club	From
Aldershot Town	FL2
Alfreton Town	FC
Barnet	FL2
Braintree Town	FC
Cambridge United	FC
Chester	FCN
Dartford	FC
FC Halifax Town	FCN
Forest Green Rovers	FC
Gateshead	FC
Grimsby Town	FC
Hereford United	FC
Hyde	FC
Kidderminster Harriers	FC
Lincoln City	FC
Luton Town	FC
Macclesfield Town	FC
Nuneaton Town	FC
Salisbury City	FCS
Southport	FC
Tamworth	FC
Welling United	FCS
Woking	FC
Wrexham	FC

STEP 2 – FOOTBALL CONFERENCE NORTH

Club	From
AFC Telford United	FC
Altrincham	FCN
Barrow	FC
Boston United	FCN
Brackley Town	FCN
Bradford Park Avenue	FCN
Colwyn Bay	FCN
Gainsborough Trinity	FCN
Gloucester City	FCN
Guiseley	FCN
Hednesford Town	NPL P
Leamington	SL P
Harrogate Town	FCN
Histon	FCN
North Ferriby United	NPL P
Oxford City	FCN
Solihull Moors	FCN
Stalybridge Celtic	FCN
Stockport County	FC
Vauxhall Motors	FCN
Worcester City	FCN
Workington	FCN

STEP 2 – FOOTBALL CONFERENCE SOUTH

Club	From
Basingstoke Town	FCS
Bath City	FCS
Bishops Stortford	FCN
Boreham Wood	FCS
Bromley	FCS
Chelmsford City	FCS
Concord Rangers	IL P
Dorchester Town	FCS
Dover Athletic	FCS
Eastbourne Borough	FCS
Eastleigh	FCS
Ebbsfleet United	FC
Farnborough	FCS
Gosport Borough	SL P
Havant & Waterlooville	FCS
Hayes & Yeading United	FCS
Maidenhead United	FCS
Staines Town	FCS
Sutton United	FCS
Tonbridge Angels	FCS
Weston Super Mare	FCS
Whitehawk	IL P

STEP 3 – NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Club	From
AFC Fylde	NLP P
Ashton United	NPL P
Barwell	SL P
Blyth Spartans	NLP P
Buxton	NPL P
Chorley	NPL P
Droylsden	FCN
FC United of Manchester	NPL P
Frickley Athletic	NLP P
Grantham Town	NLP P
Ilkeston	NLP P
Kings Lynn Town	NLP 1S
Marine	NPL P
Matlock Town	NPL P
Nantwich Town	NPL P
Rushall Olympic	NPL P
Skelmersdale United	NPL 1N
Stafford Rangers	NPL P
Stamford	NLP 1S
Stocksbridge Park Steels	NPL P
Trafford	NLP 1N
Whitby Town	NPL P
Witton Albion	NLP P
Worksop Town	NPL P

STEP 3 – SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Club	From
AFC Totton	SL P
Arlesey Town	SL P
Banbury United	SL P
Bashley	SL P
Bedford Town	SL P
Biggleswade Town	SL 1C
Bideford	SLP
Burnham	SL 1C
Cambridge City	SL P
Chesham United	SL P
Chippenham Town	SL P
Corby Town	FCN
Frome Town	SL P
Hemel Hempstead Town	SLP
Hinckley United	FCN
Hitchin Town	SL P
Hungerford Town	SL 1SW
Poole Town	SL 1SW
Redditch United	SL P
St Albans City	SL P
St Neots Town	SLP
Stourbridge	SL P
Truro City	FCS
Weymouth	SL P

STEP 3 – ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Club	From
AFC Hornchurch	FCS
Billerica Town FC	FCS
Bognor Regis Town	IL P
Bury Town	IL P
Canvey Island	IL P
Cray Wanderers	IL P
Dulwich Hamlet	IL 1S
East Thurrock United	IL P
Enfield Town	IL P
Grays Athletic	IL 1N
Hampton & Richmond Borough	IL P
Harrow Borough	IL P
Hendon	IL P
Kingstonian	IL P
Leiston	IL P
Lewes	IL P
Lowestoft Town	IL P
Maidstone United	IL 1S
Margate	IL P
Metropolitan Police	IL P
Thamesmead Town	IL 1N
Thurrock	IL P
Wealdstone	IL P
Wingate & Finchley	IL P

STEP 4 – NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1 NORTH

Club	From
Bamber Bridge	NPL 1N
Burscough	NPL 1N
Cammell Laird	NPL 1N
Clitheroe	NPL 1N
Curzon Ashton	NPL 1N
Darlington 1883	NL Step 5
Farsley	NPL 1N
Harrogate Railway Athletic	NPL 1N
Kendal Town	NLP P
Lancaster City	NPL 1N
Mossley	NPL 1N
New Mills	NPL 1N
Northwich Victoria	NPL 1S
Ossett Albion	NPL 1N
Ossett Town	NPL 1N
Padiham	NWCL Step 5
Prescott Cables	NPL 1N
Radcliffe Borough	NPL 1N
Ramsbottom United	NLP 1N
Salford City	NPL 1N
Wakefield	NPL 1N
Warrington Town	NPL 1N

STEP 4 – NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Club	From
Bedworth Town	SL P
Belper Town	NPL 1S
Brigg Town	NPL 1S
Carlton Town	NPL 1S
Chasetown	NPL 1S
Coalville Town	NPL 1S
Eastwood Town	NLP P
Goole	NPL 1N
Gresley	NPL 1S
Halesowen Town	SL 1SW
Kidsgrove Athletic	NPL 1S
Leek Town	NPL 1S
Lincoln United	NPL 1S
Loughborough Dynamo	NPL 1S
Market Drayton Town	NPL 1S
Mickleover Sports	NPL 1S
Newcastle Town	NPL 1S
Rainworth Miners Welfare	NPL 1S
Romulus	NPL 1S
Scarborough Athletic	NCEL (Step 5)
Sheffield	NPL 1S
Sutton Coldfield Town	NPL 1S

STEP 4 – SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CENTRAL

Club	From
AFC Hayes	SL 1C
Ashford Town (Mddx)	SL 1C
Aylesbury	SL 1C
Aylesbury United	SSML Step 5 (2nd)
Barton Rovers	SL 1C
Beaconsfield SYCOB	SL 1C
Chalfont St Peter	SL 1C
Chertsey Town	SL 1C
Daventry Town	SL 1C
Dunstable Town	SSML Step 5
Egham Town	CCL Step 5
Kettering Town	SL P
Leighton Town	SL 1C
Marlow	Hellenic Step 5
North Greenford United	SL 1C
Northwood	SL 1C
Potters Bar Town	IL 1N
Royston Town	SL 1C
Rugby Town	SL 1C
St Ives Town	UCL Step 5 (2nd)
Slough Town	SL 1C
Uxbridge	SL 1C

STEP 4 – SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 SOUTH&WEST

Club	From
Bishops Cleeve	SL 1SW
Bridgwater Town	SL 1SW
Cinderford Town	SL 1SW
Cirencester Town	SL 1SW
Clevedon Town	SL 1SW
Didcot Town	SL 1SW
Evesham United	SL 1SW
Fleet Town	SL 1C
Godalming Town	SL 1C
Guildford City	SL 1C
Mangotsfield United	SL 1SW
Merthyr Town	SL 1SW
North Leigh	SL 1SW
Paulton Rovers	SL 1SW
Shortwood United	SL 1SW
Stratford Town	MFA Step 5
Swindon Supermarine	SL 1SW
Taunton Town	SL 1SW
Thatcham Town	SL 1C
Tiverton Town	SL 1SW
Wimborne Town	SL 1SW
Yate Town	SL 1SW

STEP 4 – ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 NORTH

Club	From
AFC Sudbury	IL 1N
Aveley	IL 1N
Barkingside	Essex Step 5 (2nd)
Brentwood Town	IL 1N
Burnham Ramblers	Essex Step 5
Chatham Town	IL 1N
Cheshunt	IL 1N
Dereham Town	ECL Step 5
Erith & Belvedere	Kent Step 5
Harlow Town	IL 1N
Heybridge Swifts	IL 1N
Maldon & Tiptree	IL 1N
Needham Market	IL 1N
Redbridge	IL 1N
Romford	IL 1N
Sittingbourne	IL 1S
Soham Town Rangers	IL 1N
Tilbury	IL 1N
VCD Athletic	Kent Step 5 (2nd)
Waltham Abbey	IL 1N
Waltham Forest	IL 1N
Ware	IL 1N
Witham Town	IL 1N
Wroxham	IL 1N

STEP 4 – ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Club	From
Burgess Hill Town	IL 1S
Carshalton Athletic	IL P
Chipstead	IL 1S
Corinthian Casuals	IL 1S
Crawley Down Gatwick	IL 1S
Eastbourne Town	IL 1S
Faversham Town	IL 1S
Folkestone Invicta	IL 1S
Guernsey	CCL Step 5 (2nd)
Hastings United	IL P
Herne Bay	IL 1S
Horsham	IL 1S
Hythe Town	IL 1S
Leatherhead	IL 1S
Merstham	IL 1S
Peacehaven & Telscombe	Sussex Step 5
Ramsgate	IL 1S
Redhill	Sussex Step 5 (2nd)
Three Bridges	IL 1S
Tooting & Mitcham United	IL 1S
Walton Casuals	IL 1S Reprieved
Walton & Hersham	IL 1S
Whitstable Town	IL 1S
Worthing	IL 1S

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Promoted Clubs
Relegated Clubs
Transferred Clubs
Reprieved Clubs