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## Important Dates – Season 2018/19

Date	Meeting / Deadline	Who
<b>2018</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Management Committee	Management Committee
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Fast Track Committee	Management Committee
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Management Committee	Management Committee
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Fast Track Committee	Management Committee
<b>2019</b>		
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Management Committee	Management Committee
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Fast Track Committee	Management Committee
1 <sup>st</sup> March	All Trophies to be returned to Competitions' Secretary	
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Management Committee	Management Committee
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Deadline for Player Registrations and Transfers	
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Fast Track Committee	Management Committee
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Management Committee	Management Committee
20 <sup>th</sup> May	League Annual General Meeting	Mandatory All Clubs
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Entry Forms should be returned for season 2019-20	



## League Formations

### LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2018/19

#### Kershaw Premier League (16 teams)

Bar Hill  
Brampton  
Cambridge City Development  
Cambridge University Press  
Cherry Hinton  
Comberton United  
Eaton Socon  
Ely City Reserves

Eynesbury Rovers Reserves  
Foxton  
Fulbourn Institute  
Great Shelford  
Hemingfords United  
Linton Granta  
St Neots Town Reserves  
West Watting

#### Kershaw Senior A (14 teams)

Chatteris Town  
Cottenham United  
Fulbourn Institute Reserves  
Gamlingay United  
Girton United  
Haverhill Borough Reserves  
Hundon

Huntingdon United  
Milton  
Orwell  
Over Sports  
Soham United  
Somersham Town  
Whittlesford United

#### Kershaw Senior B (16 teams)

AFC Barley Mow  
Bluntisham Rangers  
Cambridge University Press Reserves  
Great Chishill  
Lakenheath Reserves  
March Town United Reserves  
Needingworth United  
Newmarket Town Reserves

Royston Town 'A'  
Sawston Rovers  
St Ives Rangers  
Steeple Bumpstead  
Thaxted Rangers  
West Watting Reserves  
Wisbech St Mary Reserves  
Witchford 96



**Mead Plant & Grab Division 1A (13 teams)**

Balsham	Exning United
Bassingbourn	Hardwick
Cambourne Rovers	Linton Granta Reserves
Cherry Hinton Reserves	Milton Reserves
Clare Town Reserves	Mott MacDonald
Debden	Steeple Morden
Duxford United	

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 1B (13 teams)**

Alconbury	Hemingfords United Reserves
Bar Hill Reserves	Houghton & Wyton
Chatteris Town Reserves	Isleham United
Eaton Socon Reserves	Mepal Sports
Fenstanton	St Neots Town Development
Fordham	Tuddenham 08
Godmanchester Rovers Reserves	

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 2A (13 teams)**

Comberton United Reserves	Meldreth
Foxton Reserves	Over Sports Reserves
Gamlingay United Reserves	Papworth
Great Shelford Reserves	Sawston United
Haverhill Rovers 'A'	Steeple Morden Reserves
Linton Granta 'A'	Whittlesford United Reserves
Litlington Athletic	

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 2B (13 teams)**

Brampton Reserves	Manea United
Burwell Swifts	Soham United Reserves
Burwell Tigers	Swavesey Institute
Chatteris Fen Tigers	Wimblington
Ely City 'A'	Wisbech St Mary 'A'
Ely Crusaders	Wisbech Town Acorns
Great Paxton	



**Mead Plant & Grab Division 3A (14 teams)**

Abington United	Guilden Morden
Barrington	Harston
Cherry Hinton 'A'	Hundon Reserves
Duxford United Reserves	Melbourn
Eaton Socon 'A'	Milton 'A'
Fulbourn Institute 'A'	Oakington Vikings
Girton United Reserves	Suffolk Punch Haverhill

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 3B (13 teams)**

Alconbury Reserves	March Academy
Benwick Athletic	Outwell Swifts
Bluntisham Rangers Reserves	Somersham Town Reserves
Buckden	St Ives Rangers Reserves
Cottenham United Reserves	The Eagle
Fordham Reserves	Wisbech St Mary 'B'
Houghton & Wyton Reserves	

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 4A (13 teams)**

Barton Mills	Orwell Reserves
Bassingbourn Reserves	Papworth Reserves
Cambridge Ambassadors	Sawston Rovers Reserves
Clare Town Reserves	Steeple Bumpstead Reserves
Guilden Morden Reserves	Thaxted Rangers Reserves
Harston Reserves	Wickhambrook
Kedington	

**Mead Plant & Grab Division 4B (13 teams)**

Ely Crusaders Reserves	Longstanton
Fenstanton Reserves	Milton 'B'
Hardwick Reserves	Needingworth United Reserves
Hemingfords United 'A'	Mott MacDonald Reserves
Histon Hornets	Swavesey Institute Reserves
Isleham United Reserves	Wicken
Little Downham Swifts	



## **Mead Plant & Grab Division 4C (13 teams)**

AFC Christchurch

Benwick Athletic Reserves

Chatteris Fen Tigers Reserves

Chatteris Town 'A'

Coldham United

Guyhirn

Littleport Town

March Rangers

March Academy Reserves

Outwell Swifts Reserves

The Isle

Wimblington Reserves

Wisbech Town Acorns Reserves

## 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 **the Cambridgeshire County League** (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
- (B) This Competition shall consist of not more than **220** Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be **a 50 mile radius of Cambridgeshire Football Association Headquarters.**
- (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 20 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 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 **15<sup>th</sup> June** 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 **at least 3** members who shall all be elected at the AGM **as per Article 59 of Cambridgeshire Football Association**.
- (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 **15<sup>th</sup> May** 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 **15<sup>th</sup> May** 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 of mitigation 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) **More than 50 %** of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. 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 **7** 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 **14** 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 **1<sup>st</sup> June** in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least **25** 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 **as recommended by the Management Committee.**
  - (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 **Cambridgeshire County League** 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 **Parent** 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 **1<sup>st</sup> March**. 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 **1<sup>st</sup> April** in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by **30<sup>th</sup> April** and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by **1<sup>st</sup> May**. 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 **2/3** 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 **£100** 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 **31<sup>st</sup> December**.
- (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 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 **1 Player** 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 **Team** must have at least **15** Players registered **7** 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 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.

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 2 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
- (M) A Team shall not include more than 2 Players who has/have taken part in 2 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) are **a more senior team with the same Club or a team playing at Step 6 or above.**

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:
- 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
  - Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
  - 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:- 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.
- (i) 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.

## 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 5 days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the **away** 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. **This rule also applies to socks in the Kershaw Leagues**

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 Official times for starting of Competition matches shall be as follows:

	League	Cups		Leagues	Cups
August	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	January	2.00 p.m.	1.45 p.m.
September	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	February	2.00 p.m.	1.45 p.m.
October	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	March	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
November	2.00 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	April	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
December	2.00 p.m.	1.45 p.m.	May	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.

All evening fixtures unless played under floodlights will kick-off not later than 6.15 pm.

When a match is not finished owing to the kick-off not taking place at the time fixed by the Association, the Club in default, failing a satisfactory explanation of the delay, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £15, and for payment of the match expenses if the game is ordered to be replayed.

The official time of starting may be varied, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) No match shall begin at a time that will not permit its conclusion 30 minutes after sunset (according to the calendar)
- (b) The convenience of visiting players in matters of travelling arrangements shall be a primary consideration when any alteration is made.
- (c) When any alteration is made from the official time of kick-off it shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify to the Competitions Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date of the match the time of kick-off.
- (d) A dispute between any two clubs as to a desired deviation from the official time of starting shall be referred to the Competitions Secretary for settlement.
- (e) Clubs with floodlights shall kick-off on Saturdays at 3.00 p.m. Evening matches to kick-off at 7.45p.m. unless the



Competition is advised otherwise 7 days prior to the match.

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.

In Semi-Finals and Finals:

- a) Suitable changing accommodation for 3 Match Officials which should be a separate room with ample space.
- b) Drinks to be made available for both teams and the Match Officials.
- c) **The balance of the cost of match officials for Semi-Finals, where a gate is taken, if gate receipts are insufficient, shall be shared equally by the competing Clubs.**

Where a Match Official from another match is sharing facilities with officials for a Premier League match, this match shall kick off no less than 15 minutes before the Premier League match.

- (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 5 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 7. 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.

28 Listed below are the Standard Punishments relating to late cancellations and failure to fulfil fixtures in the Premier, Senior and ALL County League matches:

**Kershaw Premier League**

For failing to fulfil any fixture on the set date a fine not exceeding £100 and a deduction of three points will be levied on the Club defaulting. The match will be re-arranged on a date set by the Competitions Secretary.

**Kershaw Senior A and B Leagues**

For failing to fulfil any fixture on the set date a fine of £50 will be levied on the Club defaulting and, for a second or subsequent offence, a deduction of three points will be levied on the defaulting Club. The points for the match will be awarded to the non-offending Club.



The Management Committee will only accept Clubs submitting claims for expenses when supported with a voucher or receipt. They will then decide as to the amount of expenses to be paid.

**Divisions 1 to 5:**

**First Offence in a Season**

<i>Day of Cancellation</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Points</i>
Monday-Thursday inclusive	20.00	Awarded to opponents
Friday/Saturday	£25.00	Awarded to opponents
day of match (excluding weather conditions)	£25.00	Awarded to opponents
<i>Evening Matches</i>		
3 to 6 clear days	£20.00	Awarded to opponents
1 and 2 clear days	£25.00	Awarded to opponents
day of match (excluding weather conditions)	£25.00	Awarded to opponents

**Second Offence in a Season**

<i>Day of Cancellation</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Points</i>
Monday-Thursday inclusive	£20.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
Friday	£25.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
Saturday	£30.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
Day of match (excluding weather conditions)	£30.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
<i>Evening Matches</i>		
3 to 6 clear days	£20.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
1 and 2 clear days	£25.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points
day of match (excluding weather conditions)	£30.00	Awarded to opponents plus a deduction of a further 3 points

**Third Offence in a Season**

Any late postponement will result in the defaulting Club being fined the sum of £40.00 and the points for the match will be awarded to the opponents, plus a further three points will be deducted from the defaulting team's total.

The Club cancelling the said fixture may be called into a meeting of The Management Committee to discuss the problems that have arisen.

**Postponements after 31st March**

Any Club failing to fulfil a fixture after 31st March in any season will be subject to a fine not exceeding £100 and the match will be awarded to the opponents.

**Expenses**

The Management Committee will only accept Clubs submitting claims for expenses when supported with a voucher or receipt. The Management Committee will then decide as to the amount of expenses to be paid.

- (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 Secretary within 14 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. 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, **5 substitute Players of whom not more than 5 may be used.**

*aA Pplayer 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 5 from 5 substitute Players in a Competition Match.*

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than **15** 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 **10** 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 **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 Secretary must receive within **2** 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 shall notify the result of each Competition Match to the Secretary by **7pm or 10 pm for evening games for Mead Plant & Grab League matches and within 30 minutes of the game finishing for Kershaw League matches**. 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) A representative of both teams together shall at least 30 minutes before kick-off for Kershaw League matches and at least 15 minutes before kick-off for mead plant & Grab League matches submit to the Match Referee and their opponents a copy of the team sheet. All nominated players (including the substitutes) must be entered on the sheet to correspond with his playing number.

#### **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 2 Teams* and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 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) 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
- (iv) 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 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 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 **35p** 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.

(E) Officials appointed by the Association shall receive fees etc. as follows:

### Competition

#### Fee

Cup Finals; Divisional Finals:

A Trophy

Premier League; Premier League Cup	Referee	£29.00
	Assistant Referees	£20.00
Senior League "A" and "B"; William Cockell Memorial Cup; Percy Oldham Memorial Cup	Referee	£24.00
	Assistant Referees	£18.00
Divisions 1 to 5 inclusive, Craze Charity Shield; Reg Haigh and Arthur Peck Cup; John Ablett Cup	Referee	£21.00
	Assistant Referees	£16.00
Representative Matches and Inter-League Matches	Referee	£29.00
	Assistant Referees	£20.00

The Association shall have the power to appoint Assistant Referees to all Matches.

In addition to a fee, all appointed officials shall be paid travelling expenses at the rate of 35p per mile. A maximum of 90 miles may be claimed for matches where three officials have been appointed (140 miles for Premier League and Premier League Cup which, under no circumstances, is to be exceeded without the prior arrangement of the Competitions' Secretary or his deputy). A maximum of 50 miles may be claimed for other matches.

(Note: where joint travel is used involving 2 separate matches the return mileage to the nearest venue should be split equally and charged to the 2 Home clubs with the official adding the additional return mileage between the venues to their claim.)

Every effort must be made to keep travelling expenses to a minimum and Match Officials have a part to play in that quest. The overall responsibility lies with the Match Referee for ensuring the most cost effective and practical joint travel arrangements.





When travelling by private car, Match Officials must claim for the journey, calculating the mileage by the shortest route. It is appreciated that, despite this instruction, Match Officials may still use another route, which, although providing a quicker journey, is not necessarily the shortest. With the modern development of orbital motorway routes, especially around large conurbations, it is often easier to circumvent these areas rather than travel through them. That is the choice of Match Officials, but even in these cases, it is imperative that the shortest journey is claimed.

Match officials should be aware that joint travelling arrangements are not always designed on a "pick up on the way" basis. There may be occasions where all 3 officials are expected to meet at a mutually agreed point and then all travel together. In these cases, each individual is entitled to claim for the short journey to the meeting point.

When arranging for joint travel, every Match Official has an individual responsibility to ensure that the arrangements are made in good time ahead of the match day. It is not acceptable to leave the making of arrangements to the day before the game. If, when making arrangements, it transpires that there has been a replacement to any of the Officials, the remaining Match Official(s) must contact the Competitions' Secretary to establish the replacement and whether joint travel is required with that replacement Official.

There will be no dispensation from joint travel on a Saturday. If a Match Official wishes to withdraw from the joint travel arrangement on a Saturday, permission must firstly be sought, but he will do so at his own expense. It is accepted that - for midweek games - many Officials travel direct to the ground from work and that joint travel arrangements under those circumstances are not practical. To be released from any possible joint travel arrangements in these situations, contact the Competitions' Secretary.

All payments made by Clubs to appointed officials shall be in cash. A Club official shall ascertain the fees and expenses of match officials before the game and these shall be paid to them immediately after the match in the referee's changing room.

If for any reason no such payment is made to officials appointed by Cambridgeshire F.A. then these officials shall be paid by the Cambridgeshire Football Association who in turn will seek reimbursement from the Club.

In all Competitions, other than the Kershaw Leagues and the Kershaw League Cup matches, when a Referee fails to arrive BOTH Clubs will be responsible for agreeing to a person to officiate as the Referee. The match **MUST** be played and the matter reported to the Competitions' Secretary. Standard punishment will be enforced against the offending Club or Clubs if the game is not played.

For all Kershaw League and the Kershaw League Cup matches when a Referee fails to arrive and there is no appointed Assistant to referee BOTH Clubs **MUST** make every effort to agree to a replacement. If a replacement is not available BOTH Clubs **WILL** report immediately by telephone to the Competitions' Secretary the postponement of the match followed by a written explanation within 3 days. The match will be rearranged by the Competitions' Secretary (with the exception of League Cup matches) who will recommend to the appropriate Committee, based on the explanations, whether or not to enforce any punishment for the game not having been played.

Premier League Clubs shall have facilities which comply with the current FA Step 7 regulations.

For all Premier League matches the pitch shall be roped off and in Senior League A and B matches will be fully roped off down the touch-lines for the duration of the game. **In the Cambridgeshire County League, all players will wear a number on the back of their shirt.** For all matches for which Assistant Referees are not appointed by the Association, each Club shall provide an Assistant Referee. The Home Club shall supply two Assistant Referee's flags. Clubs failing to meet any of these requirements shall be fined £10.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses *immediately after* the match.

- (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) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (K) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

**SCHEDULE A**

<b>FEES TARIFF</b>		
<b>RULE NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM FEE</b>
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£ Free
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£80
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£50
7 (C), 7 (E), 7(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£Free
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£Free
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£See Rule 23
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£See Rule 23



FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£30
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	£25
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£75
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£75
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	£10
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	£20
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£50 plus the award of matches
18 (G) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£50 plus the award of matches
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£50 plus the award of matches
18 (O)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	
19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	
20 (A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£See rule 20
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£5 per player
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£See Rule 20
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	



21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10
21(C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£10
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## **NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS**

### **DEFINITIONS**

In the interpretation of these Regulations: any words and expressions, unless otherwise defined herein, shall be words and expressions as defined as follows:-

"The Association" means The Football Association Limited.

"Club" means a football club for the time being in a League in membership of the NLS. "Committee" in these Regulations means the relevant Committee appointed by the Association. "Competition" in these Regulations means a League in the NLS.

"Conditional Licence" means a Licence with conditions attached to be met by a Club within a period determined by the Competition in which the Club holding the Licence is allocated by the Committee. Such period is not to exceed 1 March in the Membership Year to which the Licence relates. Save in exceptional circumstances a Conditional Licence cannot be granted to a Club for successive



Membership Years in respect of the same Criterion.

"Criteria" means the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches as set out in regulation 9 of these Regulations.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS

THE NLS SHALL BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS.

A Club shall be required to hold a Licence to be a member of a Competition at Steps 1 to 4 of the NLS.

The aims and objectives of the NLS are to provide:

Clubs with a level of competitive football appropriate to their playing ability, stadium/ ground facilities and geographical location.

A framework for discussion on matters of policy and common interest to Leagues and Clubs.

The seasonal movement of Clubs.

A co-ordinated approach between Leagues regarding the final date of the Playing Season.

All Leagues are bound by the Regulations. A Club is bound by the Regulations from the date it has qualified for placement into the NLS until such time as it leaves the NLS for whatever reason.

### POSITION OF A LEAGUE IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM

The current structure of the NLS is set out below:

"League" means any competition sanctioned by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association in membership of the NLS.

"Licence" means an annual licence required to be held by a Club to be a member of a Competition that may be either an Unconditional Licence or Conditional Licence.

#### STEP 1

#### STEP 2

##### National League

##### National League North

##### National League South

"NLS" means the National League System of competitions controlled by The Association where promotion and relegation links exist between participating Leagues.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the League is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the League is played. For Clubs participating in Play Off Matches this does include the period when Play Off Matches are played.

"Play Off Match(es)" means matches played between Clubs in a Play Off Position on a format to be determined by each League provided that the format is the same across each Step.

"Play Off Position" means the position of a Club at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Standardised Rule 12 as qualifying the Club to take part in a Play Off Match to qualify for promotion to the next Step for the next Playing Season.

"Regular Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the League is played each year and the date on which the last competitive fixture in the League is played, excluding Play Off Matches. "Regulations" means these regulations.

"Rules" means The Association's Standardised Rules or The Association's Standard Code of Rules under which a League is administered.



STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5/6

STEP 6

"Step" means the level at which a Club participates in the NLS.

"Unconditional Licence" means a Licence without any conditions attached.

The Leagues currently at Steps 5, 6 and 7 are set out at the end of the Regulations.

Each Step shall have the maximum number of Clubs: Step 1 – 24, Step 2 – 44, Step 3 – 88, Step 4 – 140, Step 5 – 280, Step 6 – 380. Clubs will be placed in the most geographically appropriate division. At Step 7 the maximum number of Clubs in each division shall be determined by the Committee taking into account all relevant factors.

Any league wishing to become part of the NLS must apply to the Committee by 31st December in the relevant year in such form and/or providing such information as shall be required by the Committee from time to time. The decision as to whether or not a league should be admitted to the NLS shall be made by the Committee which will then decide on the Step at which the League will compete.

Any League wishing to propose an adjustment to its position within the NLS must apply in writing to the Committee by 31st December in any year for such proposal to be determined by the Committee in order, if approved, to have effect in the following Playing Season.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The Committee shall provide for the seasonal promotion, relegation or lateral movement of Clubs.

#### DETAILED PROMOTION AND RELEGATION ISSUES

The criteria for entry to the NLS and the criteria for ground/stadium facilities and the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches shall be determined by the Committee. All criteria so determined shall be published by The Association from time to time.

Subject to 5.5, at the conclusion of each Playing Season, the following procedures will apply to promotion/ relegation subject to the application of the Rules:

#### Step 1 and Step 2

These regulations do not deal with promotion from Step 1.

The Clubs finishing in the bottom four places at Step 1 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 2 together with a further two Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for participation at the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted. The Clubs finishing in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th positions shall be eligible to take part in the Play Off Matches. The Play Off Matches shall be played so that in each Step 2 division there is a qualifying round, semi- finals and a promotion final with all ties being played over a single leg at the ground of the higher placed Club. The winner of the promotion final in each Step 2 division will be promoted. If a Club is not eligible to enter Step 1 then it shall not take part in any Play Off Matches. In that event, such Club shall not be replaced and the Play Off Matches structure and draw shall be adjusted as necessary by the Competition on the basis



of the remaining Clubs' final league positions.

#### Step 2 and Step 3

The Clubs in the bottom three places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the four divisions at Step 3 together with a further two Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for participation at the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 3, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other (the "Step 3 Initial Play Off Matches"): The winners of each of the Step 3 Initial Play Off Matches will play each other resulting in one

winner in each of the Step 3 divisions (the "Step 3 Divisional Play Off Winners"). The Step 3 Divisional Play Off Winners will play a further match against each other. The ties will be decided by the Committee pairing Clubs on the most suitable geographical basis. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will play in the further Play Off Match described above. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2.

#### Step 3 and Step 4

The Clubs finishing in the bottom three places in each of the four divisions at Step 3 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the seven divisions at Step 4 together with a further five Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the Criteria for participation at the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 4 the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other (the "Step 4 Initial Play Off Matches"). The winners of each of the Step 4 Initial Play Off Matches will play each other and the winner of those matches shall result in seven teams eligible for promotion. The five Clubs to be promoted shall be the five Clubs out of the seven divisional Play Off winners with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off match and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3.

#### Step 4 and Step 5

The Clubs finishing in the bottom two places in each of the seven divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 5. These Clubs will be replaced by the fourteen Clubs finishing in first position in each of the fourteen divisions at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season.

With effect from the commencement of the 2019/20 season, the following will apply:

In addition, a series of Play Off Matches shall be played between the Clubs finishing in second position in each of the Leagues at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season. The ties shall be decided





by the Association pairing Clubs on the most suitable geographical basis. These matches shall be played on a single match basis on the ground of the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. The winners of each of these seven matches shall play a final Play Off Match against one of the Clubs finishing third from bottom of each Step 4 division at the end of the Regular Season, such matches to be decided by the Association so that each Step 4 Club plays a Step 5 Club; such matches to be on a single match basis on the home ground of the Step 4 Club on cup tie terms with no percentage being paid to any Competition. The seven winners shall play at Step 4 in the following season.

The 2018-19 Regulations resume here.

The Clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be allocated to the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4.

A Club promoted to Step 4 shall comply with the Licencing System provision as set out in Appendix 1 to the Standardised Rules.

#### Step 5 and Step 6

The Clubs in the bottom two places in each of the fourteen divisions at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in the most geographically appropriate division of Step 6. These Clubs will be replaced by the nineteen Clubs finishing in first position in each of the Leagues at Step 6 at the end of the Regular Season together with the required number of Clubs finishing in second position at the end of the Regular Season on a points per match ratio. If there are insufficient Clubs to fill vacancies Clubs finishing second to bottom of the Step 5 divisions will be reprieved so that the best such Club shall be reprieved first.

#### Step 6 and 7

At the end of the Regular Playing Season the Clubs in the bottom two positions of each of the nineteen Step 6 divisions will be liable to relegation.

All Step 7 Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 must make application using the prescribed form direct to The Association, copied to their existing League, by 31st December in the relevant year. In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Step 7 league. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria then the club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position will not be considered for promotion and only one club will be considered from each League. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed application fee, as determined by the Committee, which is non-refundable.

No more than 38 Clubs will be promoted from Step 7. If more than 38 Clubs are eligible for promotion they will be chosen based on a points per match basis. Where the eligible Clubs count does not reach 38 in number, reprieves of Step 6 Clubs shall come into effect on a points per match basis.

At Steps 2-5 the Club finishing in last place in the table at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and not reprieved. Below Step 5 the Clubs to be reprieved will be decided at the sole discretion of the Committee.

At Steps 1 to 6, if a Club becomes eligible to take part in a Play Off Match and refuses to take part in that match or if a Club qualifies for promotion and refuses to be promoted then that Club shall be relegated from the division from which it has so qualified and shall play the following Playing Season in the division at the next Step below which is deemed the most appropriate by the Committee.

Where a vacancy occurs within the NLS the following procedures will apply:

End of the Playing Season

(a) Where a Club notifies its decision to resign from its League at the end of the Playing Season, then a vacancy is created on the date the notification of that decision is formally recorded by that League. Such resignation can only be withdrawn by the end of that Playing Season with the consent of the Board of that League.

In all cases, that Club is treated as a relegated Club. The final table of that division is not affected.



In cases where the vacancy is created after the end of the Playing Season but before the League's AGM, the vacancy will be filled in accordance with Regulation 5.5.2 below.

(a) Where a vacancy occurs at Step 1 and Step 2 following the completion of a Playing Season the best ranked Club in a relegation position is reprieved.

Where a vacancy occurs at Step 3 following the completion of a Playing Season the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season which is a Play Off winner but not promoted under Regulation 5.2 is promoted.

Where a vacancy occurs at Step 4 following the completion of a Playing Season the second placed Club across the Competitions at Step 5 with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season will be promoted.

Where a vacancy arises and Clubs at Step 4 are to be relegated but for whatever reason a Step 4 division does not have its full complement of Clubs at the end of the Regular Season then Clubs to be reprieved will be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

Where a vacancy arises at Step 5 and below, the question of reprieves shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Committee.

Where a vacancy occurs after the date of a League AGM then a League is not able to replace the Club(s) concerned for the following Playing Season.

Prior to the end of a Playing Season

(a) In cases where the vacancy is created prior to the end of the Playing Season, the vacancy will be filled by the best ranked Club in a relegation position at the end of the Regular Season, eligible of being reprieved in that same division. In the event of there being more vacancies than Clubs eligible to be reprieved, such vacancy or vacancies will be filled by Clubs eligible to be reprieved in the Competition's other division(s) on a points per match ratio.

Where, prior to the end of the Playing Season, a Club notifies its decision to resign from its League with immediate effect or where a Club is removed from the League for any reason, then the playing record of that Club will be expunged and a vacancy is created on the date the resignation or removal is formally recorded by that League.

In all such cases that Club is treated as a relegated Club and the vacancy will be filled in accordance with 5.5.3(a) above.

Only internal changes to the constitution of a League are allowed following the holding of a League's Annual General Meeting.

Clubs are not allowed to enter into a ground share agreement in order to gain promotion or to retain membership at a particular Step where the Club has failed to attain or maintain the relevant Grade.

Ground grading requirements will be in accordance with the Rules.

In order to be considered for promotion, the following requirements will apply. Step 1 - Clubs must comply fully with the requirements of Grade A.

Step 2 - Clubs competing at Step 2 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade B. To be considered for promotion to Step 1 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade B together with any additional requirements by 31st March in the year in which they seek promotion. Clubs must also attain Grade A by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 3 - Clubs competing at Step 3 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade C. To be considered for promotion to Step 2 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade C and attain Grade B by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 4 - Clubs competing at Step 4 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade D. To be considered for promotion to Step 3 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade D and attain Grade C by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 5 - Clubs competing at Step 5 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade F and attain Grade D by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 6 - Clubs competing at Step 6 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade G. To be considered for promotion to Step 5, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade G and attain Grade F



by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 7 - Clubs competing at Step 7 must comply fully with the minimum requirements in force. To be considered for promotion to Step 6, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade H and attain Grade G by 31st March in the year following promotion. Clubs can be promoted from Step 7 to 6 without floodlights provided that all other requirements of Grade H are met by 31st March in the Playing Season in which the Club wishes to gain promotion and that the Club has the following in place:-

Planning permission granted for floodlights

That by 30th September following promotion the floodlights are installed and in working order.

A development/business plan

Quotations/estimates for the work to be carried out

Funding applications submitted if required

Failure to install floodlights in working order by 30th September following promotion will result in a sanction being imposed at the discretion of the League of which the Club is a member. If by 31st March in the year following promotion the floodlights are still not installed then the Club will be a relegated Club and be dealt with accordingly.

If a Club is relegated for not achieving the required Grade for the Step at which it is playing it will not be eligible for promotion again until it has attained the required Grade for the Step to which it wishes to be promoted. The Club must have that Grade at 31st March in the year in which it seeks promotion.

Where a Club resigns from a League that Club will not be eligible for promotion for at least one Playing Season following the Season in which it resigned.

In the event of any question arising regarding the interpretation of these Regulations it will be decided by The Association in its sole discretion.

#### THE MOVEMENT OF CLUBS WITHIN THE NLS OTHER THAN BY PROMOTION OR RELEGATION

Movement of a Club from participation in one League to another is not permitted other than by promotion and relegation or otherwise as set out in League Rules save with the approval of the Committee.

It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally at the same Step. Each year the Committee will consider whether any lateral movements may be necessary at each Step; if so the Clubs likely to be affected shall be notified and given the opportunity to present a case if that Club does not wish to be moved laterally. The final decision shall rest with a sub-committee of the Committee. Any appeal shall be in accordance with the Regulations for Football Association Appeals. The decision of that appeal shall be final and binding subject only to Arbitration under FA Rule K.

In coming to its decision the Committee will have regard to any representations made by any party, the distance to be travelled by any Club to be moved compared to the distance travelled in the Playing Season prior to movement; the financial impact on the Club to be moved, the frequency with which the Club has been moved in the past; the number of Clubs both in the division to which the Club is to be moved and in the division from which the Club is moved, and any other matter that it considers to be relevant.

Any Club wishing to move from one League to another must make application in writing to The Association on or before 31st March in each year to be effective for the following Playing Season. In the event of such application being successful the League from which the Club is moving shall not levy a financial penalty on that Club.

(i) If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) is wound up, liquidated, or is removed from its League or withdraws from football competition ('the Former Club'), and a new Club ('the New Club') is established which wishes to be placed within the NLS, it will be allowed to make an application only to join a League/ division at Step 5 of the NLS unless the Former Club was in either Step 4 or Step 5 when the event which caused it to cease its membership occurred in which case it must re-join the NLS at a minimum of two Steps below the level at which it was at the time the event occurred, or withdrew from football competition, whichever is lower. Where the Former Club was a member of Premier League or EFL then the Committee shall at its absolute discretion determine in which League the New Club shall be placed for the following Playing Season and will set out at its complete discretion the requirements to be met by the New Club.



In order for consideration to be given to the placement in the NLS of the New Club in the following Playing Season, an initial application must be received by the Committee by 1st March or within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, if such date is later than 1st March.

The full application accompanied by all necessary documents including evidence of security of tenure having been granted to the New Club and affiliation to a County Football Association must be received by 31st March or within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, if such date is later than 1st March. The application shall be copied to the League of which membership is being requested. The application will be determined by the Committee.

In considering any application, the Committee will set out at its sole discretion the requirements to be met by the New Club.

In the event of more than one application being received within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, the Committee will consider at its discretion which application will be considered in accordance with this Regulation.

(ii) If a Club is removed from its League and wishes to remain in the NLS it shall apply to the Committee within five working days of it receiving written notification of its removal from its League. The Committee will consider such application and will place the Club in what it considers at its sole discretion to be the most appropriate League/division for the following Playing Season.

If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) ceases to be a member of its league and that Club (that is not a New Club as defined at 6.3 above) wishes to be placed within the NLS for the immediately following Playing Season, then unless otherwise determined by the Committee, it may be allowed to make an application to join a League/division below the most recent League/division of which the Club was a member.

In order for consideration to be given to the placement in the NLS by the Club in the immediately following Playing Season, an initial application must be received by the Committee in accordance with the procedures set out at 6.3 above. The application shall be copied to the League of which membership is being requested. The application will be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion.

In considering any application, the Committee will set out at its sole discretion the requirements to be met by the Club in determining whether to approve the application.

If two or more Clubs ("the Merging Clubs") are proposing a transaction or series of transactions that result in the merging or consolidation ("the Proposed Merger") of those Clubs into one Club ("the Merged Club") then a formal application to do so must be received by the Committee and the league(s) of which the Merging Clubs are members by 31st December to be valid for the following Playing Season.

A Deed of Agreement, which shall be legally binding on all parties must be submitted to The Association by 31st March in the year immediately following receipt of the application. The Committee shall determine at its absolute discretion where the Merged Club is to be included in the NLS for the following Playing Season subject to the provisions of item 6.5.5 below.

A Deed of Agreement, which shall be legally binding on all parties must be submitted to The Association by 31st March in the year immediately following receipt of the application. The Committee shall determine at its absolute discretion where the Merged Club is to be included in the NLS for the following Playing Season subject to the provisions of item 6.5.5 below.

In arriving at its decision the Committee may apply the following minimum criteria:

The requirements of Standardised Rule 2.9 for the current Playing Season must be met by each of the Merging Clubs. If one or more of the Merging Clubs is subject to an insolvency event then Standardised Rule 2.9.2 shall be applied to such club(s), otherwise Standardised Rule 2.9.1 shall be applied;

The proposed playing name of the Merged Club must be acceptable to the Committee; and

The Merged Club must have security of tenure to a ground that meets the relevant ground grading requirements;

Any other criteria that the Committee may from time to time deem to be appropriate;

The Merged Club will ordinarily be placed at the lower of the Steps at which the Merging Clubs ended



the Playing Season in which the application is made. For the purposes of this Regulation, if one of the Merging Clubs has finished that Playing Season in a relegation place, then they will be deemed to have ended the Playing Season at the Step to which they would have been relegated without the Proposed Merger proceeding.

Any decision regarding whether a proposed transaction or series of transactions falls to be considered under this Regulation shall be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion.

#### PLACEMENT OF A CLUB INTO A LEAGUE

Usually a club can only enter the NLS at Step 7. However a League may seek approval from the Committee to receive a club or team not currently in membership of a League within the NLS provided that there is: (a) exceptional circumstances, (b) a vacancy within its constitution, (c) the club meets the entry criteria and (d) promotion and relegation issues have been satisfied. Such request must be received from the league by no later than 1st February. Any decision shall only be capable of Appeal to The Association by the affected League.

Reserve teams, including a team from a club or Club which is not considered by the Committee to be sufficiently separate from another club or Club, will not be permitted to compete above Step 6 in the NLS. There must be a minimum of two Steps between a first and reserve team. This does not apply at Steps 6 & 7. No two teams from the same Club can play at the same Step. Reserve teams currently at Step 5 can remain unless relegated, once relegated they will not be permitted to be promoted back to Step 5.

Teams from Higher Education or Further Education establishments are not permitted to compete above Step 5. This does not prevent any such establishment forming a Club which complies with all entry criteria and which is separate from the establishment itself.

Where a Club moves from one League to another, for whatever reason, the League from which it is being moved must provide the League to which the Club is being moved with a certificate confirming that the Club being moved does not owe any money or other property of any nature to the League from which it is being moved. The Club being moved cannot compete in its new League until such certification has been provided and the onus will be on the Club being moved to ensure that it has cleared all indebtedness to its previous League.

#### PROCEDURES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ANY MATTER, DISPUTE OR DIFFERENCE BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee may adopt such procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference as it considers appropriate and expedient, having regard to the aims and objectives set out at Regulation 2. The Committee may require the attendance at a meeting or the written observations of any League or Club, as it considers appropriate to assist its determination.

(a) Any dispute or difference between a League and a Club relating to promotion and relegation issues, lateral movement and/or other eligibility criteria must be referred for determination to the Committee; such determination shall be final and binding subject only to Arbitration in accordance with Rule K.

Any decision of the Committee shall be subject to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board. The decision of that Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

All referrals of appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations save for appeals in relation to Ground Grading decisions where the procedures are outlined in 8.2(c) below.

#### Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals

The ratification of the Ground Grading decision must be sent in writing within 14 days of the final decision date, currently 31st March.

Appeals in relation to Ground Grading Appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's Leagues & Clubs Department.

The Ground Grading Technical Panel will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant to respond to the application and there is no requirement to make a formal response in writing.

In all cases the Ground Grading Technical Panel will submit any documentation including the Ground Grading report that was considered by the Ground Grading Technical Panel in relation to the Ground Grading decision, (which the appellant would already have received).

Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of Ground Grading appeals and details of the dates would be notified to all Clubs in the correspondence from the



Ground Grading Technical Panel notifying the decision of the Ground Grading assessment.  
The Committee may, at its discretion, delegate the resolution of any matter, dispute or difference arising under these Regulations to anybody it considers to be appropriate (including a sub-committee or commission which may include members of council not on the Committee or a body constituted by a County Football Association).

NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS Leagues/Divisions at Steps 5, 6 & 7 of the National League System (season 2018/2019).

#### CRITERIA FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN PLAY-OFF MATCHES

Security of Tenure – see Standardised Rule 2.3.2

Solvency – see Standardised Rule 13.B.2

Ground Share requirements, i.e. not ground share in order to gain promotion – see 5.7 of these Regulations

Ground Grading – see 5.8 of these regulations and the relevant criteria document

#### ARBITRATION

The fact of participation in the NLS and signifying agreement to be bound by the Regulations shall constitute an agreement between each League and Club to refer to Arbitration any challenge in law arising out of, or in relation to, the Regulations in accordance with the provisions of FA Rule K.

#### PRECEDENCE

In the case of conflict between the Regulations for the Operation of the NLS and the Rules, the Regulations take precedence.



## LEAGUES/DIVISIONS AT STEPS 5, 6 & 7 OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM (Season 2016/2017)

### Step 5

Combined Counties League Premier Div  
Eastern Counties League Premier Div  
Essex Senior League  
Hellenic League Premier Div  
Midland League Premier Div  
North West Counties League Premier Div  
Northern League Div 1  
Northern Counties East League Premier Div  
Southern Counties East League Premier Div  
Spartan South Midlands League Premier Div  
Southern Combination Football League Premier Div  
United Counties League Premier Div  
Wessex League Premier Div  
Western League Premier Div

### Step 6

Combined Counties League Div 1  
East Midlands Counties League  
Eastern Counties League Div 1  
Hellenic League Div 1 East  
Hellenic League Div 1 West  
Midland League Div 1  
Northern Counties East Div 1  
North West Counties League Div 1  
Northern League Div 2  
South West Peninsula League Premier Div  
Spartan South Midlands League Div 1  
Southern Combination Football League Div 1  
Southern Counties East League Div 1  
United Counties League Div 1  
Wessex League Div 1  
West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Div  
Western League Div 1

### Step 7

Anglian Combination Premier Div  
Bedfordshire County League Premier Div  
Cambridgeshire County League Premier Div  
Central Midlands League Div North  
Central Midlands League Div South  
Cheshire League Premier Div  
Dorset Premier League  
Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier Div  
Essex Olympian League Premier Div  
Gloucestershire County League Premier Div  
Hampshire Premier League Senior Div Herts  
Senior County League Premier Div Humber  
Premier League Premier Div  
Kent County League Premier Div  
Leicestershire Senior League Premier Div  
Liverpool County Premier League Premier Div  
Manchester Football League Premier Div  
Middlesex County League Premier Div  
Midland League Div 2  
Northamptonshire Combination Premier Div  
Northern Football Alliance Premier Div  
Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Div  
Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Div  
Peterborough & District League Premier Div  
Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League Premier Div  
Somerset County League Premier Div South  
West Peninsula League Div 1 East  
South West Peninsula League Div 1 West  
Spartan South Midlands League Div 2  
Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Div  
Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Div  
Surrey Elite Intermediate League Intermediate Div  
Teesside League Div 1  
Thames Valley Premier League Premier Div  
Wearside League  
West Cheshire League Div 1  
West Lancashire League Premier Div  
West Midlands (Regional) League Div 1  
West Riding County Amateur League Premier Div  
West Yorkshire League Premier Div  
Wiltshire Football League Premier Div  
York Football League Premier Div





**Kershaw Premier League Information only**  
**DIRECTIVES FOR CLUBS**

**Match Confirmation With Officials**

1. The Home Club is required to contact the match referee a minimum of three days before the match to confirm the details of the match. In the event of any difficulties, Clubs should contact the Competition Secretary.

**Hospitality**

1. In view of the distance travelled on occasion by the match officials, please ensure they have access to your ground at least one hour before kick-off. You may need to assign this responsibility to a designated person.
2. Match Officials, including the appointed Referee Observer should be offered refreshments on their arrival and also at half-time.
3. The dressing-room offered to the officials must be clean and tidy and not used for storage on match days. The home Club has the responsibility to ensure the security of the dressing-rooms.
4. Where an official from another match is sharing changing facilities with officials for a Premier League match, this match shall kick off no less than 15 minutes before the Kershaw Premier League match.
5. It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure the safety of the match officials at all times; especially on returning from the playing area to the dressing-rooms.

**Payment of Officials**

1. Referees and Assistants must be paid in cash after the game at the rates stipulated in the League Rules.

Match costs (travel only) must be recorded on the Club Match Expense Sheet Master copy. This must be submitted to the League no later than 7 days after the last home game of the season.

**Teamsheets & Marking of Officials**

1. Teamsheets must be exchanged together in the referee's dressing-room at least 30 minutes before kick-off.
2. Clubs should refer to the following Clarification Document and notes printed in this directory before allocating any mark.





### **Technical Areas**

Two separate technical areas must be marked out on the same side of the playing area, 1 metre from the touchline and ideally equidistant from the half-way line. Only authorised persons named on the teamsheet are permitted within this area; manager, assistant manager, physio, substitutes, substituted players.

Any person(s) removed from the technical area by the referee following misconduct, must relocate themselves away from the immediate vicinity of the playing area and thereafter must not influence the game in any way. Where possible, the person(s) should retire to the dressing-rooms.

Substitutes and substituted players must wear the bibs provided by the league.

### **REGULATIONS FOR REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES**

#### **Match procedure**

1. Match Officials should arrive smartly dressed (no jeans or trainers) on match days and at least 45 minutes before kick-off.
2. Referees not receiving confirmation of the fixture from the Home Club as specified should inform the Competition Secretary.
3. Having accepted an appointment and received confirmation from the Home Club and/or Observer, then subsequently unable to fulfil the appointment, in addition to the Competition Secretary, referees should ensure both the Home Club and the Observer are informed.



### **League Equality Policy and Complaints Procedure**

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all members of the community are treated fairly and with respect and that Cambridgeshire County Football League is equally accessible to them all.

Cambridgeshire County Football League is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the League at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by everyone, equally. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

This policy is fully supported by the League Officers and Phil Mitcham who holds the post of Competitions' & Registrations' Secretary at Cambridgeshire County Football League and who is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Equality at Cambridgeshire County Football League means that in all our activities we will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. It means that we will ensure that we treat people fairly and with respect and that we will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, our activities. And it means that we will not sanction any action, or lack of action, which might disadvantage a member compared to other people for any reason related to the list above.

Cambridgeshire County Football League will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual (which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination). This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal. Cambridgeshire County Football League will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

We are committed to the development of a programme of ongoing training and awareness raising events and activities in order to promote the eradication of discrimination within Cambridgeshire County Football League and in the wider context, within football as a whole. We are also committed to circulating this policy to all our members.

Cambridgeshire County Football League is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirements of the following (but not limited to) equalities legislation – Equality Act 2006, Race Relations Act 1976, Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 as well as any amendments to these acts.



Cambridgeshire County Football League commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop and sanctions be imposed, as appropriate.

### **League Complaints Procedure**

In the event that any member feels that he or she has suffered discrimination in any way or that the League's Policies, Rules or Code of Conduct has been broken they should report the matter to the League Secretary or another member of the Committee.

If the complaint is with regard to the Leagues' Management Committee the member has the right to report the discrimination direct to the relevant County Football Association or to The Football Association.

### **Social Media & Websites**

Please remember that FA 'Conduct' Rule E3 requires all participants in football to act, at all times, in the best interests of the game and not in any manner which is improper, or brings the game into disrepute, or (among other things) uses threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words. This includes comments issued publicly through media such as Facebook, Twitter, Websites and other social networking services, which are *broadcast* media and can never be assumed to be private.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE CUP DATES  
FOR SEASON 2018-19****Premier League Cup**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Third Round</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm

**William Cockell Memorial Cup**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm

**Percy Oldham Memorial Cup**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm

**Creake Charity Shield**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Third Round</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Fourth Round</b>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm

**John Ablett Cup**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Third Round</b>	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm

**Reg Haigh & Arthur Peck Cup**

<b>First Round</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Third Round</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Fourth Round</b>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Kick Off 1.45pm
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Kick Off 3.00pm
<b>Final</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Kick Off 7.30pm



## LEAGUE CUP RULES

### **Premier League Cup Sponsored by Kershaw Mechanical Services**

#### **Trophy donated by the late C.N.Gautrey OBE JP**

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Cambridgeshire Premier League Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to Clubs competing in the Premier Division of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

#### **Entry Fees**

3. (a) Each Club wishing to compete shall give notice to the Competitions' Secretary on or before the 1st June of each year.  
  
(b) Each Club competing shall pay a fee of £20, such sum to be paid at the time of entry.

#### **Qualification of Players**

4. The members of each competing team shall have the following qualifications:  
  
(a) Each player will have been registered with the competition prior to playing or one player may sign a fully completed competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an officer of the club and witnessed by an officer of the opposing club and submitted to the competition within 2 days of the match. Players registered on match day shall not be eligible to play again until after the club is in possession of the approval of the competition.  
  
Registration forms may be submitted to the Competitions' Secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within 3 days to the appropriate Officer.  
  
(b) In the semi-final and final ties all players must have been registered members of their club for at least 21 days before the first semi-final and final dates and have played at least two competitive matches in the current season for the club they represent.  
  
(c) Any player who for reasons other than suspensions is not eligible to take part in a match on the day appointed for the fixture shall not be eligible to take part in any replays in connection therewith.



(d) A player who plays for two clubs in the same Cup competition shall be charged and dealt with by the Association's appropriate committee

### **Draw and Date of Ties**

5. The ties shall be drawn and the dates fixed by the Management Committee, and the Competitions Secretary shall send to each Club the full draw and the dates upon which the ties shall be played.

### **Grounds**

6. (a) The Clubs shall be drawn in pairs, all byes being drawn in the preliminary or first rounds. The Club first drawn in each Tie shall have choice of ground but no club shall play on a neutral ground without the consent of the Management Committee except in the final, which shall be played on a ground selected by the Management Committee. Up to the Semi-Finals, Clubs may be zoned geographically at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(b) Should the ground of the Club which has the choice of ground not be available, either club may appeal to the Management Committee who shall decide upon which the tie shall be played.

### **Duration of Play**

7. Duration of play in all matches shall be of 90 minutes. If the scores are, kicks from the penalty mark will take place to obtain a winner. In the event of a match not being completed and neither club being at fault, the match shall be replayed on the ground of the Club who had not the choice of ground for the first match. In the final match the duration of the match shall be of 90 minutes.

### **Gate Receipts**

8. The Association shall take all receipts in the Final Tie.



### **William Cockell Memorial Cup sponsored by Kershaw Mechanical Services**

Trophy donated by the Cambridgeshire Football Association

1. The Competition shall be called 'William Cockell Memorial Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to Clubs in Senior 'A' of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

All other rules as per Premier League cup 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8.

### **Percy Oldham Memorial Cup sponsored by Kershaw Mechanical Services**

Trophy donated by Cambridge & District Referees' Society

1. The Competition shall be called 'Percy Oldham Memorial Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to Clubs in Senior 'B' of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

All other rules as per Premier League cup 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8.

### **Creake Charity Shield Sponsored by Mead Plant & Grab**

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Creake Charity Shield Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Clubs competing in Division 1 and Division 2 of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

All other rules as per Premier League cup 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8.

### **The John Ablett Cup Sponsored by Mead Plant & Grab**

1. The Competition shall be called the 'John Ablett Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to Clubs competing in Division 3 of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

All other rules as per Premier League cup 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8.

### **The Reg Haigh and Arthur Peck Cup Sponsored by Mead Plant & Grab**

1. The Competition shall be called the 'Reg Haigh and Arthur Peck Cup Competition'.
2. The Competition shall be open to Clubs Competing in Division 4 of the Cambridgeshire League, all of whom shall compete.

All other rules as per Premier League cup 3(a), 3(b), 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5, 6, 7, 8.52





### How to decide on the Referee's mark

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

- Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 85-76 category a mark of 84 indicates a better performance than a mark of 77.
- While some Referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.
- When club officials are marking a Referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.
- When a mark of 60 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition using the box provided on the marking form. The purpose of this is to assist Referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible.

The following table can help identify where the mark for a referee should be pitched.

"Did very well" – a high level of performance	<b>91+</b>	STANDARD
"Did well" – above the expected standard	<b>81-90</b>	
<b>"Did ok, this is the standard we expect"- the standard performance</b>	<b>71-80</b>	
"Didn't do quite well enough" – some areas for development	<b>61-70</b>	
"Struggled" - below the expected standard- need to report this performance and offer some constructive written advice	<b>51-60</b>	
"Should not be at this level" - well below that expected- need to report this performance and offer some constructive written advice on key basic areas	<b>50 and below</b>	



## Description of Performance

No errors in application of Law, Extremely fit, always on-top of the action Really enhanced enjoyment for everyone, Excellent decision making skills Should be refereeing at a higher level	91+
Very good application of Law, Fit & close enough to influence play Created a good rapport with the players, Accurate & positive decision making skills, Could handle tougher games in this League	81 - 90
Application of Law generally good, Fit enough for this game Overall worked well with the players, Firm but approachable Got most decisions right, A good referee in this League	71 - 80
Made a few errors in Law, Decision making was inconsistent Sometimes too far from play, Had little rapport with the players Game was too difficult for him/her	61 - 70
Had weak control of the game, Decision making was poor Rarely in a position to judge challenges, Very few player management skills Needs easier games	51 - 60
Had no control of the game, Unable to make decisions Fitness was very poor, Couldn't speak to players Should not be on this League	50 and below



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

**Extraordinary  
Club Report on Match Referees**

*This form must be used to advise the competition when marking referees at or below 60*

**Club:**

<i>Home team</i>	<i>goals</i>		<i>goals</i>	<i>Away team</i>
		V		
yellow cards:	red cards:		yellow cards:	red cards:

<i>Referee</i>	<i>Date of game</i>

<i>Referee's Performance</i>					
<i>Criteria</i>	<i>poor</i>	<i>average</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>very good</i>	<i>mark awarded</i>
Overall decision making	10 - 17	18 - 25	26 - 32	33 - 40	
Judgement of major decisions	10 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	
General control and player management	10 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	
				<u><b>TOTAL</b></u>	

**The minimum accepted mark is therefore 30**

**Give yourself time to reflect on the performance, at least 24 hours, and then return within 5 days**

<b>If the total mark is 60 or less, or any section marked poor, then detailed constructive development comment must be provided below:</b>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position:</b>
<i>Please note this form must be completed by Club Secretary or Chairman</i>	

please return to [phil.mitcham@cambridgeshirefa.com](mailto:phil.mitcham@cambridgeshirefa.com) within 5 days of the match



# Respect



## What is Respect?

**Respect** is the collective responsibility of everyone involved in football to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. It is the behavioural code for football - a continuous FA programme, **not** a one-off initiative.

The aims of **Respect** are to:

- recruit and retain enough referees for the demands of the game at every level
- reduce the number of assaults on referees
- achieve improvements in on-field discipline, particularly in dissent to referees
- manage a cultural change in youth football regarding parent and spectator behaviour

## Implementing the Respect Programme

There are four steps in implementing the **Respect** Programme in grassroots football:

### • Codes of Conduct

Participants sign up to one of five Codes of Conduct, depending on their type of involvement: Young Players; Adult Players; Spectators and Parents/Carers; Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials; and Match Officials.

*Download the Codes of Conduct from:*

*[www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/NewsAndFeatures/2011/Resources](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/NewsAndFeatures/2011/Resources)*

### • Designated Spectator Areas

The FA recommends you introduce marked areas along the touchlines, within which spectators must stay, to encourage them to support the teams in a more responsible manner.

*For more information and advice see:*

*[www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/SpectatorsAreas](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/SpectatorsAreas)*

### • Captain Taking Responsibility

There is a drive to enhance captaincy skills, encouraging captains to take responsibility for their players' behaviour and to help the referee to manage the game.

*For more information see:*

*[www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/Captains](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/Captains)*

### • Referee Managing the Game

There is a similar drive to enhance referees' match management skills - to create an environment where potential problems are addressed before they escalate.

*For advice and links see:*

*[www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/Referees](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/Referees)*

**Please note:** It is now mandatory for teams in every competitive match in Cambridgeshire to carry out the Pre-match Handshake. This is managed by the Referee.

## Respect Resources

The FA provides a series of tools for leagues, clubs, coaches, referees, players and parents, from grassroots to elite football, to support their adherence to the **Respect** Programme. These include Guides, Materials, Codes of Conduct and Promotional Videos.

*Details at: [www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/NewsAndFeatures/2011/Resources](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect/NewsAndFeatures/2011/Resources)*



## Feedback

In order to help us monitor the progress of the **Respect** Programme, Cambridgeshire FA encourages all clubs to complete and return Match Feedback Sheets to us on every game. These can be submitted one at a time, or on a periodic basis, whichever is easier for you.

*Download the form from: [www.cambridgeshirefa.com](http://www.cambridgeshirefa.com)*

## Contacts

For all **Respect** Programme matters, please contact the **Cambridgeshire Respect Lead Officer:**  
**Colin Hills**

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tel. 01223 209022. e-mail. [Colin.hills@cambridgeshirefa.com](mailto:Colin.hills@cambridgeshirefa.com)

You may also find it useful to contact your own **League Respect Co-ordinator:**

You can find out who this is from your League's own Secretary  
or through the County Respect Lead Officer above.

# Respect





### Responsibility and Respect in Football

**Clubs are reminded that *all* participants in football have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the game at all times.**

Furthermore, under the **Respect** programme, there is an individual and collective responsibility for all parties to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment for participants in the game. Cambridgeshire FA is proud to say that all its affiliated leagues are fully committed to **Respect** and each league has a **Respect** League Co-ordinator on its management committee.

Cambridgeshire FA will always look into reports of poor standards of behaviour in football. In order that facts may be established, it is important that all complaints are put in writing, signed by the complainant and their club officials where appropriate, and corroborated when required. On receipt of a complaint, the county disciplinary department will consider the seriousness of the case and refer for action as follows:

- (i) **If further information is required**, then this may be requested by telephone, or in writing or occasionally by convening a board of enquiry.
- (ii) **If there is evidence of misconduct** under Rule E of the FA Conduct Regulations, then the disciplinary department will issue a charge via the club secretary. They will invite the person(s) concerned to submit a plea and explanation to a disciplinary commission either in writing or by personal appearance at a hearing. In the event of a commission finding a misconduct charge *proved*, individuals and/or clubs can face substantial fines and suspensions. This process is rigorous, though, and evidence and procedures need to stand up to scrutiny because guilty parties have the right of appeal to The FA against decisions of the county FA which they consider to be unfair. The standard of proof required for a decision is on the *balance of probabilities*.
- (iii) **If the evidence indicates poor practice**, but not misconduct, then the matter will be referred to the **Respect** League Co-ordinator to contact the offending party's club, usually via the club secretary. The co-ordinator has a number of actions available, including:
  - (a) request that club members are formally reminded of the **Respect** Codes of Conduct;
  - (b) request that the club committee issues a stronger warning to its member(s) through its own disciplinary procedures;
  - (c) call club members (eg. Chairman, Manager) in to meet with League and/or County FA officials for explanation and action planning;
  - (d) require club member(s) to attend a suitable FA course, eg. Safeguarding Children or Welfare Workshop, or an Online Courses such as Equality & Diversity, or the new **Respect** Workshop;
  - (e) referral to the County FA Charter Standard Committee for a status review;
  - (f) a League official or a County FA official to attend future match(es) of the club concerned to monitor behaviour.

It is worth remembering, however, that there are always (at least) two sides to every story and opinions of incidents may vary wildly between factions with vested interests in the outcome of matches. This is why we will always seek the opinion of the referee or any other independent, impartial witnesses, where possible, and give substantial weight to their evidence.

Remember also that Rules and Regulations are there, not to catch out the unwary, but for everybody's protection against unfair things happening to them. **Everyone is entitled to fairness, safety and enjoyment in football.**



### Final League Tables 2017-18

<b>Kershaw Premier</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
West Wrattling	30	25	3	2	85	29	56	78
Great Shelford	30	18	10	2	90	33	57	64
Brampton	30	17	5	8	80	46	34	56
Linton Granta	30	16	6	8	80	50	30	54
Cambridge University Press	30	15	5	10	75	59	16	50
Fulbourn Institute	30	13	9	8	56	44	12	48
Eaton Socon	30	14	5	11	61	53	8	47
Lakenheath	30	12	7	11	72	57	15	43
Hemingfords United	30	12	4	14	48	72	-24	40
Gamlingay United	30	11	4	15	51	72	-21	37
Cherry Hinton	30	10	4	16	52	57	-5	34
Comberton United	30	8	7	15	55	85	-30	31
Foxton	30	9	2	19	42	73	-31	29
Cambridge City Development	30	7	6	17	48	74	-26	24
Sawston United	30	5	6	19	35	75	-40	21
Chatteris Town	30	5	3	22	30	81	-51	18
<b>Kershaw Senior A</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bar Hill	26	21	2	3	58	22	36	65
Ely City Reserves	26	19	4	3	84	29	55	61
Milton	26	15	6	5	56	41	15	51
Over Sports	26	15	5	6	61	33	28	50
Fowlmere	26	14	4	8	73	56	17	46
Soham United	26	13	4	9	63	41	22	43
Orwell	26	13	4	9	61	54	7	43
Somersham Town	26	10	3	13	42	47	-5	33
Haverhill Borough Reserves	26	10	3	13	52	64	-12	23
Hundon	26	5	8	13	41	64	-23	23
Fulbourn Institute Reserves	26	5	4	17	40	73	-33	19
Girton United	26	5	3	18	27	68	-41	18
Soham Town Rangers Reserves	26	5	2	19	36	71	-35	17
Cottenham United	26	4	4	18	43	74	-31	16



<b>Kershaw Senior B</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Huntingdon United	30	22	4	4	108	42	66	70
Whittlesford United	30	20	6	4	65	39	26	66
Red Lodge F.C. First (Sat)	30	21	3	6	91	46	45	63
Newmarket Town F.C Reserves	30	19	2	9	110	71	39	59
Royston Town A	30	17	1	12	71	69	2	52
Witchford 96	30	12	5	13	60	69	-9	41
Great Chishill	30	12	3	15	71	68	3	39
Steeple Bumpstead	30	12	2	16	52	58	-6	38
March Town United Reserves	29	11	4	14	64	60	4	37
Bluntisham Rangers	30	12	1	17	69	91	-22	37
Wisbech St Mary Reserves	30	10	4	16	68	74	-6	34
Cambridge University Press Reserves	30	9	6	15	57	72	-15	33
Lakenheath Reserves	29	11	3	15	54	70	-16	33
Needingworth United	30	7	11	12	63	73	-10	31
Sawston Rovers	30	7	4	19	40	76	-36	25
Godmanchester Rovers Reserves	30	7	1	22	40	105	-65	22

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 1A</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
West Wrattling Reserves	24	19	3	2	82	32	50	60
Thaxted Rangers	24	14	5	5	79	39	40	47
Linton Granta Reserves	24	12	4	8	52	40	12	40
Cherry Hinton Reserves	24	12	1	11	78	58	20	37
Clare Town	24	11	4	9	68	55	13	37
Exning United	24	12	1	11	70	80	-10	37
Steeple Morden	24	11	1	12	42	48	-6	34
Ashdon Villa First	24	11	2	11	53	45	8	29
Debden	24	7	6	11	51	63	-12	27
Milton Reserves	24	7	4	13	46	66	-20	25
Hardwick	24	7	3	14	49	79	-30	24
Duxford United	24	8	0	16	37	79	-42	24
Balsham	24	6	4	14	46	69	-23	22

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 1B</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
St Ives Rangers	18	12	2	4	59	24	35	38
AFC Barley Mow	18	11	2	5	63	26	37	35
Eaton Socon Reserves	18	11	2	5	48	35	13	35
Alconbury	18	11	2	5	46	34	12	35
Houghton & Wyton	17	9	2	6	49	38	11	29
Mildenhall Town F.C. Reserves	17	6	4	7	35	37	-2	22
Fordham	18	5	6	7	31	35	-4	21
Fenstanton	18	5	4	9	39	45	-6	19
Chatteris Town Reserves	18	3	2	13	22	66	-44	11
Hemingfords United Reserves	18	3	0	15	25	77	-52	9





<b>Mead Plant and Grab 2A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Cambourne Rovers	24	19	2	3	88	38	50	59
Bassingbourn	24	16	0	8	48	28	20	48
Bar Hill Reserves	24	14	4	6	64	38	26	46
Mott MacDonald	24	12	6	6	57	38	19	42
Over Sports Reserves	24	12	2	10	58	39	19	38
Whittlesford United Reserves	24	11	2	11	42	39	3	35
Great Shelford Reserves	24	12	1	11	51	42	9	34
Linton Granta A	24	10	2	12	62	86	-24	32
Gamlingay United Reserves	24	9	4	11	58	57	1	31
Papworth	24	9	2	13	53	66	-13	29
Litlington Athletic	24	8	1	15	43	86	-43	25
City Life First	24	5	2	17	37	71	-34	8

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 2B</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Tuddenham 08	22	15	4	3	61	30	31	49
Isleham United	22	13	3	6	56	40	16	42
Ramsey Pavilion First	22	12	4	6	68	45	23	40
Mepal Sports	22	11	5	6	63	41	22	38
Brampton Reserves	22	9	7	6	55	36	19	34
Wimblington	22	8	8	6	55	57	-2	32
Wisbech St Mary A Team	22	8	4	10	53	48	5	25
Swavesey Institute First	22	7	4	11	40	54	-14	25
Doddington United First	22	9	1	12	44	64	-20	25
Soham United Reserves	22	7	2	13	40	50	-10	23
March Rangers	22	6	4	12	40	56	-16	22
Manea United	22	4	0	18	28	82	-54	12

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 3A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Meldreth	24	17	5	2	86	32	54	56
Comberton United Reserves	24	17	2	5	96	42	54	53
Steeple Morden Reserves	24	14	4	6	71	48	23	46
Foxton Reserves	24	14	4	6	65	47	18	46
Haverhill Rovers A	24	14	3	7	54	42	12	45
Great Paxton	24	13	2	9	84	58	26	38
Eaton Socon A	24	12	0	12	65	65	0	36
Hundon Reserves	24	9	7	8	44	49	-5	34
Girton United Reserves	24	7	4	13	55	65	-10	22
Cherry Hinton A	24	6	3	15	43	77	-34	21
Melbourn	24	7	1	16	34	74	-40	19
Duxford United Reserves	24	4	2	18	34	73	-39	11



<b>Mead Plant and Grab 3B</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Wisbech Town Acorns	22	17	2	3	79	22	57	53
Burwell Swifts	22	15	2	5	79	31	48	44
Chatteris Fen Tigers	22	13	5	4	67	33	34	44
Burwell Tigers	22	12	5	5	50	35	15	41
Ely Crusaders	22	10	6	6	60	43	17	36
The Eagle	22	9	5	8	56	60	-4	32
Alconbury Reserves	22	9	4	9	46	44	2	31
Benwick Athletic	22	6	3	13	51	68	-17	21
Somersham Town Reserves	22	4	5	13	29	59	-30	17
Wisbech St Mary Wisbech St Mary	22	7	1	14	35	60	-25	16
Cottenham United Reserves	22	4	4	14	32	65	-33	16
Bluntisham Rangers Reserves	22	4	2	16	40	104	-64	14

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 4A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Fulbourn Institute A	24	18	5	1	70	23	47	59
Suffolk Punch Haverhill	24	20	1	3	107	35	72	49
Milton A	24	13	3	8	83	71	12	42
Buckden Reserves	24	12	4	8	57	64	-7	40
Papworth Reserves	24	11	6	7	49	45	4	39
Harston	24	12	1	11	61	50	11	37
Cambridge Ambassadors	24	10	4	10	49	48	1	34
Kedington	24	10	3	11	42	40	2	27
Guilden Morden	24	6	6	12	56	69	-13	24
Wickhambrook	24	9	1	14	64	66	-2	22
Sawston Rovers Reserves	24	6	3	15	38	74	-36	18
Saffron Dynamos First	24	3	5	16	40	83	-43	8
Bassingbourn Reserves	24	3	4	17	28	76	-48	7

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 4B</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Fordham Reserves	26	24	2	0	87	23	64	74
Outwell Swifts Reserves	26	19	3	4	109	25	84	60
Huntingdon United Reserves	26	19	1	6	97	44	53	58
Houghton & Wyton Saturday	26	16	0	10	75	46	29	48
Needlingworth United Reserves	26	15	2	9	73	58	15	47
Isleham United Reserves	26	15	2	9	58	46	12	47
Coldham United	26	12	3	11	76	74	2	39
Ely Crusaders Reserves	26	12	1	13	65	63	2	37
Wisbech Town Acorns Reserves	26	10	3	13	64	64	0	33
Wimblington Reserves	26	9	1	16	60	70	-10	28
Hemingfords United A	25	5	2	18	43	126	-83	17
Witchford 96 Reserves	26	7	0	19	48	63	-15	12
Chatteris Town A	26	3	3	20	42	90	-48	9



<b>Mead Plant and Grab 5A</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Barrington	24	18	1	5	83	41	42	55
Oakington Vikings	24	16	4	4	47	30	17	52
Longstanton	24	13	5	6	79	53	26	44
Histon Hornets First	24	12	3	9	67	45	22	39
Clare Town Reserves	24	12	3	9	64	57	7	39
Orwell Reserves	24	11	5	8	55	52	3	38
Hardwick Reserves	24	11	3	10	60	61	-1	36
Milton B	24	10	3	11	38	57	-19	32
Mott MacDonald Reserves	24	6	5	13	33	51	-18	23
Thaxted Rangers Reserves	24	7	4	13	52	61	-9	22
Barton Mills	24	6	1	17	54	86	-32	19
Harston Reserves	24	4	6	14	29	57	-28	17
Steeple Bumpstead Reserves	24	7	3	14	38	48	-10	15

<b>Mead Plant and Grab 5B</b>	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
St Ives Rangers Reserves	24	18	2	4	105	36	69	56
March Soccer School Academy	24	16	3	5	91	35	56	51
Littleport Town Reserves	24	16	2	6	78	55	23	50
Fenstanton Reserves	24	14	3	7	81	58	23	45
AFC Christchurch The Magpies	24	14	0	10	82	60	22	42
Little Downham Swifts	24	17	2	5	107	58	49	41
Wicken	24	10	4	10	73	66	7	34
Chatteris Fen Tigers Reserves	24	10	1	13	55	82	-27	31
Marchester United First	24	6	6	12	56	68	-12	21
Cottenham United A Team	24	5	4	15	33	72	-39	19
Benwick Athletic Reserves	24	6	1	17	44	103	-59	16
Coldham United Res	24	4	3	17	38	92	-54	15
Somersham Town A Team	24	3	3	18	29	87	-58	12



### Cup Finals 2017-18

<b>Kershaw Premier League Cup</b>	Great Shelford 2 West Wrattling 1
<b>William Cockell Memorial Cup</b>	Bar Hill 2 Orwell 0
<b>Percy Oldham Memorial Cup</b>	Huntingdon United 3 Lakenheath Reserves 2
<b>Creake Charity Shield</b>	Eaton Socon Reserves 3 Houghton & Wyton 1
<b>John Ablett Cup</b>	Awarded to Papworth
<b>Reg Haigh &amp; Arthur Peck Cup</b>	Clare Town Reserves 4 Longstanton 2

### Managers of the Season 2017-18

<b>Kershaw Premier League</b>	Michael Bavester	West Wrattling
<b>Kershaw Senior A</b>	Paul Prime	Bar Hill
<b>Kershaw Senior B</b>	Lee Milton	Huntingdon United

### League Goalscorers 2017-18

<b>Kershaw Premier League</b>	Callum Harrison	West Wrattling
<b>Kershaw Senior A</b>	Luke Mansfield	Ely City Reserves
<b>Kershaw Senior B</b>	John Flack	Bluntisham

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