

**Isle of Man
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I. General Association Rules

1. That this Association be called "*The Isle of Man Football Association*".
2. Save as otherwise expressly provided by these rules, resolutions and decisions of the Council shall be binding upon all affiliated organisation and Clubs and all members until they are rescinded or varied. All Full Member Clubs are required to make a positive contribution to the affairs of the Association, and must be represented regularly at General Meetings, Council Meetings and Sub-Committee Meetings. All Full Member Clubs must agree to assist on a rota basis, at Cup Finals and Representative matches.
3. Member Clubs shall be defined as FULL Member Clubs and Associated Member Clubs.
 - A. FULL Member Clubs (FMC) are defined as Clubs that only participate in IOMFA League and Cup competitions. FMCs are only permitted to register amateur players.
 - B. ASSOCIATED Member Clubs (AMC) are defined as any Club affiliated to IOMFA for the purpose of participating in off-island league and cup games. AMCs are not permitted to participate in IOMFA Leagues or Cup Competitions.
 - C. Any reference to "Member Clubs" or "Clubs" will apply to both Full and Associate Member Clubs unless otherwise stated.
4. The Association Council shall consist of Life Members, not representing their clubs, one representative from each member club, a member of the Isle of Man Referees Society and a member of the Junior League. In addition, a Patron may be elected, who shall undertake Honorary duties only.
5. Persons who have given outstanding service to the Isle of Man Football Association may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Association, such election to take place at a General Meeting, provided always that the number of Life Members shall not at any time exceed five and that the nominations for Life Membership be made at the final Council Meeting prior to that General Meeting.
6. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend, speak, move or second resolutions or amendments and vote at all General Meetings, and shall be members of the Council. A Life Member shall not be entitled to speak, vote, move, or second any resolution or amendment dealing with any dispute in which the club to which they were attached when elected a Life member. is concerned.
7. The nominations of the Isle of Man Referees' Society and the Junior League shall be forwarded in writing to the Association at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
8. A Chief Executive shall be appointed who will also act as Company Secretary and shall not represent a Club or be entitled to vote at Council Meetings.
9. The term of office of the President of the Council, shall be not less than 3 years. The power to remove the President during their term of office shall vest in an Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of those eligible to vote. A retiring President shall be eligible for re-election.
10. The Club whom the elected President represented shall appoint another representative in their place. The President shall not exercise a vote on any matter except on an equal division of voting when they shall have a casting vote.
11. At the Annual General Meeting, two Vice Presidents shall be appointed from Council on a two-year term. During their term, should a Vice President cease to be a Council Member then they will immediately cease to be a Vice President and will be replaced with an appointment by Council at a General Meeting. The rules for nominating a replacement Vice President shall be the same as detailed in Rule 13 below. If no nominations are forth coming, then the existing Vice President must assume the role of Council Member for their Club and may continue as Vice President. A retiring Vice President shall be eligible for re-election. The power to remove a Vice President during their term of office shall vest in an Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of those eligible to vote.
12. Nominations for the position(s) of Vice President(s) must be submitted in writing to the Association, and Counter signed by the nominee(s), at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting in the year of expiry of office. The Association shall circulate the nominations to all Council Members 8 days prior to the Meeting. In the event of no nomination(s) being forthcoming, the existing Vice President(s) may continue in office provided they still hold the position of council member for the club(s). Nominations for new Vice President(s) will be extended until 14 days prior to the next council meeting. If no nominations are forthcoming, then the Vice President(s) will automatically continue in office until the next AGM.

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13. The retiring members of the Council shall be eligible for re-appointment, notwithstanding the fact that whilst a retiring President may cease to be a Council Member as soon as they vacate the chair for the purpose of appointing a President for the ensuing period, they shall be eligible for re-election as President as if they were a Council Member.
14. No two clubs shall be represented by the same individual.
15. The nomination of club representatives on council shall be via the online Whole Game System (WGS) affiliation process which must be completed in line with [SCOR 4\(E\)](#).
16. A Club shall be entitled to appoint a deputy to attend Council meetings whenever its representative is unable to attend through illness or any other reason acceptable to the President of the Association. The appointed Deputy shall have the same powers at Council Meetings as the Club Representative.
17. Any Full Member club that fails to attend half of the Council Meetings during a season shall cease to belong to the Association and can only re-join by a vote being taken by Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting. If a Club is successful, all affiliation fees and subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. In addition, a fine will be issued in accordance with [Schedule A of the SCOR](#)
18. Failure of a club to be represented at General Meetings between during the course of the season will be fined £50.00 for each occasion.
19. Any Club or private individual organising a match or football tournament during the playing season shall apply to the Council for permission, and where permission is not granted, any club taking part in such match or football tournament shall be dealt with as the Disciplinary Committee think fit. A fee as per [Schedule A 6\(h\) of the SCOR](#) shall be charged for permission to hold a tournament.
20. All Full Member Clubs must have a stretcher and First Aid Kit at all Home matches.
21. Failure of Full Member clubs to provide, when appointed, a representative for stewarding duties at cup finals/representative matches will be fined in accordance with [Schedule A of the SCOR](#).
22. A participant shall be deemed to be any player, substitute, referee, referees' assistant, or person acting in an official capacity at any football match i.e. manager, trainer, physiotherapist.
23. A participant shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute.
24. A participant shall not use violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, or insulting words or behaviour.
25. A participant shall not carry out any act which is discriminatory by reason of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or disability.
26. In the event of natural disasters, a declaration of a State of Emergency, disease pandemics, or disease epidemics, the Board of Directors will have the authority to restrict, postpone, cancel or suspend all or any football related activities without approval from the Council.
27. In the event of any one of the above occurring, the Board of Directors may determine a date for any Council meeting/[AGM](#)/EGM without Council approval, provided Member Clubs are given the required notice of the meeting as detailed in [SCOR](#).
28. The Board of Directors will communicate any such notifications to Member Clubs at the earliest opportunity.
29. In the event that a cup competition is unable to be completed as a result of one of the events in Rule 26 above, all results shall be expunged, and no trophy presentation shall take place.
30. In the event that a League Competition is unable to be completed as a result of one of the events in Rule 26 above, all results shall be expunged, and no trophy presentation shall take place. No promotion or relegation shall be enforced.

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31. In the event that a Football Season is unable to be completed as a result of one of the events in Rule 26 above, all results in all competitions shall be expunged, including any completed competitions, and no trophy presentations shall take place. Any trophies already distributed shall be returned to the IOMFA office as soon as is practicable.
32. In the event of any of the three above occurring, no refunds of fees paid either in full or partially, shall be given. Any fines earned during the course of the playing Season/League Competition/Cup Competition that have not yet been paid, shall still be required to be paid as soon as is practicable. No refunds will be given for fines paid.
33. Any point not provided for in this document shall be left to the Discretion of the Council or the Disciplinary Committee as the case may be.

II. Associated Member Clubs

1. AMCs can be invited when required, to appear at IOMFA Council meetings and shall not be entitled to vote on any matter with the exception amendments to the AMC Rules.
2. AMCs are not permitted to participate in any IOMFA League or Cup Competitions.
3. Should an AMC wish to participate in IOMFA League or Cup competitions, they must apply to become a FMC of the IOMFA and have a two thirds majority vote of Council Members.
4. AMCs are responsible for purchasing their own Club insurance as detailed by their League. A copy of this insurance should be provided to IOMFA as part of the Affiliation process.
5. An AMC whose discipline comes under the authority of IOMFA shall abide by the rules as detailed in the [Disciplinary Procedures](#) section of this document.
6. No representative of an AMC may be a director or Board Member of IOMFA.
7. No representative of a FMC may be a director or Board Member of an AMC.
8. Representatives of an AMC are no eligible for the roles of President or Vice President of IOMFA.
9. AMCs participating in a league that according to The FA is of a higher standard than the IOMFA Senior League will have priority on ground sharing with another AMC or FMC.
10. Where an AMC uses The Bowl as their home pitch, they are permitted to use the changing facilities of the IOMFA Headquarters for a fee to be agreed prior to the start of each playing season.
11. Where an AMC requires the use of any facilities of another AMC or FMC, a fee shall be agreed between the parties.
12. In the even an AMC participates in a league that does not use WGS for player registration or discipline, it is the responsibility of the AMC to provide the Football Services Office of the IOMFA with the details of all discipline issues within 72 hours of the end of the game.
13. AMCs are responsible for providing stewards at their own home games and FMCs are not required to assist unless they wish to do so.
14. AMCs are not required to steward at any IOMFA Cup Final or IOM Representative side game unless they wish to do so.
15. There is no requirement for a player to be dual registered.
16. In the event that a player becomes a contracted player, they will not be permitted to be dual registered with another FMC of the IOMFA. Any existing dual registrations will become invalid.



III. Association Committees

1. All committees shall be appointed annually at the Council Meeting following the [Annual General Meeting](#). [Members of Committees](#) are eligible for re-appointment. The committees and their responsibilities are as follows:

EVENTS COMMITTEE.

- A. To promote and administer the arrangements for all Cup Finals and Representative matches under the jurisdiction of the IOMFA. Duties include where appropriate, the appointment of gatemen, the publication of programmes, the presentation of trophies and pre- and post-match hospitality / entertainment.
- B. To promote and organise other events and competitions as required.

COMPETITIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- A. To control and manage all cup and league competitions including accepting entries, making draws, preparing fixture schedules, and sanctioning private competitions.
- B. To deal with all disciplinary matters relating to alleged breaches of Competition rules which will include questions of eligibility, and qualification of participants etc.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

- A. To deal with all disciplinary matters within the jurisdiction of the Association in relation to on-field offences.
- B. In relation to such matters falling within the remit of the Disciplinary Committee, to determine all questions relating to the interpretation of the rules or laws as well as determining all other matters in dispute.

ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.

- A. To arrange, administer and ensure selection of teams for Representative Matches at all levels.
- B. To support the application process for all Representative Team Managers
- C. To agree & prepare seasonal budgets for the Senior Men, Senior Women, and the CY Cup for U18s
- D. To organise itineraries, travel plans, and accommodation plans for any off-island trips
- E. To assist and support IGAM committee on behalf of football for the Island Games.

REFEREE COMMITTEE.

- F. To be responsible for the appointment of match official to all matches under the jurisdiction of the Association and for the appointment of observers of such officials.
- G. To prepare and maintain a register of all referees.
- H. To deal with matters arising under the regulations of the Football Association for the registration and control of referees.
- I. To maintain liaison with the IOM Referees' Society.
- J. To arrange, subject to the approval of the Board and Football Development Officer, courses, visits and lectures for referees and other similar projects of a complementary nature designed to improve the game.

RULES REVISION COMMITTEE.

- A. To review the Rules of the Association and ensure they comply with [The SCOR](#) and The FA Rules.
- B. To draft proposals for revision of the rules of the Association in accordance with policy laid down by the Council and to draw attention of the Council to conflicts or anomalies within those rules.
- C. To propose amendments to any conflicts or anomalies discovered within the Rules of the Association.
- D. To consult with the Council and Clubs in relation to proposals (whether from the Committee or otherwise) for rule changes.
- E. To review member clubs' proposals to the Rules of the Association and ensure they do not conflict with other Rules of the Association, [The SCOR](#), or the FA Rules.
- F. To update the Rules of the Association and [The SCOR](#) with any approved amendments after the AGM and to send to the Football Services Officer for final review and distribution to all Member Clubs.

2. The terms of Reference of the Committees are intended to reflect a formal scheme of delegation from Council to a Committee structure.
3. Except for the Referees Committee, each Committee shall comprise of five persons, all being Council Members, (one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman and one as Vice Chairman). The Referees' Committee shall comprise of three Council Members, (one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman) and two nominees of the Referee's Society.
4. The President shall be entitled to attend as an ex-officio of all Committees, apart from the Disciplinary Committee.

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5. Registered players are not eligible to sit on the Disciplinary Committee.
6. Committees shall be entitled to co-opt up to two non-Council Members at any time and for whatever period, subject to endorsement by the Council.
7. Committees shall be entitled to appoint Sub-Committees who shall report only to that main Committee.
8. Should a Committee fall below its five-person membership, then any vacancy can be filled by another Council Member, subject to endorsement by the Council. This procedure applies except in the case of a nominee of the Referees' Society on the Referees' Committee who shall be replaced by another Society nominee.
9. Committee Meetings shall be held at least on a regular basis, relative to the activities of the Committee with a quorum being three Council Members. In the case of the Referees' Committee, a quorum will be two Council Members.
10. A record of Meetings held and attendance at Meetings shall be provided on a regular basis by the Committee Chairman to the Association. The Association shall provide quarterly reports to the Council on the extent to which Clubs are contributing (or not as the case may be) to the Associations' business.

IV. Player Registration & Transfers

1. Any player not registered with a Club shall be free to register for any other Club.
2. The Registration of players to [Full Member Clubs](#) shall be processed on WGS and the registration fee shall be paid in accordance with [Schedule A of the SCOR](#)
3. Players who registration has not been successfully completed on WGS shall not be eligible to participate in any games, whether friendly or competitive, until the registration has been successfully completed and approved by the Football Services Officer.
4. Players under the age of 15 years who are registered with a [Full Member Club](#) to play football under the administration of the Junior League are required to fully register with the Association from the age of 15 years in order to qualify to play under 18 and /or senior football. Any player who does not register as such will be deemed not to be registered with any Full Member Club for the purpose of playing under 18 and/or senior football. No player shall participate in open age football until their 16th birthday.
5. Junior Football Competitions for players aged 15 years or over on the 1st September and under 18 years on the 1st September of the current playing season may be organised by the Competitions Management Committee.
6. A player of 15 years of age, when turning 16, will not be eligible to play for another Full Member Club at the same level when dual registered.
7. A player aged 16 (and under 18 years on the 1st September of the current season) who is registered with a [Full Member Club](#) that does not have an U18 team, may dual register with a Full Member Club that does, for the sole purpose of playing in U18 Competitions. Dual registered players cannot play Men's Senior Football for 2 Clubs even if they are in different divisions. The player's dual registration will cease when the Full Member Club the player is dual registered with for the purpose of playing in U18 Competitions, has ended its participation in all competitions at that level.
8. All players who are dual registered may not play for their temporary club at any time when they are required to play for the Club holding their full registration (Parent club)
9. Transfers may only take place between the timescales detailed in [SCOR 18\(I\)](#) and must be completed via WGS. Once the transfer has been approved and the [transfer fee](#) paid, the remainder of the online process may be completed. This includes the final stage of "Submit to League"
10. The Club to which the player is transferring to shall pay the fee as per [Schedule A of the SCOR](#).
11. Any player applying for a transfer must have registered with the Association for at least fourteen days.



12. The player will be able to play for their new Club once the Club Secretary of the new Club has verified the change of Club with the IOMFA.
13. Any objections to a transfer should be processed in line with [SCOR 18\(H\)](#). In the event of a Club opposing a transfer, the Competitions Management Committee will hear the transfer request, consider the basis of the player's current Club's objections and determine whether or not the transfer request should be allowed. Any member of that Committee who is a representative of either of these Clubs involved in the contested transfer will not sit on the committee for the purpose of that particular issue.

V. Disciplinary Rules

1. A Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed each season to deal with all disciplinary matter within the jurisdiction of the Association. The Committee shall sit in private. A member of the Disciplinary Committee or Competitions Management Committee may not sit on the respective committee during meetings whenever the Club they represent, or its member, are involved in a disciplinary matter.
2. In an emergency, the Chairman or their Deputy shall be empowered to complete the Committee by inviting another Council member(s) onto the Committee on a temporary basis. Registered players shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee.
3. The Rules of the procedure in Disciplinary matters shall be as those laid down by The FA in relation to the Memorandum of Procedures for dealing with Field Offences
4. For the purposes of this section a member of a Club shall deem to mean players, volunteers, and officials.
5. All Clubs and organisations affiliated to the Isle of Man Football Association are responsible to the Council for the conduct of their members and spectators. Cubs and their members are further required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials or players before, during or after matches.
6. A player who is dual registered for a FMC and AMC and who is being investigated for offences related to activities with one of the Clubs they are registered for, may be suspended from all football related activities / matches for both Clubs if the Disciplinary /Competitions Management Committees deem it necessary, and depending on the nature of the offence.
7. Depending on the nature of the offence, a player who is dual registered for a FMC and AMC and is served with a match suspension as a result of their actions with that Club, may also service a similar suspension from their other registered Club if the Disciplinary/ Competitions Management Committee deem the offence to be of a serious nature. This may include, but not limited to, assault, abuse of any nature as described in General Rules [24](#) & [25](#). The same shall apply for players who are being investigated for such offences.
8. In the event of any Club or its members being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee to have been guilty of any breach of rules, or if the Disciplinary Committee consider the conduct of any Club or its members objectionable then that Club, or member shall be liable to suspension and/or fine as the Disciplinary Committee think fit.
9. A Club playing a suspended player shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to call upon any Club to explain or answer for the conduct of any of its, members or spectators. A fine may be issued in line with [SCOR 18\(N\)](#)
10. A Club wishing to make a protest or complaint against another Club may do so in accordance with [SCOR 7](#) and their protest should be accompanied by the fee set out in [Schedule A of the SCOR](#). All protests will be referred to the Disciplinary/Competitions Management Committee.
11. All protests as to the ball, pitch markings and equipment, or other facilities of the venue must be made to the referee before the commencement of the match in accordance with [SCOR 7\(A\)\(ii\)](#) and in the presence of the manager or acting manager of the opposing team. The referee shall have the power to delay the commencement of the match for a period not exceeding 15 minutes, if in their opinion, the defect can be overcome in time for the match to be Started.



VI. Referees

1. All Referees must be registered with the Isle of Man or other County Football Association.
2. Referees not registered with the Isle of Man or other County Football Association are not permitted to officiate non-competitive or friendly requests from Clubs or IOMFA appointments at any time, including pre-season.
3. Any Referee failing to pay the subscription fee of £20 on shall not be permitted to officiate in any league or cup competitions during that season Until the subscription has been paid.
4. Each Referee shall upon their registration, be supplied with a copy of the Association Rules, and a link to the latest online version of the [“Laws of the Game”](#)
5. Referees and Assistant Referees fees must be paid by the paying Club before the game commences.
6. In Cup Finals and Representative matches, all match officials will receive a memento in addition to their match fee.
7. All Referees appointed to officiate matches in the Premier League, Association Challenge Cup, Railway Cup and Hospital Cup, must have successfully completed a fitness test, the nature of which will be determined by the Referees Committee.
8. In the event of the non-attendance of the appointed Referee, the Referee must report, in writing, to the Association within 3 days stating their reasons.
9. All Disciplinary matters concerning Referees will be dealt with by the Referees Committee or the Disciplinary Committee.
10. Match Observers appointed by the Association shall be entitled to receive remuneration from the Association equivalent to the fee paid to assistant referees and to travel expenses at a similar rate to that of Referees.
11. The Referees shall be handed an official team sheet, listing players 1-17, at least 5 minutes prior to kick-off. The game shall NOT commence until the Referee has received an official team sheet from both teams.
12. In all Cup Finals only, both Clubs will provide the IOMFA and the referee with a team sheet at least 15 minutes prior to the schedule kick off time. The game shall NOT commence until the Referee has received an official team sheet from both teams.
13. All players must wear a shirt numbered in accordance with the team sheet supplied.
14. Any divergence from this procedure will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee to be dealt with at their discretion and whose decision shall be final.
15. For all matches each Club shall mark the referee’s performance in accordance with the “Guide to marking for Referee Observers”, such mark to be completed on Full Time

VII. General Competition Rules

1. The cups and other articles belonging to the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall hold them in trust for the Association.
2. The time of the kick-off for all matches will be determined by the as the Competitions Management Committee.
3. In Line with the [FA Law 4 – Players Equipment](#), the two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other and the match officials. Each goalkeeper must wear colours that are distinguishable from the other players and the match officials. This includes shirts, shorts, and socks. If the two goalkeepers’ shirts are the same colour, then the home goalkeeper should change his shirt.
4. Undershirts may be worn but must be a single colour which is the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve or a pattern/colours which exactly replicate(s) the shirt sleeve. Players of the same team must wear the same colour pattern/colour.

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5. Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts. Players of the same team must wear the same colour.
6. New Full Member Clubs shall not register design of colours that are currently associated with an existing [Full Member Club](#). A Full Member Club wishing to change from its existing colours or design of colours may only do so prior to the start of the season, and in line with Rule 8 below.
7. The home team shall have available their reserve strip, including socks, which they must wear if requested to do so by a match official.
8. Prior to the commencement of each season, all Full Member Clubs are required to provide either in physical form, or email either a picture of, or details of a sample of their proposed first choice and reserve kit to the office of the IOMFA for ratification. The colours of each of those strips shall be included in the IOMFA Handbook and no other colours shall be worn without specific approval.
9. All players and Referees who of necessity are compelled to wear glasses during the course of a match, must wear sports glasses.
10. All Full Member Clubs shall provide a list of their Trustees and other qualified people who have the authority to call matches off. This may include Corporation Staff, School Caretakers or Groundsmen where the Club does not own its own ground. This rule is applied in line with [SCOR 4 \(E\)](#)
11. For the purpose of Junior “International” matches, selection shall be restricted to amateur players who are under 21 years of age on the 1st August in each playing season.
12. A Club will be given permission to postpone a Senior League match or Cup-Tie if it has at least 2 first team players involved in an official Association Football Representative Side match on the same weekend. Similarly, a Club will be given permission to postpone a U18 League match or Cup-Tie if it has at least 3 of its u18 players involved in an official Island Representative match or representing their school on the same weekend. A first team player shall be defined as a player who has played the majority of their games during that part of the season leading up to the Representative match in their Club’s first team.
13. A Club also will be given permission to postpone a Combination match if they have three or more players playing for the U18 Island Representative team on the same weekend. A Combination player shall be defined as a player who has played the majority of their games during that part of the season leading up to the Representative match in their Club’s Combination team.
14. Repeat substitutions can be named and used in all Friendly matches including Senior Men’s pre-season friendlies. All substitutes must be named on the team sheet which is to be handed to the referee prior to kick-off.
15. Up to 3 repeat substitutions may be used in all Combination and U18 League and Cup Competitions. A repeat substitute is a player who has been substituted then 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 the Association](#).
16. Each Club shall provide the results of its matches with the full name of its players competing and details of its goal scorers, to the Association via the Full-Time facility within four days after each match. In case of default in either case a fine as per [Schedule A of the SCOR](#) shall be imposed. In addition, each Club shall, as soon as possible after each match and in any case no later than 10:00pm on the day of the match, notify the Association of the result of the match through the online “Full-Time” facility. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a fine as set down in [21A of Schedule A of the SCOR](#).
17. In all league and cup competitions and all Junior Football League matches, the competing teams shall consist of eleven players with three substitutes who may be used but not less than seven players at the start of the game, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
18. The names of the substitutes must be given to the participating Referee prior to the commencement of the match. Failure to do so will result in the Referee taking appropriate action in accordance with the Rules applicable to the substitution of players. Substitutes not used will be deemed not to have taken part in the match.

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19. Competing teams in all League and Cup competitions shall wear shirts in their approved Club colours and uniquely numbered between 1 and 17. In exceptional circumstances, approval can be sought via the Association Chief Executive Officer for a Full Member Club to be granted temporary dispensation from this Rule.
20. No player shall be permitted to play in more than one (1) League match and/or Cup tie or a League match and a Cup tie on the same day. This rule shall not apply to players participating in small-sided competitions. In the event of a Club playing one of their normal weekend fixtures on a Friday evening, then this shall still be taken as a Saturday match making any participating player unavailable to play on the Saturday.
21. The Referees' Committee will appoint Referees and if available, Assistant Referees, for all League and Cup matches, and the IOMFA will pay their travelling expenses in accordance with [Rule 23 \(E\)](#) of SCOR
22. In the event of the non-attendance of the appointed Referee, any Referee registered with the Association, and qualified, or any other person mutually agreed upon by both Full Member Clubs may act.
23. In the case of a non-qualified Referee, the mutually agreed person assumes the full powers of a Referee and must officiate the full game. It shall be the duty of the "Referee" to report in writing to the Association, within two days (Saturdays and Sundays excluded) the time of the kick-off, the result of the match, and all cases of misconduct of players, officials or spectators, likely to bring the game in to disrepute.
24. Full Member Clubs shall not be permitted to play any other fixture in place of a League or Cup fixture if a mutually agreed person to officiate cannot be found.
25. In the event of abandoned, postponed, or cancelled matches where expenses are incurred:
 - a) The home Club shall pay the appropriate fee to the Referee and Assistant Referees as per [Schedule A of the SCOR](#).
 - b) Any claim for expenses shall be decided by the Competitions Management/Disciplinary Committee as appropriate.
26. Protests and complaints can only be made in accordance with [SCOR Section 7](#)
27. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, interpretation of the Rules or Laws, as well as other matters in dispute, shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, whose decision shall be final.

VIII. Senior Men's League Rules

1. The entire control and management of these competitions shall be vested in the Council.
2. The League fixtures and any replayed League Fixtures shall be arranged by the Competitions Management Committee.
3. Composition of League and Entrance Fees:
 - a) The League shall comprise of Clubs in Full membership with the IOMFA.
 - b) The Council shall decide the number of Clubs and the League Section to which each shall belong.
 - c) The League shall be comprised of:
 - (i) Premier League
 - (ii) Division 2
 - (iii) Combination League 1
 - (iv) Combination League 2
 - (v) Such other Division(s) as the Council may decide
 - d) A Club accepted for Full Membership of the IOMFA shall be admitted to the lowest Division
4. Rules for determining the Champions in every Division shall be laid out as in [SCOR 22](#). The reverse method detailed in the SCOR shall be applied to determine the bottom two Clubs in the Premier League. The two Clubs finishing at the bottom of the Premier League shall be relegated to Division 2 and the two Clubs finishing top of Division 2 shall be promoted to the Premier League.
5. When any Club becomes defunct or withdraws from any League competition or fails in any way to retain its membership of the Association, all points, and goals for and against such Club shall be deducted in line with [SCOR 22\(B\)](#)

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6. All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Football Association, and must be of 90 minutes duration, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon prior to the commencement of the match or already contained within the rules of the competition concerned. In no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.
7. Every player playing in these competitions must be a bona fide Member of the Club for which they play. A bona fide member of a Club is one who:
 - a) has signed a registration form in the Isle of Man, and has been registered with the Association, provided they have been resident in the Island at least 14 days before playing; OR
 - b) has given their consent via electronic means through the Whole Game System to play for the Club registering them, OR
 - c) has been registered by the Association following a transfer from one Full Member Club to another in accordance with [SCOR section 18](#)
8. Any Club infringing the above Rule shall be sanctioned in accordance with [SCOR section 18N](#)
9. Players must be registered and have their registration approved by the IOMFA Football Services Officer at least 24 hours prior to playing in any match.
10. A player shall not be eligible to play in any Combination League match following a Premier League or Division 2 or Senior Cup match if he started in such preceding Premier League or Division 2 or Senior Cup match unless:
 - a) His Club is engaged in Premier League or Division 2 or Senior Cup match on the same date at the same time; or
 - b) His Club has played an intervening Premier League or Division 2 or Senior Cup match in when he has not played; or
 - c) The Combination match takes place after the commencement of the [Junior Challenge Cup](#) Competition when any player qualified to play in the Junior Challenge Cup may play in outstanding Combination League matches regardless of when he last played for the First Team; or
 - d) He was a named substitute in the last First team game.

In the case of a player under suspension, matches played by his Club during his suspension period will not count for qualification of such player for the Combination League.

11. Any Club infringing the Rule shall be fined as per [SCOR 18N](#) and have three points deducted from its total in the League table. The Competitions Management/Disciplinary Committee may order the match to be replayed, and to order the defaulting Club to pay all the expenses incurred in the replay.
12. All Clubs in each Division shall play each other twice in each season. A Club shall be allowed to play its 'home' match on its opponents' ground, only if both Clubs agree and the Association is notified at least 24 hours before the fixture.
 - a) It shall not be permissible for any Club to play two Premier League or Division 2 or Combination League matches on the same day.
 - b) League matches must be played on the date fixed, unless rearranged by the Competitions Management committee or postponed by order of the referee or an approved Trustee or other authorised person as per Rule 10 in General Competition Rules
 - c) Any Club not in readiness to commence play within five minutes of the scheduled kick-off shall be fined as per [Schedule A of the SCOR](#) unless, on appeal by that Club, the decision is reversed by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - d) No team shall be compelled to play if the opposing team is not present 30 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the match.
 - e) The referee must report in writing to the Association within two days all such cases of unpunctuality. He shall also intimate to the captain of each Club his intention of doing so before the commencement of the match.
 - f) The Competitions Management Committee shall forward all fixtures for the following season to all Full Member Clubs as soon as is practicable after the AGM.
 - g) League fixtures to be commenced at a date agreed at the AGM.
 - h) All players who have been named on the official team sheet in fixtures played on Friday nights, are not eligible to be named on the official team sheet or play in fixtures played the following day.
 - i) Fixtures played on a Friday night and the Saturday afternoon immediately after are deemed to have taken place simultaneously except for cases as outlined in Rule J below
 - j) Players who were part of the starting 11 for the First Team game played on the weekend preceding a Friday night Combination League game, are NOT eligible to play in the Combination League game on the Friday night.

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13. In the event of any match not being played, or being ordered to be replayed, it shall be played on or replayed on the original venue on the first date both Clubs have vacant. This clause shall not apply if the home Clubs' ground is not available.
 - a) In cases of disagreement as to the date or ground, the Competitions Management Committee shall determine both.
 - b) All complaints relating to non-fulfilment of League fixtures must be made within seven days from the date upon which such fixtures should have been played. In the case of such complaints being upheld, the Competitions Management/Disciplinary Committee, may impose a penalty of three points to be deducted from the points total of the offending Club or Clubs.
14. If a pitch is deemed to be unplayable 24 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off, the match may be played on any available ground as decided by the Competitions Management Committee. In such cases any expense incurred shall be payable by the 'home Club', including match officials' fees.
15. League fixtures shall take precedence over [Junior Challenge Cup](#), [Tom Cowell Cup](#) and [U18 Trophy](#). Clubs in the Premier League and Division 2 shall be granted a minimum of two clear days interval between any two fixtures.
16. At the end of the League season, medals or plaque will be presented to all players of the League Champions who have played 25% or more of the League games. A match may be arranged by the Council, the net 'gate' (or a portion thereof) may be devoted to the purchase of such medals or plaques.
17. Footballer of the Year Awards shall be presented annually for players of the Premier League and Division 2.
18. When any fixture is unable to be played due to the appointed venue being inaccessible at the original kick-off time, the fixture may have an earlier or later starting time.
19. If any Club is unable to play a fixture at the appointed venue, the fixture may be played on the opponent's ground provided that the kick-off time for any other senior fixture on the ground is not changed. When a Club plays a First Team and a Combination League fixture on the same day on the same ground, the fixtures shall be deemed to have taken place simultaneously. Any player named on the official team sheet in the first fixture is not eligible to be named on the official team sheet or play in the later fixture.

IX. General Cup Competition Rules

1. All Cup Competitions may be competed for by Clubs in Full Membership of the IOMFA and will be played for annually unless otherwise stated.
2. The entire control and management of all Cup Competitions shall rest with the [Competitions Management Committee](#) unless stated otherwise.
3. All Cup Competitions shall be governed by the IOMFA General Cup Competition Rules, [General League Rules](#) and [Association Challenge Cup Rules](#) unless otherwise specified.
4. For all Cup Competitions, a Cup Draw shall take place with at least 1 independent witness. The first named Club drawn shall be the home team. The dates of the fixtures will be announced as part of the draw.
5. By mutual agreement between the two Clubs concerned, a Cup fixture may be reversed. Both Clubs must notify the Association of their agreement to the reversal at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled date.
6. No trophy will become the absolute property of any Club. Without exception, all trophies shall remain the absolute property of the IOMFA.
7. The time of kick-offs shall be as determined by the Competitions Management Committee. Any team not being in readiness to commence play within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time (unless detained by accident or any other reason acceptable to the Competitions Management / Disciplinary Committee) shall be fined £25
8. The referee must report in writing to the Association within two days, all such cases of unpunctuality. They shall also intimate to the captain of each team their intention of doing so before the commencement of the match. Any team 30 minutes late shall be deemed to have lost the match (unless detailed by accident or any other reason acceptable to the Competitions Management / Disciplinary Committee).

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9. First Team Cup Competitions take priority over Combination League matches when both fixtures are scheduled to take place on the same day.
10. Any Club refusing to play the Club against which it has been drawn on the scheduled date and time (unless such match is postponed by order of the Referee) shall be judged to have forfeited the match and expelled from the Competition.
11. The defaulting Club shall be liable to a fine of £100 and shall pay any expenses incurred by their opponents, including the charge for hire of the grounds, if applicable.
12. In all cases where a Club has refused to play a Cup Tie, the [Competitions Management Committee](#) shall have the power to re-instate the Club who were defeated by the defaulting Club in the previous round.
13. Any Club found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players shall be struck out of the competition and liable to a fine not exceeding £100. In all cases where a Club has been found guilty of such an offence, the Competitions Management Committee shall have the power to re-instate the Club who were defeated by the defaulting Club in the previous round, if applicable.
14. Postponed and abandoned matches shall be dealt with by the Competitions Management Committee.
15. The Competitions Management Committee's decision in all cases shall be final.
16. All matches shall be played under the rules of the IOMFA and must be 90 minutes in duration unless specified otherwise. If the score is level at full time, then extra-time of 15 minutes each way will be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra-time, the winners shall be determined by a penalty shootout in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association Board. This will apply in all Cup matches in all Cup Competitions unless otherwise specified.
17. Referees shall be appointed by the Referees Committee for all ties. Referees fees shall be the same as for League Matches (£27). In the event that extra time is required, an additional £9 should be paid to the referee. Assistant Referees' fees shall each be 50% of the Referees' fees (£13.50 for normal time and an additional £4.50 for extra time).
18. At the FINAL stage of all Cup Competitions, with the exception of the Master's FA Cup, both teams may name 5 substitutes, of which 3 may be used if required, unless otherwise specified and carried out in accordance with the Laws of the Game
19. No Club shall be compelled to play a Senior, [Junior](#), or [Cowell Cup](#) tie on the same date. Junior Challenge Cup ties shall take precedence over Combination League matches and Cowell Cup Ties. All Senior Cup ties and Premier League and Division 2 League matches shall take precedence over all other Cup ties.
20. All players (including substitutes whether they have appeared on the field of play or not) and officials who have taken part in a Cup Final or Representative fixture, shall attend the presentation of awards ceremony at the conclusion of such matches. The only exception permitted shall be in respect of individuals who have sustained injury and are physically incapable of attending such ceremony.
21. Any individual otherwise failing to attend shall be referred to the Competitions Management / Disciplinary Committee, and shall be liable to a fine, suspension, or such other punishment as the Competitions Management / Disciplinary Committee think fit.
22. In all Cup Finals, Council may, at their discretion, and unless otherwise stated, take a gate. The proceeds shall be used to pay all expenses approved by the Association in connection with the relevant final including all match officials' fees.



X. Charity Shield

1. The Charity Shield shall be played for between the Premier League Champions and the Association Challenge Cup Winners from the previous season.
2. Should a Club be both Premier League Champions and Association Challenge Cup Winners, the Charity Shield shall be played for between that Club and the Club finishing runners-up in the Premier League.
3. If the score is level after 90 minutes, there shall be no extra-time played. The winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.
4. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XI. The Railway Cup

1. This Competition will open to Full Member Clubs participating in the Premier League only.
2. The Competition shall be contested by the four Premier League Clubs having accumulated the highest number of points after each Club has played all the other Clubs once prior to the appointed semi-final date.
3. If, however, all Clubs have not played the requisite number of matches, the Club or Clubs who have qualified shall go forward to the semi-finals
4. The remaining place or places shall be filled by the Club or Clubs with the next highest number of points, provided they cannot be overtaken by any other Club subsequently completing the requisite number of fixtures and they are not subject to any disciplinary action which may result in them being deducted league points, the effect of which would be to take them out of the top four.
5. In the Final stage of the competition, competing clubs may use 1 additional substitute in extra time only. For clarification purposes, if a team uses all 3 substitutes during normal time then they can use 1 additional substitute in extra time. A team that uses only 2 substitutes during normal time can then use 2 additional substitutes in extra time
6. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XII. The Paul Henry Gold Cup

1. The Competition will be open only to Full Member Clubs participating in Division 2.
2. The Competition shall be contested by the four Division 2 Clubs having accumulated the highest number of points after each Club has played all the other Clubs once prior to the appointed Semi-Final Date.
3. If, however, all Clubs have not played the requisite number of matches, the Club or Clubs who have qualified shall go forward to the Semi-Finals.
4. The remaining place or places shall be filled by the Club or Clubs with the next highest number of points, provided they cannot be overtaken by any other Club subsequently completing the requisite number of fixtures and they are not subject to any disciplinary action which may result in them being deducted league points, the effect of which would be to take them out of the top four.
5. In the Final stage of the competition, competing clubs may use 1 additional substitute in extra time only. For clarification purposes, if a team uses all 3 substitutes during normal time then they can use 1 additional substitute in extra time. A team that uses only 2 substitutes during normal time can then use 2 additional substitutes in extra time
6. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.



XIII. The Football Association Challenge Cup

1. The Association Challenge Cup competition shall not commence until the first Saturday in January and is open to Full Member Clubs playing in the Premier League and Division 2.
2. In order to play in this Competition, players must be a Bona Fide Member of the Club for which they play, at least 24 hours prior to their first Cup Tie in this competition, and as detailed in Men's Senior [League Rule 7 \(a & b\)](#).
3. In the event of games being re-arranged, only players who were eligible to play in the initial fixture, may play in the re-arranged fixture.
4. A player who was under suspension on the date of the original fixture will be eligible to play in the re-arranged fixture only if they have completed their period of suspension.
5. There shall be no byes after the first round.
6. If a pitch is deemed to be unplayable 24 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off, the match may be played on any available ground as decided by the Competitions Management Committee. In such cases any expenses incurred shall be payable by the Club drawn at home, including match officials' fees.
7. In addition to the Cup the Council shall present medals, plaques or badges to the winners and runners up, and the name of the winning Club shall be inscribed on the base of the Cup.
8. Referees shall be paid travelling expenses at the rate of £0.25 per mile
9. In the Final stage of the competition, competing Clubs may use 1 additional substitute in extra-time only. For clarification purposes, if a team uses all 3 substitutes during normal time then they can use 1 additional substitute in extra-time. A team that uses only 2 substitutes during normal time can then use 2 additional substitutes in extra-time.
10. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XIV. The Hospital Cup

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Isle of Man Hospital Cup' and shall be competed for by Clubs in the Premier League and Division Two
2. The net proceeds of the Final Gate shall be allocated as follows
 - i. 60% The Isle of Man Football Association
 - ii. 40% A Charity be decided annually by the Council
3. In the Final stage of the competition, competing clubs may use 1 additional substitute in extra time only. For clarification purposes, if a team uses all 3 substitutes during normal time then they can use 1 additional substitute in extra time. A team that uses only 2 substitutes during normal time can then use 2 additional substitutes in extra time
4. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XV. The Captain George Woods Memorial Cup

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Captain George Woods Memorial Cup' and shall be competed for by Clubs in Division 2.
2. The Final may be played at Castletown Stadium, for which no charge shall be made.
3. The 'Man of the Match' award called "The Hayward Gelling Memorial Trophy" shall be presented at the Final. The winner of the award will be decided by a panel from Marown AFC or a panel nominated by Council when Marown AFC play in this final.
4. In the Final stage of the competition, competing clubs may use 1 additional substitute in extra time only. For clarification purposes, if a team uses all 3 substitutes during normal time then they can use 1 additional substitute in extra time. A team that uses only 2 substitutes during normal time can then use 2 additional substitutes in extra time
5. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.



XVI. The Junior Challenge Cup

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Isle of Man Junior Challenge Cup' and shall be competed for by Full Member Clubs who have teams entered into Combination League 1 or Combination League 2.
2. A player shall not be eligible to play in this Competition unless they have played at least 4 of their Clubs' completed Combination League matches played at the time of the commencement of the competition.
3. If a player has played in TEN matches in the Premier League or Division 2 prior to the commencement of the Competition, they shall not be eligible to play in this competition.
4. Prior to the commencement of the Competition, each competing Club shall be required to provide a list to the Association of those players who have qualified and therefore eligible to take part in the Competition.
5. Up to 3 repeat substitutions may be used in all rounds of this competition.
6. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XVII. The Tom Cowell Cup

1. The competition shall be restricted to players who are at least 16 years of age and no older than 21 years of age on September 1st of the current playing season. Players must be registered with the Association and the Club they are playing for as a bona fide or Temporary member for at least 24 hours before their first participation in the Competition. A Bona fide member is as detailed in [Men's Senior League Rule 7 \(a & b\)](#)
2. For the purposes of this Competition only, players may sign a temporary registration form for another Club entered into this Competition.
3. A temporary registration shall cease when the Club ends its participation in the current season.
4. Any Club which has at least seven and no more than fifteen of its own duly registered and eligible players, shall be entitled to register a maximum of 5 temporary players and any Club with 16 or more, but less than twenty eligible players shall be restricted to a maximum of two temporary players. Any Club that has twenty or more eligible players shall not be entitled to register any temporary players.

Club's Own Eligible Players	Maximum Temporary Players allowed
7-15	5
16-19	2
20	0

5. Prior to the commencement of the Competition, each competing Club shall be required to provide a list to the Association of those players who eligible to take part in the Competition.
6. All matches shall be played under the rules of the IOMFA and must be of 80 minutes duration, unless mutually agreed upon, but in no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.
7. Up to 3 repeat substitutions may be used in all rounds of this Competition.
8. At the final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which, 3 may be used if required.
9. If the score is level at full time, then extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played. In the score is still level at the end of extra-time, the winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.
10. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.



XVIII. U18 League and Cup Competition Rules

1. The rules governing this competition shall be the same, excepting where otherwise stated, as those of the League.
2. This League may be competed for by Clubs in Full Membership with the Association and is governed by the rules set out in the SCORY.
3. Qualification for players participating in these competitions shall in be accordance with [Player Registration and Transfer Rules 5-8](#)
4. Any player registered with a Club having a surplus of players to its current requirements, may sign a temporary registration form for another Club for the purposes of participating in the U18 League and/or Cup Competitions only, provided:
 - a. The player has not played in more than two matches in U18 competitions during the current season for their parent club.
 - b. The players' temporary registration shall cease when the Club for who they are temporarily registered to completes its U18 Competition fixtures.
 - c. The player informs the Club with whom they are first registered of their intention to sign a temporary registration form.
 - d. All players who are dual registered may not play for their temporary club at any time when they are required to play for the Club holding their full registration (Parent club).
5. All matches shall be played under the rules of the IOMFA and must be of 80 minutes duration, unless decided otherwise prior to the commencement of the Competition, but in no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.
6. In the event of a Club entering more than one team in the Competition, players for each squad must be listed separately as 'A' squad and 'B' squad players.
7. In order for a Club to ensure it can fulfil its 'A' team fixtures, 'B' squad players may be co-opted onto the 'A' team.
8. Once a 'B' team player has played on 4 occasions for the 'A' team, the player must then remain in the 'A' squad.
9. In the Final stage of the Cup Competition ONLY, both teams may name 5 substitutes of which, 3 may be used if required.
10. In the Cup Competition, if the score is level at full time, then extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra-time, the winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.
11. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XIX. Women's League Rules

1. The Constitution of the Women's Division(s) shall be decided by the Competitions Management Committee
2. All rules provided for in the [Men's Senior League Rules](#) shall apply to the Women's League unless otherwise stated.
3. At the end of the Women's League Competition, the Club in each Division scoring the largest number of points shall be declared champions. Scoring shall be three points for a win and one for a draw. In the event of two or more Clubs scoring equal points, final positions shall be determined on the results of the matches between the teams involved, firstly in relation to points gained. If two or more Clubs achieve the same number of points, then the positions shall be determined on goal difference in matches between the Clubs involved and when there is an equal goal difference it is then determined by the number of goals scored against the other Clubs. If this process should still not result in a clear winner, then there will be a play-off match to decide the champions. Should there be a need to determine a Club or Clubs to be relegated then the reverse method shall be applied.

XX. Women's Football Association Challenge Cup

1. This Competition is only open to Clubs who participate in the Women's League Competition.
2. IF the score is level at full time, then extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra-time, the winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.



3. Up to 3 repeat substitutions may be used in all rounds of this competition.
4. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XXI. Women's Floodlit Cup

1. This Competition is only open to Clubs who participate in the Women's League Competition.
2. The Competition shall be played on artificial surfaces, the format of the competition, including the duration of the matches and the method of determining results, shall be decided annually by the Council.
3. If the score is level at full time, then extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra-time, the winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.
4. Up to 3 repeat substitutions may be used in all rounds of this Competition.
5. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XXII. Masters' League & Football Association Challenge Cup

1. The Competitions are open to Clubs in Full Membership of the Association.
2. All teams in these competitions are subject to the Rules of the Association.
3. Each player must be a minimum of 35 years only on the day of any game in which they are playing.
4. The Masters' FA Cup Competition is only open to Clubs who participate in the Masters' League Competition.
5. Each player must be registered with a Full Member Club in order to participate in these competitions. A player whose current Club is not participating may dual register with another Club who is, for the purpose of playing in these Competitions only. The dual registration must be completed by the Club that the player wishes to join and shall cease once the Club ends its participation in these Competitions.
6. Club secretaries must ensure that all eligible players are attached to their Masters' Team on the Whole Game System
7. The team entry fee will be set by the Board and should be paid by a specific date as set by the Competitions Management Committee. The competition is not for profit and all fees and costs will be kept to an absolute minimum.
8. The entire control and management of the Competition shall rest with the Competitions Management Committee in line with the FA Standard Code of Rules where applicable.
9. Players may only play in the Cup Competition provided they have played at least 1 League game of the current season.
10. All League and Cup matches shall be played under the rules of the IOMFA and shall be of 70 minutes duration, 35 minutes each way.
11. Repeat substitutions from up to five named substitutes will be allowed during the course of the game subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with [Law 3 of the Laws of the Association](#).
12. Any team refusing to play or failing to show up for an allocated League fixture shall be judged to have lost the match and their opponents will be awarded 3 points. There will be postponements allowed within the league once all fixtures have been finalised.
13. Any team refusing to play or failing to show up for an allocated FA Cup fixture shall be judged to have lost the match and their opponents will be awarded the result and progress to the next stage of the Cup.
14. In Cup Competitions if the score is level after 70 minutes, there shall be no extra-time played. The winners shall be determined by a penalty shoot-out in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association Board.

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15. Each team playing a fixture will be responsible for supplying at least one match ball. In any fixture both teams will each pay the referee a match fee of £13.50
16. All Clubs should reference the [General Cup Competition Rules](#) and [General League Rules](#) alongside these rules.

XXIII. The Isle of Man Football Association Benevolent Fund

1. The Fund shall be called the "Isle of Man Football Association Benevolent Fund" and shall be duly registered as an authorised charity fund in accordance with Government Office Regulations.
2. The aim of the Fund is to provide assistance to bona fide registered players of Clubs in Full membership of the IOMFA (and/or their dependants) who may be injured whilst playing in a match authorised by the Association.
3. The Fund shall be under the management of the IOMFA Council who shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.
4. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Directors.
5. All Clubs affiliated as [Full Member Clubs](#) of the IOMFA shall be eligible for membership of the Fund. Should a Club resign from the IOMFA or be expelled during a season, its membership of the Fund will be terminated and any benefits due to be paid to their players shall cease.
6. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to raise additional funds from any of the following sources:
 - a. Income from any competitions or matches organised by the IOMFA on behalf of the Fund.
 - b. Income from authorised charitable competitions.
 - c. Collections, donations, or receipts from efforts organised for the benefit of the Fund, or such other sources as may be deemed appropriate.
7. All applications for a grant from the Fund for an injured player must be made within fourteen days of the accident. The Secretary of the player's Club shall be responsible for completing Form F which is provided at the bottom of these rules. The form must be signed by the Club Chairman, Secretary and Council Representative. No grant will be made unless the player is prevented from continuing their employment for a period of not less than three days.
8. All applications must be accompanied by a medical certificate giving the nature and date of the accident. Without the production of this certificate, a grant will not be considered.
9. All claims will be investigated by the Board of Directors, who will make payments to the Club, who will be responsible for paying the benefit to the claimant.
10. Payments according to the circumstances shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
11. Benefits are payment from the first day following the accident provided the rules of the Fund have been adhered to. The liability of the Fund shall cease, and benefits will terminate in the following events:
 - a) The Player has been certified fit to resume work by their doctor, and a note to this effect has been forwarded to the Association.
 - b) The Player is guilty of any misconduct likely to delay their recovery.
 - c) The Player resumes playing before complying with Clause a)
 - d) The Player refuses to claim Incapacity Benefit from the Isle of Man Government.
 - e) The Player has not paid their current seasons' Club subscriptions.
12. The monies of the Fund shall be kept in a separate bank account and the three trustees who shall be the President, Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer of the IOMFA shall be the authorised signatories for the account. A duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be submitted to the Council at the AGM each year.
13. If the Fund ceases to operate, then any surplus balance shall be donated to such charity (or charities) as may be decided by the Council.
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- a) The No.2 Benevolent Scheme for the additional benefits to injured players is controlled by the existing Rules and Conditions of the IOMFA Benevolent Fund.
 - b) Benefits payment from the scheme shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 - c) Payments of benefits in respect of any injury shall not exceed 104 weeks.
15. No alteration shall be made to these rules except at the [Annual General Meeting](#) or a [specially convened Meeting](#). Written notice shall be given to the Secretary of any proposed alterations or additions, on or before 1st April each year, the same to be forward to the Full Member Clubs at least seven days before the meeting.

"FORM F"

Isle of Man Football Association
The Bowl
Douglas.
Isle of Man,
IM2 1AD

Dear Sirs

We wish to notify you that,
a member of FC,
received the following injury
in the match
played at onday,of20.....

They have been unable to continue their employment from

Their Club subscriptions for the current season are: PAID NOT PAID PARTIALLY PAID
(Please circle the relevant option)

Signed by:

CHAIRMAN: _____ Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

SECRETARY: _____ Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

COUNCIL REP: _____ Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__



XXIV. The Isle of Man Football Association Standing Order

1. The Council shall meet on any Tuesday of alternate months commencing July, and on such other day or days during the season, and at such hour as the Council may decide from time to time. In special circumstances the Chief Executive Officer shall have the power to convene a meeting.
2. Notice of Council Meetings, together with an Agenda of the business, and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting (plus any available minutes from the Management Committee) shall be forwarded to each Club Secretary and Council Member no later than ten days prior to the Council Meeting.
3. An Agenda shall be prepared by the Association for each Council meeting. The following shall be the order of business:
 - a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
 - b) Questions arising out of the Minutes
 - c) Correspondence
 - d) Business adjourned from any prior meeting
 - e) Reports from any Committees
 - f) Motions in the order in which notice has been given
 - g) Any other business
4. The names of all Clubs who failed to send a representative to the previous Council Meeting shall be listed. The business at each meeting shall be taken in the order on the agenda unless otherwise decided upon by the Council.
5. A formal motion shall mean any of the following:
 - a) The previous question
 - b) That the question be now put
 - c) That the Council proceed to the next business
 - d) That the Chairman leaves the Chair
 - e) A motion of the adjournment of the Council or of the debate
 - f) A motion for the suspension of Standing Orders.
6. When a formal motion is made (except for a motion for the adjournment of the Council, or of the debate), such motion shall be proposed, seconded, and put without debate. No formal motion shall interrupt a speech.
7. When a formal motion for the adjournment of the Council or of the debate is made, the member making such motion shall be allowed to speak for no more than 5 minutes and it may be seconded without a speech. If any member wishes to oppose the motion, they may speak for no more than 5 minutes to outline their opposition. Once both the proposer and opposer (if any) have finished speaking, each option shall be put to the Council for a seconder. If the motion and the opposition are both seconded, then the vote is put to the Council. If neither the proposer nor the opposer receive the required number of votes, then both shall fail.
8. Motions or amendments may be withdrawn before the question has been fully put.
9. The following motions may be moved without notice namely:
 - a) Points of order or formal motions
 - b) For the precedence of any particular business
 - c) Motions upon the reports of Committees or Referees
 - d) Motions upon any matter of urgency.
10. All motions and amendments must be seconded.
11. Every amendment must be relevant to the subject matter of the motion on which it is moved.
12. Whenever an amendment is made upon any motion, no second amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first amendment is disposed of. If the amendment is carried, it shall then be put as the original motion, upon which a further amendment may be moved.
13. If the first amendment is a negative, then further amendments may be moved to the original question.
14. A motion may be considered negative by the acceptance of an amendment.

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15. Any member desiring to speak must address themselves to the Chair, and no interruption to their speech shall be allowed, except upon a point of order.
16. When two or more members wish to speak, the Chairman shall call upon the member who first indicated their desire to speak.
17. No speech shall be permitted, save to a distinct motion or amendment, either already submitted to the meeting as a question for deliberation, or to be submitted by the member speaking.
18. Each member who wishes to speak must direct their speech to the motion or amendment under discussion, or to a question of order.
19. No member who has proposed or seconded or spoken upon a motion or amendment, shall be allowed to speak again upon the same motion or amendment, or to propose a new amendment. However, the seconder of a motion or amendment shall be permitted to reserve his speech till a later period of the debate, if his act as a seconder, was to indicate by words or otherwise, that he seconds the motion or amendment. The proposer of the original motion shall have the right of reply.
20. Motions for amendments are new questions, and members who have spoken on the original motion may speak again after such new questions have been proposed from the Chair.
21. A reply shall be allowed to the proposer of a substantive motion. After the proposer has commenced their reply, no other member shall speak in relation to the question. No new matters shall be introduced by the proposer in reply. The right of reply shall be governed by the following provisions:
 - a) If no amendment ensues upon the proposal of an original motion the proposer therefore may reply at the end of the discussion on their motion.
 - b) If there is an amendment, the proposer shall make their reply at the end of the debate and this reply shall exhaust their right of reply as the proposer of the original motion. They may, however, take part in the discussion upon subsequent amendments.
22. A member who has spoken may not be heard again except when permitted by the Chairman to make a personal explanation, but they should not introduce any new matter or interrupt a member who is speaking.
23. Upon a matter of order suddenly arising, any member may speak if they do so immediately, and commences their statement that they rose to order. The member who was addressing the meeting must there upon resume their seat until such time as the matter of order has been disposed of.
24. If disorder should arise, the Chairman may quit the Chair, and announce the adjournment of the meeting.
25. IN the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman must give the casting vote.
26. A Standing Order may be suspended with the consent of a majority being two thirds of the members present.
27. The Council may by vote, resolve itself into a Committee and whilst in Committee there shall be no restrictions as to the number of times a member may speak.
28. Notice of any motion may be given by any member. In the event that the proposer is unable to attend the meeting, they may nominate another member to take charge of and propose such motion.
29. Any 'minute' passed by the Council in the ordinary course of business shall be automatically passed onto the Rules Revision Committee by the Association for including with their proposals to be submitted to the following Rules Revision Meeting.



XXV. IOMFA Committee Members

Island Representative Committee	
TBC (CHAIRMAN)	
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Rules Revision Committee	
TBC (CHAIRMAN)	
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Disciplinary Committee	
TBC (CHAIRMAN)	
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Competitions Management Committee	
TBC (CHAIRMAN)	
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Referees Committee	
Kevan Maitland (CHAIRMAN)	
TBC	
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Events Committee	
TBC (CHAIRMAN)	
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XXVI. The FA Standard Code of Rules (SCOR)

STANDARD CODE OF RULES

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football (the “Standard Code”).

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below, and The FA Women’s Pyramid excluding FA Women’s Super League and FA Women’s Championship.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

Please note that from the 2021/22 season all players must be registered through WGS.

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 ISLE OF MAN FOOTBALL League.

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

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“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 Isle of Man Football Association.

“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 Isle of Man Football Leagues”] (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 [30] Clubs ~~and/or~~ Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [The Isle of Man .
- (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 [16] 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 programs. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
- (M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one Team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.



CLUB NAME

3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.
At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or an SGM.

When Rule 22(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.
- (B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per *Club/Team* payable on or before the AGM of the Competition in each year.
- (C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [30th 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 [the agreed number of] members who shall all be elected at the AGM.
- (B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than [the date of the AGM] 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 [the date of the AGM] 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.

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- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

With the exception of Teams playing at Step 7 of the National League System, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Step 7 of the National League System is £500.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

- (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.
- (F) [60 %] 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

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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 [7] 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 [31st July] in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least [11] 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.

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- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
 - (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
 - (v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
 - (vi) Appointment of auditors.
 - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
 - (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
 - (ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Step 7 which shall be determined by The FA).
 - (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
- (B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.
- (C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.*
- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM. The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.
- At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.
- Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.
- "We, (A) (name) [] of (address) [] (Chairman)/(Director) and (B) (name) [] of (address) [] (Secretary)/(Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."
- The agreement shall be signed by:
- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
 - (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.
- Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the [Isle of Man 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(l), 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 [the club leaves the presentation venue]. 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 [1st APRIL] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [15TH APRIL] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by [no later than 14 days prior to the AGM/SGM]. 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 [2/3rd] [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.



FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £[500] 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 [30th June].
- (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 [2] days prior to the Player playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match
Or
 - (ii) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a subsequent match day until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition. A maximum of [150] Players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 18(A)(ii);
or
 - (iii) registered through WGS.

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 18(A) (i) or (ii) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.

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For Clubs registering Players under Rules 18(A) (i) or (ii), registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via WGS (under Rule 18 (A) (iii)), Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B)
- (i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.
 - (ii) Each Club must have at least [28] Players registered [5] days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in Competition Matches, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (G)
- (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.
 - (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).
 - (iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with.
Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
 - (iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (iii) shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

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(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [7] days after receipt of such transfer.
In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [31st December] 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 [0] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have taken part in [] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is/are [].

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(N)

(i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

- a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
- b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
- c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(O) The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education:-

Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday leagues competitions).

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

(P) A Player who has played for a Team in the [Premier] division [10] times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee.



CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the season] 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 [2] days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the ~~away~~/home Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

Within the National League System ("NLS") all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All Competition Matches outside of the NLS shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

- (C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time

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of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [2] clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is []. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (E) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. *Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.*
- (ii) Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.
- (iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
- (iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within [] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. *Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [] persons, or car allowance at [] p per mile for transporting [] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.* Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (v) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (vi) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to [3] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) substitute Players of whom not more than [3] ((3, 4, 5) may be used.

A Player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, a Club may use up to [3 from 3 substitutes Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] in a Competition Match.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [5] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

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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 [15] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who *may/shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

REPORTING RESULTS

- 21. (A) The (*Registration/Fixtures*) Secretary must receive within [4] days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the *referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition*. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) ~~The Home~~ Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the [Secretary] by [10pm on the day of the match]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

- 22. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points. In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest.

If the records of two or more Teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches under conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

- (B) *Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [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) The last [] Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22 (B)(i) above.~~
 - ~~(iv) When a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which its reserve Team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division; and should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division its reserve Team automatically retires from the Competition.~~
 - ~~(v) Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division,~~

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~~promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.~~

~~(C) In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play Offs"). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play Offs are as follows [].~~

(D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

~~(E) Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions [] Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the [] Competition at their AGM. Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the [] or [] placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions.~~

~~At the end of each Season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from the [] Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either (a) to accept a Club from the [] Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition.~~

~~The bottom [] Clubs in the [] Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the [] Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.~~

[2] Clubs will be promoted to the [Premier League] Competition from the [Division 2] Competition, and the [] Competition providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or [] placed Club and has the necessary grading criteria.

~~In the event of there being no eligible Club wishing promotion or not having the necessary grading criteria from any of the Competitions, this will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the [Premier Division] Competition.~~

~~If only [2] Clubs are eligible or wish for promotion, the bottom [2] Clubs in the [Premier League] Competition will be relegated. If only [1] Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the [Premier League] Competition will be relegated.~~

~~If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the [Premier League] Competition.~~

~~In the event of a [Premier League] Competition Club not being placed in the bottom [2] Clubs at the end of the Playing Season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the Playing Season, or having been excluded under Rule [TBC] only [1] Clubs will be relegated at the end of the Playing Season.~~

~~In the event of a [Premier League] Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule [TBC] such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.~~

MATCH OFFICIALS

23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) (i) 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.
(ii) 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 [25p] per mile/ or inclusive of travel expenses. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *full fee plus expenses/half fee plus expenses/expenses only*. Where a

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Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
- (J) *The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.*
- (K) *Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*
- (L) *Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.*

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£150
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£400
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£n/a
7 (C), 7 (E), 7(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£2
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£20
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£27 (additional £9 for extra time in all competitions)
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	50% of referees fees

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£n/a
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£ n/a
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£ n/a
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£25
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	n/a
5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£ n/a
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£25
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£100% of the fine
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£50
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£ n/a
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£0
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£ n/a
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£ n/a
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£ n/a

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16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£ n/a
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£ n/a
18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£0
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£ n/a
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£ n/a
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£0
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£25
18(O)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£0
19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£10
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£10
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£25
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£0
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£0
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£25
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£0
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£5
21(C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	n/a
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	n/a
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£5 & £5
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£5
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£n/a

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XXVII. Appendices

a. Match Specific Conditions

Competition	Age Group as of 31 st Aug of playing Season	Format	Match Ball Size	Goal Post Size H x W (ft)	Pitch Size L x W (yds)	Substitute Rules	Match Duration	Team Sheets
Premier League, Division 2	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated	90 mins	5 mins
Combination League 1 & Combination League 2	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 repeat from 3 nominated	90 mins	5 mins
Charity Shield	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
FA Association Challenge Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (+1 in extra time – Final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Railway Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (+1 in extra time – Final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Paul Henry Gold Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (+1 in extra time – Final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Women's League	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 repeat from 3 nominated	90 mins	5 mins
Women's' Association Challenge Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Women's Floodlit Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 repeat from 5 nominated (final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Tom Cowell Cup	Must be aged 16 years or over and 21 years or under at 31 st August	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 repeat from 5 nominated (final only)	80 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Hospital Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (+1 in extra time – Final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Junior Challenge Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Captain George Woods Memorial Cup	Open Age Non -contract	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated (+1 in extra time – Final only)	90 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
U 18 League	Aged 15 or over, and under 18 at 31 st August of current playing season	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated	80 mins	5 mins
U 18 Cup	Aged 15 or over, and under 18 at 31 st August of current playing season	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	3 from 5 nominated	80 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)
Masters' League	35 or over on match day	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	5 repeat from 5 nominated	70 mins	5 mins
Masters' Association Challenge Cup	35 or over on match day	11 v 11	5	8 x 24	110 x 70	5 repeat from 5 nominated	70 mins	5 mins (15 mins final only)



b. Club Kits

Home Kits			
CLUB	Shirt	Shorts	Socks
Ayre Utd	Orange /Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Orange Socks
Braddan	Royal Blue Shirts	Royal Blue Shorts	Royal Blue Socks
Castletown	Red Shirts	White Shorts	Red Socks
Colby	White/Black Striped Shirts	White Shorts	White Socks
Corinthians	White Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
DHSOB	Blue Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Douglas & District	Navy Shirts	Navy Shorts	Navy Socks
Douglas Athletic	Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
Douglas Royals	White Shirts	Navy Shorts	White Socks
Foxdale	Blue/Maroon Striped Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Governors Athletic	White/Red Striped Shirts	Red Shorts	Red/White Socks
Gymnasium	Sky Blue/White Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
Laxey	Green/White Shirts	White/Green Shorts	Green/White Trim Socks
Malew	Red/Black Striped Shirts	Black Shorts	Red Socks
Marown	Maroon Shirts	Maroon Shorts	Maroon Socks
Michael Utd	Green/White Shirts	Black Shorts	Green Socks
Onchan	Yellow Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Peel	Red/White Striped Shirts	Black Shorts	Red/White Trim Socks
Pulrose Utd	Red Shirts	Red Shorts	Red Socks
Ramsey	Blue/White Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Rushen Utd	Yellow/Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
RYCOB	Blue/Black Striped Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
St Georges	Yellow/Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Yellow Socks
St Johns Utd	Gold/Blue Shirts	Royal Blue Shorts	Royal Blue Socks
St Marys	Green Shirts	Green Shorts	Yellow Socks
Union Mills	Claret /Blue Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks



Away Kits			
CLUB	Shirt	Shorts	Socks
Ayre Utd	Royal Blue & White Shirts	Black Shorts	Orange Socks
Braddan	Orange Shirts	Orange Shorts	Orange Socks
Castletown	Blue Shirts	White Shorts	Blue Socks
Colby	Red Shirts	Red Shorts	Red Socks
Corinthians	Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
DHSOB	Black/Purple Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
Douglas & District	Yellow Shirts	Red Shorts	Yellow Socks
Douglas Athletic	Pink Shirts	Black Shorts	Pink Socks
Douglas Royals	Gold/Black Shirts	Gold Shorts	Black Socks
Foxdale	Yellow Shirts	Yellow Shorts	Yellow Socks
Governors Athletic	Grey Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
Gymnasium	Yellow Shirts	White Shorts	White Socks
Laxey	Marown/Blue Shirts	Blue Shorts	Red Socks
Malew	Navy Blue Shirts	Navy Shorts	Yellow Socks
Marown	Blue Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Michael Utd	Yellow/Blue Shirts	Yellow Shorts	Yellow Socks
Onchan	Red Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
Peel	Yellow Shirts	Blue Shorts	Yellow Socks
Pulrose Utd	Blue Shirts	Blue Shorts	Blue Socks
Ramsey	Red Shirts	Red Shorts	Red Socks
Rushen Utd	Sky Blue Shirts	Sky Blue Shorts	Sky Blue Socks
RYCOB	Red/Black Shirts	Black Shorts	Black Socks
St Georges	Sky Blue/White Shirts	Sky Blue Shorts	Sky Blue Socks
St Johns Utd	Red/Black Shirts	White Shorts	Red Socks
St Marys	Yellow Shirts	White Shorts	White Socks
Union Mills	Violet/White Shirts	White Shorts	White Socks