

# 28 - AREAS OF OVERLAPPING ASSOCIATIONS

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(25th August, 1950 and 12th January, 1951)

1. A County Association is not permitted to alter or extend its area without the consent of The Association. Consent shall be given only after a Commission of Inquiry is held at which all parties concerned shall have an opportunity of attending.
2. District, Junior and Youth associations must be Members of a County Association.
3. The playing ground shall constitute the Headquarters of Clubs with the following exceptions:-
  - a. Clubs concerned with Public Offices, Banks, Railways, Business Houses and similar institutions;
  - b. Clubs which have not a recognised playing ground;
  - c. Clubs which cannot obtain a suitable and convenient ground within the area of their County Associations. The Headquarters of the excepted Clubs shall be within the area of the County Association to which they claim to belong.
4. The Membership of Clubs with associations which overlap shall be restricted to the areas determined by the Overlapping Reports of 1908 and 1927 as follows:-

**Amateur Football Alliance** See Note 1.

**Army FA** See Note 1.

**Birmingham County FA Area:** The County of Warwick and 30 miles from Stevenson Place, Birmingham (except that part of the County of Worcestershire which is in the area of the Worcestershire Football Association).

**Cambridge University FC** See Note 1.

**Cheshire County FA Area:** County of Chester. Overlapped by Liverpool County Football Association.

**Derbyshire FA Area:** County of Derby. Overlapped by Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association.

**Essex County FA Area:** County of Essex. Overlapped by London Football Association.

**Gloucestershire FA and Somerset County FA**

- a. The boundary of the Gloucestershire Football Association stipulated by the 1908 Overlapping Commission shall remain.
- b. Clubs whose headquarters are in, and Referees who reside in, that area of the City and County of Bristol which had extended into the County of Somerset since the 1908 Commission's decision, or in any contemplated extension by that administrative body, should affiliate to or register with the Somerset County FA as their parent association and, if they wish, also apply to affiliate to or register with the Gloucestershire FA.

**Hertfordshire FA Area:** County of Hertford, Overlapped by London Football Association.

**Kent County FA Area:** County of Kent. Overlapped by London Football Association.

**Lancashire FA Area:** County of Lancaster. Overlapped by Liverpool County Football Association and Manchester County Football Association. See also Note 3.

**Liverpool County FA Area:** 18 miles in Lancashire and eight miles in Cheshire from Liverpool Town Hall.

**London FA Area:** 12 miles from Charing Cross.

**Manchester County FA Area:** 12 miles from Manchester Town Hall and to be confined to Lancashire.

**Middlesex County FA Area:** County of Middlesex Overlapped by London Football Association.

**Nottinghamshire FA Area:** County of Nottingham. Over-lapped by Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association.

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**Oxford University AFA** See Note 1.

**Royal Air Force FA** See Note 1.

**Royal Navy FA** See Note 1.

**Sheffield & Hallamshire FA** Area: 20 miles from Sheffield Parish Church (since 1909 – Sheffield Cathedral).

**Staffordshire FA** Area: County of Stafford. Overlapped by Birmingham County Football Association. See also Note 2.

**Surrey County FA** Area: County of Surrey. Overlapped by London Football Association.

**West Riding County FA** Area: The West Riding of Yorkshire except that part which is in the area of Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association namely 20 miles from Sheffield Parish Church (Cathedral).

**Worcestershire FA** Area: That part of the County of Worcester south of a straight line from Hagley Railway Station to Barnt Green Railway Station and continued from Barnt Green Railway Station in a straight line to Headless Cross.

5. Where Clubs have a Membership with more than one association, the associations concerned shall appoint a Joint Committee to deal with all matters in dispute except those concerning Cup Competitions.
6. A County Association may accept entries for its Competitions from Clubs having Membership with another County Association provided the assent of that association has been obtained and it shall have control of all matters in connection with the Competitions.
7. A County Association which is overlapped by one or more associations shall notify all its Clubs, Competitions and Referees within its area of their right to affiliate or register with the association concerned.

**Note 1.** The areas of the Services Associations are not defined: those of the Universities refer to persons in residence. The Amateur Football Alliance operates in England. Clubs may be added each year from other associations, but they shall remain in Membership with their County Associations. The Rules of the Alliance shall be in conformity with the Rules and Practice of The Association.

**Note 2.** Walsall & District Football Association became part of Staffordshire Football Association in 1925.

**Note 3.** In agreement with the Cumberland Football Association and the Lancashire Football Association eight clubs in the South Cumberland area of Millom have been placed in Membership with the Lancashire Football Association, for all purposes from the end of season 1969-70.

**Note 4.** In connection with Clause 4 of this Memorandum it has been agreed that, when a Club has to obtain a ground in a neighbouring County, it will remain affiliated with its original County Association.