

Official Handbook
of the

**Somerset County
Football League**

Season 2012-2013

Start of Season

Saturday 11th August, 2012

End of Season

Saturday 11th May 2013

Website

www.TheFA.com/FULL-TIME/SCFL

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ADVICE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

Conduct at all times must be strictly in accordance with the League Rules and the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and the Rules of the Somerset Football Association. As Secretary of your Club you are responsible for all its business with the League. The League will only deal with Secretaries, or if they are away their nominated substitute.

PLEASE ADVISE LEAGUE IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE AWAY, PARTICULARLY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

Correspondence between the League and its Clubs will, in general, be by E mail. In addition to the League Handbook, Club Secretaries should ensure that they possess a copy of the current Handbook of the Somerset County Football Association. Also the FA Handbook can be downloaded from the FA website.

REGISTRATIONS

- Ensure that Registration Forms are fully and properly completed. ...FULL name and address are required. **PLEASE USE CORRECT GIVEN NAME.**
- The Club Secretary must countersign each Registration Form. No other signature will be accepted unless prior arrangement has been made with the Registration Secretary and only then in exceptional circumstances.
- The Registration Secretary must receive Registration Forms by no later than **12 midnight on the day before the match.** This will not be varied. (Rule 8 Bii)
- **Please note that you must register 15 player's Registration Forms properly completed, by no later than 3:00pm on the Saturday prior to the first Saturday of the season. However any player who has registered prior to midnight on the day before the first match is eligible to play in that match.** (Rule 8 B iv)
- Before registering a player who is serving in any of HM Forces ensure that you have complied with the appropriate Rule of The Football Association. (FA Regulation C2 (c))
- Before registering a player who is in Compulsory Full Time Education (not 6th Form or College) please provide written permission from School. (FA Regulation C4 (a) (ix))
- Ensure that the section regarding International Clearance is completed. If YES then forward either a copy of International Clearance Certificate or e mail from FA confirming. Penalties handed down by FA for playing a player without International Clearance are severe (Breach of FA rule E1 (b) and E 1 (d)) , and you will also be dealt with for playing an ineligible player. Copy of FA note regarding International Clearance are on website.
- Forms can be downloaded from the League website – they are contained in the Downloads section of the Notices. Please retain a copy for your records. The form should be sent to Registration Secretary by e mail (somersetcountyleague@yahoo.co.uk) or fax (01275 540742). The details can also be input onto the Website using the “Register Player” facility. You will need to login to the website and then go into “People” to find register player facility. **They will however only be authorized if a scanned copy of registration form is received.**
- **If sent only by post they will be registered when received. Registrations received on day of game are not registered to play that day.**
- Transfer Forms can also be downloaded and should be sent to the Registration Secretary with the registration form and the transfer fee. To facilitate quicker transfers then a copy of transfer form, registration form and cheque can be

initially sent to Registration Secretary. However the transfer is only effective once it appears on website.

- **Please be aware of FA Regulations regarding Notice of Approach for a player who is currently REGISTERED with ANY club in a Saturday league (FA Regulation C 2 (a))**
- Registrations and Transfers close on 31st March.
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FIXTURES

- Please check the availability of your ground prior to the start of the season, especially Clubs who share with Cricket Clubs etc. Please inform the Fixture Secretary immediately if your ground is unavailable. Don't wait for publication of the fixture lists.
- Please note teams MUST be available every Saturday. It is not permissible to postpone a fixture because of eg Stag weekends, Weddings etc. However it is permissible to bring games forward. (Rule 10A)
- Fixtures are published on the FA Full Time website. However, alterations are often made to these in order to maximize the weekly fixture list. If your fixtures are changed you will usually be notified automatically by the Full Time system.
- The home Club must contact their Opponents at least 5 days hours prior to the match to confirm the fixture, ground location, kick-off time etc. (Rule 10 D)
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY YOU ACKNOWLEDGING THE EMAIL WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU BY THE SYSTEM REQUIRING VERIFICATION.**
- If you have a match postponed the Home Club must telephone the Fixture Secretary, Opponents, Match Officials and General Secretary without delay and FORWARD THE "UNFIT GROUND NOTIFICATION" FORM SIGNED BY THE INSPECTING REFEREE WITHOUT DELAY. (Rule 13 D). **DONOT NOTIFY LATE POSTPONEMENTS TO REFEREES AND OPPONENTS BY EMAIL.**

REFEREES

- Referees are allocated to fixtures and are published on The FA Full-Time web site.
- You will receive an e mail from the system notifying you of your referee (or changes).
- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY YOU ACKNOWLEDGING THE EMAIL WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU BY THE SYSTEM REQUIRING VERIFICATION.**
- The home Club must contact the Referee (and Assistant Referees if applicable) at **least 5 days** hours prior to the match to confirm the fixture, ground location, kick-off time etc. If you do not do so and your appointed referee then advises you they are unavailable you may not get a referee as FA regulations do not permit the League to take a referee from other Leagues after that time. If there is a change to the allocated Match Official(s) the web site will be updated accordingly. Please contact the Referee Appointments Secretary in case of any queries.
- **IF YOU DO NOT SPEAK TO THE REFEREE PERSONALLY PLEASE GET AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

- Referees have to report to the ground 45 minutes prior to kick-off and a representative of the home Club must be there to meet them, show them to their changing rooms, etc.
- Please ensure that the Match Officials changing rooms are clean and tidy (not cluttered up with line marking equipment etc).
- Ensure you exchange teamsheets with opponents and referee in referees changing room 30 minutes before kick off. (Rule 13 (I))
- **Please provide the Match Officials with refreshments at half time**
- Remember to indicate how much you paid the Referee (and Assistant Referees if applicable) on the appropriate sheet. Please ensure that the details are broken down into Fee/Expenses. Expenses are pooled at the end of the season.
- Referees fees are £25.00 in Premier Division and £20.00 in all other Divisions. Travel expenses are 35p per mile. Assistant Referee fees where appointed are £14.00.

RESULTS

- Results are initially dealt with by your club responding to a text message from FA Full Time system. This text message goes to both club secretaries and the nominated result reporter. You should receive this text message about 15 minutes after kick off. **YOU SHOULD RESPOND WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF END OF GAME AS NEWSPAPERS PICK UP RESULTS DIRECT FROM OUR WEBSITE. (rule 11 B)**
- **Only home team needs to respond, although if both teams do so it enables checking of result.**
- **Please ensure that you notify the League of any change in result reporter or their mobile phone number.**
- **Please respond to the text message in the format requested by the message ie Home score – Away score and then your club code. Do not put in a different format otherwise it does not get recorded. PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE TEXTING TO A COMPUTER.**
- An example of above – Fixture is Frys v Purnells (Div 1) which is a 3-2 win for Frys the text should read 3-2 FRYs(submitted by Frys) and 3-2 PURS if submitted by Purnells.
- However if fixture is Purnells Res v Frys Reserves (Div 2 East) and Frys Reserves win the game 3-2 the result (submitted by Purnells) should read 2-3 PURR, and 2-3 FCRS if submitted by Frys.
- Please be particularly aware when using “conversation type” Smartphones as responding to incorrect message overwrites previous score.
- **Please ensure CORRECTLY AND FULLY COMPLETED TEAMSHEET is received by General Secretary within 4 DAYS. FAX OR SCANNING IS PREFERABLE – and it saves exhorbitant postage costs. If you are posting please put correct postage on envelope. (Rule 11A)**

FEEES AND FINES TARIFF

Rule Number	Description	Fee £	Fine £	Minimum Points deduction	Other Comments
2a	Entry fee for new clubs	100.00			
2b	Subscription	200.00			
2b	Fail to pay subscription by AGM		50		
2c	Deposit to be paid by new club		50		
2e	Fail to notify League Secretary of Affiliation number by 30 June		25		
5h	Fail to pay fines and fees within 14 days		50		
Bc	Falsifying teamsheet per offence		75		3 Plus lose points gained in game
Bc	Playing more than 3 players who played in previous Reserve or Southern or Western Lge game				See rule Bo below
Bi	Fraudulent completion of registration form				3 Further dealt with by Mgt Ctte
Bj	Transfer fee to be sent with transfer form	20.00			
Bo	Playing unregistered or ineligible player including breach of Bc		35		1 Plus lose points gained in game
9a	Fail to number players shirts, or not starting with number 1-11		20		
9a	Delay of kick off due to no change of colours		25		
			not exceeding		
10b	Causing late kick off		35		
10d	Fail to notify opponents and match officials of kick off time and ground location 5 days before match		25		
10e	Playing with less than 11 players		25		per missing player
10f	Not fulfilling fixture		35		3
10f	Playing reserve game but not fulfilling first team fixture		50		n addition to above penalty under 10f
10f	Fail to notify of postponement as per rule				Mgt Ctte discretion
10f	Fail to notify Fixtures Secretary of rearranged date within 7 days		25		
11a	Purchase of Additional Results Book	10.00			
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11a	Fail to submit result sheet within 4 days		20		
11a	Fail to put referees mark on result sheet		20		
11a	Fail to put referees expenses on result sheet		20		
11b	Fail to text result within 30 minutes of end of match (Home Club)		20		
13b	Fail to provide Assistant Referee who is not a named substitute (Premier and First Division)		20		
13d	Fail to notify opponents and match officials and League Tables Secretary if postponed due to unfit pitch		20		
13e	Fail to pay officials in dressing room within 20 minutes of end of match		20		
13h	Fail to put referees mark on result sheet in manner prescribed by FA. including failing to write letter of explanation if mark of 60 or less given.		25		
13i	Failure to exchange team sheets in presence of referee at least 30 minutes before kick off		25		
13i	Failure to give referee teamsheet at least 30 minutes before kick off		25		
14a	Failure to notify intention to withdraw from League before 31st March		250		
14b	Withdrawing after start of fixtures		250		No participation in other competitions
15	Protest fee (NOT APPEALS)	25.00			
16	Appeal to SFA	25.00			Set by SFA
18b	Fail to return trophy by 31st March in clean etc condition		25		plus costs incurred
19	Fail to attend AGM or Special General Meeting		50		
13	REFEREE FEE - Premier Division	£25.00			
	REFEREE FEE - Other Divisions	£20.00			
	Assistant Referee Fees	£14.00			
	Match Officials Travel Expenses - per mile	£0.35			

Ashton&BackwellUnitedFC

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Ground Address	Recreation Ground, West Town Road, Backwell BS48 3HQ, 01275 462612
Colours	Maroon and Royal Blue Shirts, Royal Blue Shorts, Royal Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30pm
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

BanwellFC

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Result Reporter	Andrew Puddy, 07766 024842
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Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30pm
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

BerrowFC

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Alternative Contact	Brian Hart, 01278 786423, 07858 914717
Result Reporter	
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Colours	Red and Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Blue & White Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Thurs 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

BishopSuttonFC

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Ground Address	Lakeview, Wick Road, Bishop Sutton BS39 8XN 01275 333097
Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 7:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

BishopsLydeardFC

Secretary	Gary Brown
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Telephone	Home 01823 353748, Mobile 07956 682367
Alternative Contact	Gary Knight, 07917 155766
Result Reporter	
Ground Address	Darby Way, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton TA4 3BD
Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Navy Shorts, Navy Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

BridgwaterTownFC

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Alternative Contact	Luke Buckingham, 07973 284045 buckinghaml@bridgwater.ac.uk
Result Reporter	Luke Buckingham, 07973 284045
Ground Address	Fairfax Park, College Way, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ, 01278 446899
Colours	Red Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

BrislingtonFC

Secretary	Kevin Jacobs
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Alternative Contact	Fred Hardwell, 07966 895756
Result Reporter	Kev Jacobs, 07976 724202
Ground Address	Ironmould Lane, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4TZ, 0117 9774030
Colours	Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

BroadPlainHouseFC

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Ground Address	Filwood Playing Fields, Creswicke Road, Bristol BS4 1UQ, 0117 9537337
Colours	Black & Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Claret & Blue Shirts, Claret Shorts, Claret Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30pm
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

BurnhamUnitedFC

Secretary	Pauline Smith
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Result Reporter	
Ground Address	Cassis Close, Burnham Road, Burnham TA8 1NN
Colours	Red & white (Res: Red & White Shirts), Black (Res: Red Shorts, Red Socks)
Change Colours	Yellow (Res: Yellow) Shirts, Black (Res: Black) Shorts, Yellow (Res: Yellow) Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

CastleCaryFC

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Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

CheddarFC

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Ground Address	Bowdens Park, Draycott Road, Cheddar BS27 3RL, 01934 743736
Colours	Black & Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts, Black Shorts, White Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 7:45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

ChewMagnaFC

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Result Reporter	Sam Kirk, 07894 249 546
Ground Address	Chew Valley School, Chew Lane, Chew Magna, Bristol, BS40 8QB
Colours	Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts, Yellow Socks
Change Colours	Black and White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6.30pm
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

ChurchillClub70FC

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Colours Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black & White Socks
Change Colours Yellow & Blue Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures Tues 6:30
Charter Standard No
Parent County Somerset

CleeveWestTownFC

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Cleeve BS49 4PP, 01934 832173
Colours Green Shirts, Black Shorts, Green Socks
Change Colours Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures Tues 6:30
Charter Standard Yes
Parent County Somerset

ClevedonUnitedFC

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Result Reporter
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Colours Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours Yellow Shirts, Green Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures Any day 6:30
Charter Standard Yes
Parent County Somerset

CluttonFC

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Ground Address	Warwick Fields, Upper Bristol Road, Clutton BS39 5TA
Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tuesdays 6.30pm
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

CombeStNicholasFC

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Result Reporter	Ivor Hutchings, 07737 827924
Ground Address	Slades Cross, Combe St Nicholas, Nr Chard TA20 3HQ, 01460 234743
Colours	White/Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue/Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

CongresburyFC

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Alternative Contact	Adrian Callow, 07905 226496
Result Reporter	Simon Cross, 07542 910237
Ground Address	Broadstones Park, Stonewell Lane, Congresbury BS49 5DW, 01934 832150
Colours	Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues & Thurs 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Change Colours	Orange Shirts, Orange Shorts, Orange Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

CuttersFridayFC

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Result Reporter	Neil Soper (1st Team), Paul Jones (Res), 07967 160111 (1st team) 07765 407766 (Reserves)
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Colours	Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Change Colours	Blue or White Shirts, Blue or White Shorts, Blue or White Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues/Thurs 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

DundryFC

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Result Reporter	Kenny Phillips, 07796 381322
Ground Address	Dundry Playing Fields, Crabtree Lane, Dundry, Bristol BS41 8LN, 0117 9645536
Colours	Red Shirts, White Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Result Reporter	
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Colours	Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Change Colours	Shirts, Shorts, Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	
Charter Standard	
Parent County	Somerset

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Change Colours	Yellow/Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

FryClubFC

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Result Reporter	Kev Saunders, 0790 434 1281
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Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Old Gold Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Wed 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks
Change Colours	Red or Blue Shirts, Red or Blue Shorts, Red or Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Black/White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Yellow/Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Amber Shirts, Black Shorts, Amber Socks
Change Colours	Green & White Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

LangfordRoversFC

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Colours	Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, White Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Black and White Stripes Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 7.45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	White Shirts, Black Shorts, White & Black Hoops Socks
Change Colours	Navy/Yellow Shirts, Navy/Yellow Shorts, Navy Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues/Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Change Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:45
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red/Yellow Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Sky Blue Shirts, Navy Shorts, Navy Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7.00
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

PurnellSportsFC

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Colours	Orange Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Light Blue Shirts, Dk Blue Shorts, Dk Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	1st Wed 7.30 / Res Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 07:45
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

SaltfordFC

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Colours	Red Shirts, White Shorts, Red & White Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts, Red Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues or Weds 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Claret Shirts, White Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Glos

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Colours	Red & White Stripes Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks
Change Colours	Royal Blue Shirts, Royal Blue Shorts, Royal Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green/Black (Res Green/Black) Shirts, Black (Res Black) Shorts, Black (Res Black) Socks
Change Colours	Navy/Silver (Res Navy/Silver) Shirts, Navy/Silver (Res Navy/Silver) Shorts, Navy (Res Navy) Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues and Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks
Change Colours	Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 7:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Sky Blue & Navy Shirts, Navy Shorts, Navy Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Any night 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green & White Shirts, Green Shorts, Green & White Socks
Change Colours	Blue & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Green Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Yellow Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 7.45
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green/White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Weds 7:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Red/Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

WestlandUnitedFC

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Colours	Maroon Shirts, Maroon Shorts, Maroon Socks
Change Colours	Sky Blue Shirts, Maroon Shorts, Sky Blue Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Change Colours	Yellow Shirts, Navy Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6.30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues/Wed 7:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green/White Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks
Change Colours	Black/White Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Green/Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Green Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30
Charter Standard	No
Parent County	Somerset

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Colours	Claret & Sky Blue Shirts, Claret & Sky Blue Shorts, Claret & Sky Blue Socks
Change Colours	Yellow and Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Yellow Socks
Home Midweek fixtures	Tues 6:30 pm
Charter Standard	Yes
Parent County	Somerset

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LEAGUERULES

1. NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

This Competition shall be designated the **Somerset County Football League** and shall consist of not more than 72 participating teams who may be either First Teams, reserve sides of clubs who participate in a step 1-6 League or a reserve side of a club whose First team participates in the Somerset County League Premier Division or Division 1. All participating clubs shall be deemed to be Full Member Clubs.

No more than one team from a Club can participate in the same division

This Competition **is committed to being** a designated Charter Standard League. Existing Member Clubs have until the end of the **2013-2014** Season to achieve the Charter Standard club award or face expulsion from the League. New Member Clubs **shall have until the end of the season in which they are elected to the League** to achieve the Charter Standard club award. The League has the right to refuse membership to a Club if it fails to demonstrate commitment to achieving the award.

Not more than 25% of clubs in the Premier Division shall be reserve sides of clubs who participate in steps 1-6 of the National League System. In the event that more than 25% of clubs in the Premier Division at that time are Reserve sides then no Reserve side will be promoted from Division 1 and the lowest ranked Reserve side in the Premier Division shall be relegated to Division 1. All clubs seeking entry to the Premier Division, or remaining members of the Premier Division, shall comply with FA Ground Grading requirements for Step 7 or as otherwise required under the Appendix to these rules.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form 'D' to the Somerset County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be Somerset and adjacent counties. All member clubs shall notify to the Competition details of their secretary and chairman and shall submit to the competition an address to which electronic communication can be submitted.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Somerset Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 18 in number.

This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA's Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.

Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

2. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team (s) must be made in writing to the General Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £100.00 per team 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 Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

In the event of the application of Rule 12(B) or when a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be **£200.00** per Team payable 7 days before the date of the Annual General meeting in each year. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of £50.00. **The entrance fee shall include the cost of entry to the League Cup and also the costs incurred by the League in producing handbooks and matchbooks, making fixtures and registration of players. Where a team is ineligible to enter a League Cup the Subscription for that team shall be reduced to £185.00.**

(C) Each new team entering the League shall, within 14 days of election, pay a deposit of £50.00 which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 30 June each year of its parent County Football Association and Affiliation number for the forthcoming season, failing which they shall be fined £25.00. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing by 1st June each year, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

(F) All clubs shall be provided with 3 handbooks and 1 matchbook per team in membership of the Competition. **Additional copies of handbooks and matchbooks may be purchased at £10.00 per book.**

3. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Competition shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and elected thereat. (N.B. Auditors/Verifiers are not Officers).

Officers of the League shall not hold any active position, or position of influence, within any other League.

4. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and 9 Members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Members of the Management Committee who have served for a period of 21 years, whether consecutively or not, shall be eligible to be deemed Life Members and attend Management Committee meetings.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 1st May in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the 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 Secretary.

5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers, as they deem necessary to such committee. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters in the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or an Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Somerset County Football Association 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. (See Rule 6 (e)).

(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 apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

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

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules.

With the exception of Rules 5(i), 6(h), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee.

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

With the exception of Clubs playing at Step 7 of the Football Pyramid and the FA Women's Premier League, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Competition rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the rights of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) 8 Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and 4 Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(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 having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined a maximum of £50. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee shall be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 7th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 25 Members are present and entitled to vote:-

- i. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting
- ii. To consider any business arising there from.
- iii. To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- iv. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee)
- v. Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- vi. Election of Officers and Management Committee
- vii. Appointment of Auditors.
- viii. Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given)
- ix. Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.
- x. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting

(B) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 7 days prior to the meeting, and to the Somerset County Football Association(s).

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Somerset County Football Association(s) within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Member Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the 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 17.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 75% 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 Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £50.00.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

7. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The Chairman and the Secretary of 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 of (Chairman) and
B of (Secretary) of the
..... Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and
Regulations of the Somerset County Football League Competition and do hereby agree to and on
behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and
Regulations including any appendices thereto, which shall be deemed to form part of the rules, and
to conform to the requirements of the Respect campaign 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 16”

Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the County Football Association(s) to which the parent club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are **not** permitted in this Competition.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for

any Player aged 12 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of the Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(B) A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

i. Attained the age of 16 years on the date they are registered.

ii. Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form **and a copy of the Respect Code of Conduct** in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Secretary by midnight on the day prior to playing, either by the Secretary receiving the hard copy (including a copy submitted by electronic mail or facsimile), by that time, or in accordance with section (iii) below of this rule. In the case of copies not registered under section (iii) and there being any dispute as to the date of posting the date of registration shall be the day following the postmark on the envelope.

iii. The player can be registered online within the League's registration system by midnight on the day prior to playing. **If a player is registered in this way then an electronic mail (scanned) copy or facsimile copy of the registration shall be sent to the Registration Secretary so advising and the player shall not be eligible if the registration form is not submitted electronically at that time. No player shall be deemed registered until confirmation of eligibility has been received by the Club Secretary. Appearance of the players name in the list of eligible players for the club on the League Website shall be deemed as notice of eligibility.**

iv. All clubs shall register a minimum of 15 players at least 7 days prior to the date set for the commencement of the season

v. Registrations are valid for one season only

(C) No Club shall include more than three players in its Somerset League team who played in the immediate preceding Southern or Western League match or a League or Cup match of similar status, whether for that club or any other for whom he is registered. No club shall include more than three players in its Somerset County League Reserve team who played in the immediate preceding Somerset County League First team match. Should any club play more than the permitted number each additional player shall be dealt with as an individually ineligible player. Clubs found guilty of falsifying a team sheet shall be fined the minimum of £75.00 and forfeit three points for each offence. In addition the team shall have 1 point deducted from its total for each ineligible player plus further points deducted arising from any other rule violations relating to the match and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(E) **Registration forms can be downloaded from the league website**

(F) 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 date 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.

(G) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player has wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(H) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (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 proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16)

(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 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered with.

(iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (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 Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association.) 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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence for any team playing in this Competition.

(I) Any club proved to have submitted a registration or transfer form which has been fraudulently completed shall be deducted a minimum of 3 points and otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee shall decide. This shall be in addition to any action under any other rule or subsection of this rule.

(J) Subject to FARuleC2(a) dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to shall submit a transfer form to the Secretary accompanied by a fee of **£20.00**. Such transfer shall be referred by the Secretary to the Club for which the player is registered. Should the Club object to the transfer it should state its objectives in writing to the Secretary and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven

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. Transfer forms shall be downloaded from the League website and no transfer shall become operative until such time as the transfer has received the approval of the registration secretary and notification has been received by the club secretary of the approval of the transfer. Any player transferred will be required to also complete a registration form in accordance with section (B) above.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

Where any cheque payment for a transfer is dishonoured by the bank the player shall be deemed to be unregistered and ineligible, from the effective date of the transfer until such time as effective payment, including reimbursement of any bank charges incurred by the league, is met by any alternative means specified by the League Treasurer.

(K) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31st March except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(L) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(M) 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 any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

In the event of a 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 player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void. In order to play in the League again either for his original Club or for another Club it will be necessary for him to be re-registered as required by this Rule.

(N) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12 (A) unless the player has played 5 games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(O) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and shall be fined the sum of £35.00. They may be further dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

ii) In addition the team shall have 1 point deducted from its total and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

iii) The Management Committee in exceptional circumstances may, at its discretion, award any points deducted from a Club under this Rule to the opponents in the match in question, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(The following Clause (P) applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

(P) i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

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

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

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply).

(Q) Any player selected to represent the League in any match, and who declines or is unavailable to play in that match, shall not be eligible to play in any other match in the League or League Cup within 4 days of the match which they declined to play or for which they indicated unavailability.

9. CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the Secretary by 30 June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other players and the referee. All other players of each team including the substitute, shall wear playing outfits of uniform colour and pattern and the shirts must be prominently numbered from **1 to 16 or 1 to 17** excluding the number 13 on the back. Game to commence with numbers 1 to 11. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £20.00. There must be no change of numbers during the match except for a change of goalkeeper or if permitted to do so by the match referee in the case of a blood injury. Each club shall have an additional shirt which shall be used as a replacement shirt in the event of a player's shirt being contaminated by blood. The referee shall be advised before the game as to the number of that shirt or whether it is an un-numbered shirt. The captain of each team is required to wear a distinguishing armband

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 the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 7 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours (shirts, shorts or socks), the away team shall make the change.

Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick off by not having a change shall be fined £25.

The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

No player shall have displayed on his playing outfit any logo or other inscription, other than his club's official sponsor, in compliance with FA regulations relating to advertising on the clothing of players, Club officials and match officials.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Association and from the Management Committee.

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

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.

Clubs shall be available to play every Saturday during the season.

Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the Fixtures Secretary within fourteen days of their issue.

(B) All 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 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 matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. All grounds shall conform to the minimum criteria specified in any appendix to these rules.

Pitches shall have marked in front of the Trainers Boxes a Technical area in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Only persons specified on the teamsheet shall be permitted within the Technical area. No person under the age of 16 shall be permitted in the Technical area, or the dugouts.

All persons shall remain seated, where practical, with the exception of 2 members of the Management team, but they shall remain within the Technical area at all times unless acting in a medical capacity and required to enter the field at the invitation of the referee to treat an injured player.

Substitute players shall remain seated, where practical, except when warming up.

All matches shall have duration of 90 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding £35.00 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

The normal times of kick off for matches on Saturday or Sunday shall be:

August, September, October, March, April and May, 3:00pm

November and February 2:30pm

December and January 2:00pm

Clubs having approved floodlights may kick off at 3:00pm throughout the season provided they notify the opposing club, match officials and League Tables Secretary at least 7 days before the fixture. Clubs wishing to avail themselves of this facility must seek approval from the League Secretary prior to the commencement of the season.

If clubs wish to use floodlights in order to kick off later than the times specified above as the normal kick off times they must have them switched on when required to do so by the referee.

All Bank Holiday matches shall kick off at the same time as that specified for the appropriate Saturday games unless an alternative time is mutually agreed and notified to the League Secretary, League Tables Secretary, Referees Appointments Secretary and Match Officials (if known) at least 14 days prior to the date when the game is due to be played.

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

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Goal nets must be used.

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Secretary.

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).

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars. The match officials must respond.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £25.00.

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they shall be fined £25.00 for each missing player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) 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 inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any 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 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.

No club shall play any game on a ground other than that which is its nominated home ground without the permission of the Management Committee.

No club shall play a designated home fixture on its opponents ground unless written permission is given by the Management Committee.

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. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding £50.00 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a fine.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall 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 7 days of the postponement or abandonment the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Any club in breach of this rule shall be fined £25.00. Any club experiencing difficulty in communicating with their opponents must notify the Fixtures Secretary immediately.

In the event that a club has 2 or more players selected to play for the League Representative side they shall be able to make application for their League or League Cup game on that day to be postponed. Any team having the goalkeeper selected for the League Representative side shall similarly be eligible to make application.

The Management Committee shall review all 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 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 match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association 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 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition, who may be selected from **a maximum of 5 players nominated on the team sheet.**

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) The League shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the League management committee.

The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain's armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and handshakes to the opposing team after the match.

11. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The General 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 and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings, out of 100, required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20.00 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The home club must text the results of ALL matches to the FA Full Time system in response to the automated text received within 30 minutes of the end of the match. In the event that the automated text from the Full Time system is not received the result shall be sent by text to the General Secretary. The Club Secretary is responsible for ensuring the result is submitted and must

notify the General Secretary of the name and the mobile telephone number of the person (if other than the secretary) who will submit the result, and any changes in relation to that number. Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be automatically fined £20.00. In the event of a delayed kick-off, the home Club shall telephone the General Secretary to inform them of the position.

(C) The match results notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20.00.

12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings may be decided in any one or more of the following ways:-

- (i) goal average or goal difference
- (ii) goals scored or deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first 3 and last 3 teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1(b).

- i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.
- ii) The last 2 teams in the lowest division shall retire or if the lowest division is divided into sub-divisions an equal number of teams from each sub-division shall retire so as that a maximum of 2 from the division as a whole shall be eligible to retire. In the event of there being more than 2 subdivisions play off matches shall be played to determine which 2 clubs shall retire, in a manner specified by the Management Committee.
- iii) When a senior team is relegated to a lower division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its place in, the next lower division and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest division its reserve team automatically retires from the competition.
- iv) Should any of the teams eligible for promotion in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.
- v) In the event of any division having sub divisions then the winners **and runners up** of each sub division shall be promoted, if eligible, to the next highest division above. In such a case the bottom 4 teams in the division above shall be relegated.
- vi) Promotion to the Premier Division shall be restricted to clubs whose ground facilities comply with FA National League System Ground Grading Criteria "1" in its entirety

(C) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition..

(D) Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between the Somerset County League and the Toolstation League, Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the Toolstation League at their Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Regulations of the National League System

Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between The Somerset County League and its constituent Junior Leagues 2 Clubs recommended by the Joint Liaison Committee, providing they meet, by the date of the JLC meeting, the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the Somerset County League Competition at their Annual General Meeting, Should the Champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the 2nd place Club will be eligible under the same conditions.

(E) At the end of each season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from a Step 6 League Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either a) to accept a Club from the Step 6 League Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition.

(F) A club shall be able to apply for entry direct to the Step 7 division in the League if they were eligible for promotion to a Step 7 division from their current league and are debarred from being promoted through their current feeder system to its step 7 League by virtue of geographical location.

(G) In the event of clubs being relegated from a Step 6 competition, or entering the Step 7 division as a result of (F) above and resulting in the number of clubs in the Premier Division exceeding the maximum specified elsewhere in these rules additional clubs shall be relegated from the Premier Division so that the maximum number in that Division is not exceeded.

If as a result of the foregoing the maximum number of clubs in any Division is exceeded then similar provisions shall apply.

(H) The bottom 2 Clubs in the Somerset County League Competition will be relegated, subject to rule 12 (B) (ii) above. Each relegated Club will be allocated to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee. 2 Clubs will be promoted to the Somerset County League Competition from the within the feeder Competitions, providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up of its Competition, 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 Somerset County League Competition.

If only 1 Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the Somerset County League Competition will be relegated.

If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the Somerset County League Competition.

In the event of a Somerset County League Competition Club not being placed in the bottom 2 Clubs at the end of the season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the season, or having been excluded under Rule 17 only 1 Club will be relegated at the end of the season.

In the event of a Somerset County League Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule 17 such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.

Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:-

1. retention of otherwise relegated team(s)
2. additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below
3. election

13. REFEREES

(A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the game must be played and the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. In the event of the clubs failing to agree upon a substitute referee the 2 clubs must contact the League Secretary immediately, with details of their nominations for referee, who will decide as to which of the nominations shall officiate. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20.00 being imposed on the defaulting Team. In the case of the Premier and First Divisions this shall be someone other than a person specified on the teamsheet as a substitute.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final. When adverse weather conditions prevail on the day before or on the morning of the match the home Club is empowered to call in any local Level 1 to 6 Referee who shall have the power to postpone the match and must report the reason in writing to the Secretary.

When a match is postponed it shall be the duty of the home Club to notify the visiting Club, the match officials and the League Tables Secretary immediately. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £20.00.

(E) **Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee detailed below and travel expenses at the rate specified by the Somerset County Football Association**

Premier Division Referee £25.00,

All Other Divisions Referee £20.00.

Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referee in the Premier and First Division £14.00,

and where appointed in the Second and Third Divisions £12.00, subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association(s).

Where referees and assistants are able to do so, they should arrange joint travel.

Referees and Assistant Referees who receive fees and expenses in accordance with this rule shall give to the club paying those fees and expenses a receipt indicating the money received.

In matches where no official Assistants are provided both clubs shall provide an Assistant who should not be a person participating in the game in any other capacity and in the case of only 1 Assistant being provided the home club shall provide an Assistant. In any default the offending club shall be fined £20.00.

The home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses, in the dressing room, within 20 minutes of conclusion of the match. Clubs failing to do so shall be fined the sum of £20.00.

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. A Club awarding a mark of 60 or less shall submit with their result sheet a letter explaining, in detail, their reasoning for such a mark. Clubs failing to comply with any part of this Rule shall be fined the sum of £25.00 or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

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 Football Association/County Association.

(I) Both clubs must provide the referee and the opposing club with a correctly numbered team sheet (1-15), on the official form, not later than 30 minutes before the kick off. Teams shall exchange team sheets in the presence of the referee. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £20.00.

(J) The referee shall submit to the League Secretary, within 2 days of the match, the Match Report Card and the team sheets submitted to him by the clubs.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/ County FA or the League

14. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A) After 31 December in the current season a 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 31 March each season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £250.00.

All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 31st March each year, certifying that their ground complies with the requirements for entry.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting for the following season.

(i) Any Club infringing this Rule **after the fixtures have commenced** shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £250.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(ii) Any Club infringing this Rule **and not disbanding before the fixtures have commenced** shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £250.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(iii) Any Club infringing this Rule and disbanding before the fixtures have commenced cannot be fined but will be liable for their financial commitments prior to disbanding.

(C) The membership for the coming season having been decided at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 7 June the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.

(D) In the event of a Member Club which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.

If the debt remains unpaid after eighty-four (84) days the Competition may apply to the Club's parent County Association for the debt to be recovered in accordance with the FA Football Debt Recovery System. Once the matter has been passed to the Club's parent County Association the debt can only be cleared by payment to that County Association.

15. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

(A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to 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 match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee

(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 in duplicate with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the 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) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £25.00. 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(E) 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 they should forward a deposit of £25.00 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

16. BOARD OF APPEAL

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Somerset Football Association, including a fee of £25.00 for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

17. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership 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.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, 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 (2/3rds) 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 official 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 expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

18. TROPHY: - LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS

(A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. The winners and runners up shall receive 14 mementos; additional mementos may be purchased and awarded to Club members who have participated in at least 50 per cent (50%) of League games played.

The Management Committee shall be responsible for the selection of mementos.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

“We, A and B, the Chairman and Secretary of FC, 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 in a clean condition and suitably engraved on or before 31st March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair”.

(B) Any club holding a Trophy or Cup shall return the Trophy or Cup to the General Secretary in a clean and undamaged condition, suitably engraved, by 31st March or shall be fined the sum of £50.00. The club shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the Competition in respect of their failure to comply with this rule.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least 7 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £50.00

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend (and vote) at all Special General Meetings.

All amendment of rules can only be implemented once approved by the sanctioning body.

20. ALTERATION OF RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association, shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting 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 30th April. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

21. FINANCE

(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 £200.00 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 April.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

22 . INSURANCE

All Clubsmusthavepublicliabilityinsurancecoverofatleast10millionpounds (£10,000,000).

Witheffectfromthe2013-14seasonallClubsmustbemembersofaPlayers'personal accident schemewhichmeetstheminimumcriteria setbythesanctioningAssociation.

APPENDIX A **MINIMUMGROUND CRITERIAFORENTRYTO** **SOMERSETCOUNTYLEAGUE**

1. GROUND

1.1. Club should have exclusive use and control of the ground. If not the Freeholders they shall have at least a 3 year lease on the ground. Ground sharing will be permitted subject to an acceptable lease but no club shall be permitted to ground-share in order to attain entry or promotion. A charge for admission may be made.

1.2. Fixtures should commence on the first Saturday of the season.

1.3. Ground should be easily accessible.

1.4. Car parking should be available.

1.5. Toilet facilities should be provided for male and female

1.6. Safe control and capacity for spectators for:

1.6.1. Terrace

1.6.2. Enclosure

1.6.3. Stand

2. FIELD OF PLAY

2.1. No other games should be played in close proximity on match days.

2.2. Playing area must be **fully** enclosed by a rope or other fixed barrier fence, which shall be at a minimum constant height of 0.75 metres from the ground.

2.3. **Dimensions of field of play –**

Maximum length 110 metres, Minimum Length 100 metres

Maximum breadth 73 metres, Minimum breadth 64 metres

2.4. Playing area must be maintained in good condition.

Trainer's huts must be available on match days. **It is required for a Technical Area to be marked out in accordance with the guidance contained in the 'Laws of the Game' booklet.**

2.5. Goal nets should always be used.

3. DRESSING ROOMS

3.1. Adequate, separate dressing room accommodation must be available for each team and match officials. These shall be kept clean and have facilities to ensure that clothing is able to be kept in a clean condition. Adequate clothes hooks shall be provided and a shower curtain shall be provided in match officials changing rooms.

3.2. Dressing rooms should be in close proximity to the playing area on which matches will be played, and close enough, if necessary, to allow the provision of a protected walkway to and from the pitch for players and officials. (This provision shall not apply to grounds deemed acceptable prior to 1st August 2005, where that club has had continual membership since that date). It shall apply in the case of clubs seeking to enter an additional team or to groundshare.

3.3. Separate washing facilities must be provided for each team and match officials. Each team's shower room shall have a minimum of 4 shower heads. **THE SHARING OF WASHING FACILITIES BETWEEN TEAMS AND/OR MATCH OFFICIALS IS NOT PERMITTED.**

4. OTHER FACILITIES

4.1. Tea Room, Bar not obligatory.

4.2. Provision of drinking water.

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Clubs shall provide as a minimum to their opponents and match officials refreshments at half-time.

GROUND GRADING CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO PREMIER DIVISION

1. GROUND

1.1 Security of Tenure

Where a club does not own the freehold of their ground then evidence of adequate security of tenure must be provided.

1.2 Ground Share

Ground sharing would be at the discretion of each league within the National League System, taking into account local circumstances. Where ground sharing is permitted the club must have sole control over and use of facilities on match days.

Ground sharing must not be allowed in order for a club to gain promotion.

1.3 Capacity

There is no stated ground capacity.

1.4 Boundary of Ground

There is no requirement for a ground to be enclosed in any way.

1.5 Clubhouse

A clubhouse facility, whilst being desirable, is not compulsory.

If a clubhouse facility exists either on or adjacent to the ground, this should be open on match days to provide refreshments to spectators.

1.6 Car Parking

There should be adequate car parking facilities on or adjacent to the ground.

1.7 Pitch Perimeter Barrier

As a minimum, there must be post and rope surrounding the pitch on all those sides that may be occupied by spectators.

The barrier, if other than solid wall type of construction may be in-filled. Advertising boards may be acceptable as a means of infill.

Ideally, there should be a minimum of 1.83 metres, ideally 2 metres between the touchline, goal

line and the pitch perimeter barrier.

As from season 2013-2014 there must be permanent fixed barrier surrounding the pitch on all those sides that may be occupied by spectators.

An exception, which must be approved by the Management Committee, may be allowed in the case of any side of the pitch where it adjoins a cricket square in which case a temporary barrier, at a constant height of 0.83 metre may be fixed for the duration of matches. Where practicable the temporary barrier should be of a “hard nature” eg removable posts and poles.

1.8 Pitch Standards

The playing surface will be grass, unless otherwise authorised by the respective League Rules and must be of an acceptable standard. It must be free from surface depressions and excessive undulations.

The maximum slope allowable shall not exceed an even gradient of vertical to horizontal 1:41 in any direction.

1.9 Playing Area

The playing area is to be in accordance with the requirements of the Laws of the Game. Law 1 states that the length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length -Minimum **100 m (110 yds)** Maximum 120 m (130yds)

Width -Minimum **64 m (70 yds)** Maximum 90 m (100 yds)

It should be noted that at Grade H the playing area must be a minimum of 100 metres x 64 metres. Goal posts and goal net supports should be of professional manufacture and conform to the current safety requirements and to the requirements of the Laws of the Game.

Reference should be made to the Goalpost Safety Information booklet published by The Football Association.

1.10 Technical Area

Portable trainers' boxes are permitted and must be securely fixed when in use.

It is **required** for a Technical Area to be marked out in accordance with the guidance contained in the 'Laws of the Game' booklet.

1.11 Secure Walkway

A secure walkway is not a requirement.

1.12 Floodlighting

Floodlighting is not compulsory at this Grade.

However, where it is provided it must be to an average lux reading of 120. No single reading can be less than one quarter of the highest reading so as to ensure an even spread of light.

Reading shall be on a grid of 88 markings (8 across, 11 down) evenly spaced with the outside readings falling on the pitch boundary line. The average of all the readings is taken to be the average illumination level in lux of the floodlighting installation.

The lux values must be tested every two years in accordance with current guidelines by an approved independent contractor.

When new or improved installations are being planned, an average lux. reading of 180 should be provided.

1.13 Public Address System

A public address system is not compulsory.

1.14 Entrances

There is no requirement for fixed entry points.

However, where a turnstile is installed, it must be fully operational and of the controlled revolving type.

1.15 Exits

Where fixed exit points are provided, there must be sufficient to ensure the safe evacuation of the ground if necessary.

All exits must be clearly signposted.

1.16 Emergency Access

Access for emergency services should be provided.

2. SPECTATOR FACILITIES

2.1 Seated Accommodation

Seated accommodation is not a requirement.

2.2 Covered Standing Accommodation

Covered accommodation is not compulsory.

Hard standing is not compulsory.

However, where it is provided it must be a minimum width of 0.9 metres, measured from the spectator side of the pitch perimeter barrier where provided. .

2.3 Toilets

Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities.

2.4 Refreshment Facilities

Refreshment facilities for spectators are not compulsory.

3. DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES

All dressing rooms must be secure and suitable for purpose.

3.1 Players

Separate dressing rooms must be provided for both teams. Existing dressing rooms dimensions will be in order, provided that they are of a minimum of 12 square metres, excluding shower and toilet areas.

However, clubs wishing to progress should be aware of the need to increase to a minimum of 18 square metres. Where clubs are planning to build new changing rooms, these must be planned to be a minimum size of 18 square metres, excluding shower and toilet areas.

Each dressing room should have the following:

- A shower area comprising of at least 4 working showerheads

- Adequate toilet facilities for players

- Hot and cold running water

3.2 Match Officials

Separate dressing rooms must be provided for match officials, the minimum size of which shall be 4 square metres excluding shower and toilet areas.

Each match official's dressing room should have the following:

- At least 1 working showerhead (with hot and cold running water)

- Adequate toilet facilities which do not necessarily need to be situated in the dressing room

Provision should be made for changing accommodation for both male and female match officials.

When new changing rooms are being planned or existing changing rooms refurbished an area of 6 square metres and facilities for mixed gender match officials should be provided

All dressing room areas to be maintained to a high level of cleanliness and secure on match days.

4. MEDICAL

There must be a suitable qualified person (minimum F.A. Save a Life) in attendance.

All clubs must provide first aid equipment at their ground.

SOMERSETCOUNTYLEAGUE
KNOCK-OUTCUPRULES2012-2013

1. The competition shall be called the Somerset County League K.O. Cup Competition. One cup shall be played for by Premier and First Division Clubs and one cup shall be played for by all other clubs.
2. The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Management Committee of the League, whose decision on all matters shall be final and binding
3. The cup shall not become the property of any one club but shall be competed for annually by clubs in membership of the League. One Cup shall be competed for by teams playing in the Premier Division and Division One, and One Cup shall be competed for by teams playing in Division Two.
4. A player registered for his club in the League shall be deemed registered for his club **in this Competition provided that he was registered in accordance with rule 8 of the Somerset County League.** The League Rule 8 shall be read as part of these rules but no player shall play for more than one club in each competition in the same season. Players who played in one Cup are eligible to play for a club in the other Cup, subject to other rules of the competition. Players shall not be eligible to play in the competition whilst suspended by the Football Association or any County Football Association.
5. A club may nominate and use up to FIVE substitute players in a game, of whom a maximum of 3 may play, in accordance with League rule 10(G). A player selected as a substitute who does not participate in the game shall be deemed not to have played in that game.
6. No club shall include more than three players in its Somerset County League K.O. Cup Reserve team who played in the immediate preceding Somerset County League or K.O. Cup First team match
7. Should a League Cup fixture be postponed, or abandoned through no fault of either club, then it must take place during the mid-week following or on the next or nearest Saturday to the original date subject to the "HOME" club's ground availability.
8. Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be ruled out of the competition.
9. (a) The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each way) and should the teams be level after this period, an extra 30 minutes must be played in all matches. If the scores are still equal, a penalty kick competition shall be played.
(b) Each team shall take five penalty kicks. If after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored, the taking of kicks shall continue in the same order, until such time as both have taken an equal number of kicks and one has scored a goal more than the other. The team which scores the greatest number of goals shall be declared the winner of the tie.
10. The Referees and Assistant Referees fees in the Premier and First Division Cup shall be those specified for a Premier Division match and the fees in the other Cup shall be those specified for a Second Division match. **Rule 13 of the Somerset County League rules relating to club assistant referees shall apply in this Competition.**
In all rounds up to and including the Semi Final the match officials fees shall be paid by the home club.
11. The kick off time in all League Cup games unless played using floodlights shall be 30 minutes earlier than that detailed as the kick off time for League games on that particular date.
12. The division of the gate receipts shall be as for Somerset County Cup Rules.
13. Protests must be lodged in accordance with Somerset County League Rule 15.
14. The Somerset League Rules are, wherever possible, to be read in conjunction with these Rules.
15. Any Club failing to play off any round shall be fined £50.00 and shall be eliminated from the Competition.
16. Any business arising, not dealt with by these Rules, shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

Policies and Codes of Conduct

Code of Conduct: Coaches, Managers and Team Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The FA's Respect programme is aimed at tackling unacceptable behaviour across the whole game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and /or The FA

Code of Conduct: Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet 7,000 match officials drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behaviour
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Ask my team captain to talk to the referee if I have a problem relating to the game
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game.

Code of Conduct: Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

When officiating I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and /or The FA.

Somerset County Football League **Equality and Complaints Policy**

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

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

This policy is fully supported by the League Officers and David Braithwaite who holds the post of General Secretary at Somerset County Football League and who is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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

Somerset County Football League will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual (which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination). This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal.

Somerset County Football League will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

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

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

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

League Complaints Procedure

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

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

Somerset County Football League Privacy Policy

The Somerset County Football League (“We”) takes your privacy very seriously. Please read this Policy carefully to see how We will treat the personal information that you provide to us when using our website (the “Site”). We will take reasonable care to keep your personal information secure and to prevent any unauthorised access or unlawful use of it. We process all information in accordance with the applicable UK data protection legislation. We may change this Privacy Policy from time to time and the change will take effect once the revised Privacy Policy is available on our homepage. Please refer to this policy each time you submit your personal information.

Collection of personal information

We may ask you to provide information at certain points on the Site, or on documents, which include, but are not limited to, your name, postal address, date of birth, gender, telephone numbers, email address, National Participant Database (FAN) number and Referee Registration Number. The information that you are asked to provide will vary depending on the reason for the collection. In some instances, the provision of certain information will be mandatory.

How we will use your information

We will use your personal information for such purposes as:

- verifying your identity, where required;
- managing and administering football;
- managing and administering disciplinary actions;
- responding to enquiries;
- sending information to you;

We may aggregate the information you send to us with other data (so that you cannot be identified from that data) and use that aggregated data for administrative purposes and/or share it with other people. In particular we may provide such aggregated data to The Somerset FA or The FA for statistical analysis where such analysis will identify the demand for football in certain areas, trends for participation in the game and allow The Somerset FA or The FA to direct its resources to those areas of the game which are in most need such as facilities and football development.

Sharing information

From time to time We may be asked to collect personal information on behalf of The Somerset FA or The FA and to provide such personal information to The Somerset FA or The FA for internal research purposes, in which case you agree that any personal information we hold about you may be passed on The Somerset FA or The FA subject to the terms of this Privacy Policy.

Links

The Site may contain links to other sites. Please be aware that We are not responsible for the privacy practices of these sites and users to be aware when they leave the Site of the need to read the privacy statements applicable on such sites. This privacy policy applies solely to information collected on this Site.

Your right to access the information

You have the right to access the information that We hold about you. In order to do so please make a written application to the General Secretary. We may require you to provide verification of your identity and to pay an administration fee (which is currently £10) to provide a copy of the information that We hold. Please note that in certain circumstances We may withhold access to your information where we have the right to do so under current data protection legislation.

Updating your information

In the event that there is a change to your personal information for example your contact details, please let us know of this by writing to the General Secretary so that we can keep your information up to date and accurate.

Contact us

If you have any queries about this Privacy Policy, wish to access or update your information please contact the General Secretary.

CHAMPIONS (PAST AND PRESENT)

PREMIER DIVISION

1890-91	Wells City	1934-35	Bath City
1891-92	Wells City	1935-36	Clandown
1892-93	Street	1936-37	Clevedon
1893-94	Wells City	1937-38	Wells City
1894-95	Midsomer Norton	1938-39	Weston-super-Mare
1895-96	Street		Borough Sports
1896-97	Yeovil Casuals	1939-46	No Competition owing to the Second World War
1897-98	Street		
1898-99	Street	1946-47	Somerton Amateurs
1899-1900	Bristol East	1947-48	Ilminster Town
	Yeovil Casuals	1948-49	Shepton Mallet
1900-01	Paulton Rovers	1949-50	Glastonbury
1901-02	Yeovil Casuals	1950-51	Glastonbury
1902-03	Wells City	1951-52	Stonehouse
1903-04	Paulton Rovers	1952-53	Taunton
1904-05	Paulton Rovers	1953-54	Chard Town
1905-06	Welton Rovers	1954-55	Bristol City Nomads
1906-07	Frome Town	1955-56	R.A.F. Locking
1907-08	Welton Rovers	1956-57	Ilminster Town
1908-09	Frome Town	1957-58	Bridgwater Town
1909-10	Street	1958-59	Shepton Mallet Town
1910-11	Frome Town	1959-60	Chard Town
1911-12	Yeovil Casuals	1960-61	Bridgwater Town
1912-13	Yeovil Casuals	1961-62	Bridgwater Town
1913-14	Welton Rovers	1962-63	Ilminster Town
1914-1919	No Competition owing to the Great War	1963-64	Street
		1964-65	Welton Rovers
1919-20	Timsbury Athletic	1965-66	Street
1920-21	Peasedown St John	1966-67	Welton Rovers
1921-22	Clutton Wanderers	1967-68	Chard
1922-23	Bath City	1968-69	Westland Sports
1923-24	Welton Rovers	1969-70	Chard Town
1924-25	Coleford Athletic	1970-71	Paulton Rovers
1925-26	Coleford Athletic	1971-72	Paulton Rovers
1926-27	Clandown	1972-73	Paulton Rovers
1927-28	Radstock Town	1973-74	Paulton Rovers
1928-29	Wells City	1974-75	Shepton Mallet Town
	Radstock Town	1975-76	Shepton Mallet Town
1929-30	Bath City	1976-77	Radstock Town
1930-31	Trowbridge Town	1977-78	Backwell United
1931-32	Bath City	1978-79	Radstock Town
1932-33	Minehead	1979-80	Backwell United
1933-34	Bath City	1980-81	Backwell United

1981-82	Backwell United	1997-98	Portishead
1982-83	Backwell United	1998-99	Clevedon United
1983-84	Robinson's DRG	1999-2000	Shirehampton
1984-85	Robinson's DRG	2000-01	Shepton Mallet
1985-86	Robinson's DRG	2001-02	Brislington
1986-87	Robinson's DRG	2002-03	Nailsea United
1987-88	Robinson's DRG	2003-04	Team Bath
1988-89	Brislington	2004-05	Mangotsfield United
1989-90	BridgwaterTown (1984)	2005-06	Hengrove Athletic
1990-91	BridgwaterTown (1984)	2006-07	Burnham United
1991-92	BridgwaterTown (1984)	2007-08	Nailsea United
1992-93	LongSutton	2008-09	Bridgwater Town (1984)
1993-94	Portishead	2009-10	Bridgwater Town Res
1994-95	Portishead	2010-11	Shirehampton
1995-96	Portishead	2011-12	Nailsea United
1996-97	Street		

CHAMPIONS - DIVISION 1

1972-73	Radstock Town	1993-94	Longwell Green
1973-74	Imperial, Bristol	1994-95	Stockwood Green
1974-75	Dundry Athletic	1995-96	Nailsea United
1975-76	Watchet Town	1996-97	Radstock Town
1976-77	Abbotonians United	1997-98	Timsbury Athletic
1977-78	Tunley Athletic	1998-99	Mangotsfield United
1978-79	Imperial, Bristol	1999-2000	Welton Rovers
1979-80	Bristol Manor Farm	2000-01	Castle Cary
1980-81	East Worle	2001-02	Westlands United
1981-82	Watchet Town	2002-03	Cleeve West Town
1982-83	Burnham United	2003-04	Cheddar
1983-84	Bishop Sutton	2004-05	Oldland Abbotonian
1984-85	Nailsea United	2005-06	Shirehampton
1985-86	Imperial United	2006-07	St George Easton in Gordano
1986-87	Bridgwater Town (1984)		
1987-88	Weston-super-Mare	2007-08	Bishops Lydeard
1988-89	Stockwood Green	2008-09	St George Easton in Gordano
1989-90	ClevedonTown		
1990-91	Frome Town	2009-10	Clevedon United
1991-92	Portishead	2010-11	Berrow
1992-93	Clevedon Town	2011-12	Fry Club Reserves

CHAMPIONS - DIVISION II

1949-50	Chard Town	1986-87	Shepton Mallet
1950-51	Bridgwater Town	1987-88	Stockwood Green
	Stonehouse	1988-89	Ilminster Town
1951-52	Bristol City Nomads	1989-90	Keysham Town
1959-53	Minehead	1990-91	St George, Easton in Gordano
1953-54	R.A.F. Locking		
1954-55	R.A.F. Watchet	1991-92	Bishop Sutton

1955-56	Civil Service	1993-94	Odd Down
1956-57	Wells City	1994-95	Robinsons
1957-58	Mangotsfield United	1995-96	Ilminster Town
1976-77	Twerton Sports	1996-97	Worle
1977-78	Bristol Manor Farm	1997-98	Mangotsfield United
1978-79	Wellington	1998-99	Paulton Rovers
1979-80	Bristol Manor Farm	1999-2000	Nailsea Town
1980-81	Burnham United	2000-01	Keynsham Town
1981-82	Brislington Reserves	2001-02	Weston-super-Mare
1982-83	Bishop Sutton	2002-03	Odd Down
1983-84	Long Sutton	2003-04	Shepton Mallet
1984-85	Imperial United	2004-05	Frome Town
1985-86	Clevedon Town	2005-06	Cutters Friday
1992-93	Saltford		

CHAMPIONS - DIVISION III

1976-77	Westland United Reserves	1991-92	Blackbrook
1977-78	Percy Sports	1992-93	Keynsham Cricketers
1978-79	Burnham United	1993-94	Street
1979-80	Castle Cary	1994-95	Shepton Mallet Reserves
1980-81	Brislington Reserves	1995-96	Worle
1981-82	Bristol General Hospital	1996-97	Clevedon United Res
1982-83	Ilminster Town	1997-98	Wrington Redhill
1983-84	Taunton	1998-99	Dundry Athletic '82
1984-85	Weston-super-Mare 1999-	1999-2000	University of Bath
1985-86	Frome Town	2000-01	Weston-super-Mare
1986-87	Stockwood Green	2001-02	Backwell United 'A'
1987-88	Mendip Hospital	2002-03	Worle
1988-89	Fry's Club	2003-04	Frome Collegians
1989-90	Clutton	2004-05	Bishops Lydeard
1990-91	Bishop Sutton Reserves	2005-06	Blackbrook Res

CHAMPIONS - COMBINATION DIVISION

1970-71	Keinton Mandeville	1973-74	Odd Down Res.
1971-72	Ashtonians United	1974-75	Mangotsfield United Res.
1972-73	Shepton Mallet Town	1975-76	Portishead Res.

DIVISION 2 EAST (formed 2006-07)

2006-07	Peasedown Athletic	2009-10	Frome Collegians
2007-08	Larkhall Athletic Res.	2010-11	Clutton
2008-09	Bishop Sutton	2011-12	Keynsham Town Res.

DIVISION 2 WEST (formed 2006-07)

2006-07	Burnham United Reserves	2009-10	Berrow
2007-08	Langford Rovers 2000	2010-11	Congresbury
2008-09	Clevedon United	2011-12	Wrington Redhill

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1982-83	Backwell United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Backwell United Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1983-84	Peasedown Athletic (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Robinson's DRG Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1984-85	Longwell Green (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Abbotonians Street (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1985-86	Peasedown Athletic (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Clevedon Town (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1986-87	Clevedon Town (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Shepton Mallet (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1987-88	Bridgwater Town '84 (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Odd Down (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1988-89	Long Sutton (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Cheddar (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1989-90	Bridgwater Town '84 (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Fry's Club (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1990-91	Long Sutton (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Portishead Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1991-92	Frome Town (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Bridgwater Town '84 Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1992-93	Shirehampton (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Saltford (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1993-94	Bridgwater Town '84 (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Churchill Club 70 (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1994-95	Portishead (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Westlands United Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1995-96	Nailsea United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Worle (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1996-97	Peasedown Athletic (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Clevedon United Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1997-98	Bridgwater Town '84 (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Burnham United Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1998-99	Worle (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Banwell (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
1999-2000	Cheddar (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) University of Bath (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2000-01	Timsbury Athletic (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Keynsham Town (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2001-02	Bridgwater Town (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Frome Town (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2002-03	Nailsea United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Ilminster Town (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2003-04	Paulton Rovers (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Frome Town (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2004-05	Mangotfield United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Frome Collegians (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)

2005-06	Bridgwater Town (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Bishops Lydeard (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2006-07	Nailsea United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Portishead (2nd Division Club Winners)
2007-08	Nailsea United (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Larkhall Athletic Res. (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2008-09	Shirehampton (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Berrow (2nd Division Club Winners)
2009-10	Bridgwater Town Res. (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Berrow (2nd & 3rd Division Club Winners)
2010-11	Shirehampton (Premier & 1st Division Club Winners) Long Ashton (2nd Division Club Winners)
2011-12	Nailsea United (Premier & First Division Club Winners) Fry Club Reserves (2nd Division Club Winners)

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PREMIER DIVISION

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Nailsea United	34	26	2	6	72	80
2	Cheddar	34	23	4	7	41	73
3	Ashton and Backwell United	34	20	9	5	44	69
4	Watchet Town	34	21	4	9	35	67
5	Langford Rovers 2000	34	20	6	8	31	66
6	Cutters Friday	34	19	7	8	36	64
7	Berrow	34	16	5	13	14	53
8	Shirehampton	34	15	7	12	33	52
9	Nailsea Town	34	15	7	12	7	52
10	Stockwood Green	34	16	2	16	9	50
11	Bishops Lydeard	34	11	10	13	-2	43
12	Minehead	34	11	10	13	-13	43
13	Bridgwater Town Res	34	10	5	19	-37	35
14	Taunton Blackbrook	34	7	9	18	-52	30
15	Clevedon United	34	6	10	18	-27	28
16	St George Easton in Gordano	34	6	5	23	-70	23
17	Odd Down Res	34	6	5	23	-50	22 *
18	Glastonbury Town	34	3	3	28	-71	12

* adjustment made

FIRST DIVISION

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ilminster Town	34	18	7	9	25	61
2	Street Res	34	19	5	10	18	61 *
3	Weston St Johns	34	19	3	12	21	60
4	Larkhall Athletic Res	34	17	6	11	17	57
5	Frome Collegians	34	17	5	12	10	56
6	Fry Club	34	16	7	11	32	55
7	Burnham United	34	16	7	11	16	55
8	Brislington Res	34	16	7	11	6	55
9	Yatton Athletic	34	16	6	12	19	54
10	Clutton	34	15	8	11	11	53
11	Cleeve West Town	34	15	7	12	11	52
12	Shepton Mallet Res	34	13	4	17	-21	43
13	Bishop Sutton Res	34	11	9	14	-5	42
14	Purnells Sports FC	34	10	9	15	-6	39
15	Castle Cary	34	11	5	18	-20	38
16	Saltford	34	9	6	19	-19	29 *
17	Winscombe	34	7	10	17	-35	27 *
18	Congresbury	34	4	3	27	-80	11 *

* adjustment made

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DIVISION TWO EAST

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Keynsham Town Res	28	19	4	5	23	61
2	Westfield FC	28	17	6	5	29	57
3	Peasedown Athletic	28	15	9	4	24	54
4	Dundry Athletic	28	14	7	7	25	49
5	Fry Club Reserves	28	13	5	10	21	44
6	Welton Rovers Res	28	12	7	9	14	43
7	Timsbury Athletic	28	12	6	10	-5	42
8	Tunley Athletic	28	11	7	10	16	40
9	Cutters Friday Res	28	9	9	10	2	36
10	Radstock Town Res	28	9	8	11	7	35
11	Hengrove Athletic Reserves	28	9	7	12	-15	34
12	Imperial FC	28	8	8	12	-12	32
13	Stockwood Green Reserves	28	6	11	11	-14	29
14	Farrington Gurney	28	6	1	21	-42	19
15	Purnells Sports Reserves	28	1	3	24	-73	3 *

* adjustment made

DIVISION TWO WEST

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wrington Redhill	26	15	6	5	39	51
2	Banwell	26	16	3	7	19	51
3	Combe St Nicholas	26	15	4	7	17	49
4	Wells City Reserves	26	15	4	7	17	49
5	Portishead Town Res	26	14	4	8	20	46
6	Churchill Club 70	26	13	9	4	28	45 *
7	Nailsea United Reserves	26	13	4	9	5	43
8	Ashton and Backwell United Reserves	26	10	5	11	-5	35
9	Cheddar Reserves	26	10	4	12	-13	34
10	Worle	26	6	6	14	-19	24
11	Westland United	26	7	3	16	-23	24
12	Burnham United Reserves	26	6	6	14	-28	24
13	Creech North Curry	26	5	6	15	-17	21
14	Long Ashton	26	3	4	19	-40	13

* adjustment made

Constitution of the Joint Liaison Committee

of the
SOMERSET COUNTY LEAGUE
And the following
JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUES
BATH & DISTRICT LEAGUE
MID-SOMERSET LEAGUE
PERRY STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE
TAUNTON & DISTRICT LEAGUE
WESTON SUPER MARE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
YEOVIL & DISTRICT LEAGUE

1. Policy

The Committee is appointed to discuss matters of policy and common interest to the leagues, and where appropriate, to make recommendations.

2. Membership

The Committee shall consist of two representatives from each of the member leagues except the Somerset County League which may have three representatives. Those persons so nominated by their colleagues shall be responsible for appointing substitutes in their absence.

3. Committee Nominations

The Management Committee of each League will, following its Annual General Meeting, appoint two members to serve on the Joint Liaison Committee, such nominations to be notified within 14 days to the Secretary of the Joint Liaison Committee.

4. Committee

(a) The Chairman and Secretary of the Somerset County League will be Chairman and Secretary of the Joint Liaison Committee.

(b) Each League shall be entitled to one vote on all resolutions and in the event of equality of votes being recorded, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(c) A quorum for the conduct of any business shall not be less than two thirds of members Leagues.

(d) In the event of the absence of the Chairman, from the meeting, a temporary Chairman will be appointed, choice by mutual consent.

(e) The Committee shall have the power to set up Sub-committees as it considers necessary. The members of such Sub-committees need not be members of the main committee.

5. Meetings

(a) The Secretary shall give fourteen days notice to nominees notified under the Constitution Rule 3 of the venue, date and time for each meeting, along with a copy of the agenda, specifying the nature of the business to be transacted.

(b) On receipt of a request for an urgent meeting from a member League, the Secretary will make the necessary arrangements for the meeting to be held within twenty-one days.

(c) Meetings will normally be arranged as and when necessary.

6. Finance

All travelling and other expenses incurred by the Committee and the members will be met by the individual Leagues.

7. Grading of Clubs

(a) The Committee shall establish a joint grading system for all member Leagues.

(b) Each League shall be responsible for the grading of its own clubs and clubs seeking membership to a formula and procedure agreed by the Joint Liaison Committee.

(c) Grading standards for clubs making application for consideration as members of the Somerset County League will be confirmed to the respective Leagues by the end of April in each year.

8. Membership

The Management Committee shall be empowered to reject applications for membership of any club or team whose playing pitch, changing accommodation and general amenities fail to conform to the required standard. Clubs in contention, to notify the Somerset County Football League of their provisional intention, in writing, by 7th January, with a copy of their letter being sent to their current League. Clubs having notified their provisional intention shall make formal application, enclosing the appropriate application fee by 1st April after which no application shall be considered. The Somerset County League will carry out a Grading Inspection by 30th April at a Fee of £25.00, which must be sent with the application.

9. Promotion and Relegation

The Joint Liaison Committee, at the end of each season, shall confirm promotion and relegation of clubs between the Leagues, and be responsible for boundary adjustments between the Leagues where appropriate. Two clubs will be relegated from the Somerset County Football League and two clubs from the Feeder Leagues will be promoted, if eligible.

10. The Joint Liaison Committee will meet by the second Monday in May each season.

The Somerset County League will advise the Junior Leagues of the date of its AGM as soon as possible during the season.

The Junior Leagues will not finalise their Constitutions until 7 days after the Somerset County Football League

Clubs in the lowest Division of the Somerset County Football League will be advised to consider which Junior League they would wish to enter should they be relegated, and to make an appropriate approach to that League before the end of the season.

Applications between Leagues should be in writing and a copy sent to each League concerned.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM

1. Definitions

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

“AC” means the Alliance Committee appointed by FA Council to deal with matters appertaining to Steps 1 to 4 of the National League System.

“Association” means The Football Association Limited.

“Club” means a football club for the time being in a league in membership of the NLS.

“League” means any competition sanctioned by the Association and/or an Affiliated Association.

“LC” means the Leagues Committee appointed by FA Council to deal with all matters appertaining to the National League System.

“NLS” means the system of competitions controlled by the Association where promotion and relegation links exist between participating Leagues.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first League fixture in the League is played each year until the date on which the last League fixture in the League is played. For Clubs participating in play-off matches this does include the period when play-off matches are played.

“Play off Position” means the position of a Club in the table at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Rule 13 of the FA Standardised Rules as qualifying the Club to take part in a play off match to qualify for promotion to the next Step of football for the next Playing Season.

“Regulations” means these regulations.

“Step” means the level at which a Club participates in the National League System.

2. The National League System (“NLS”) shall be operated in accordance with these regulations (“the Regulations”).

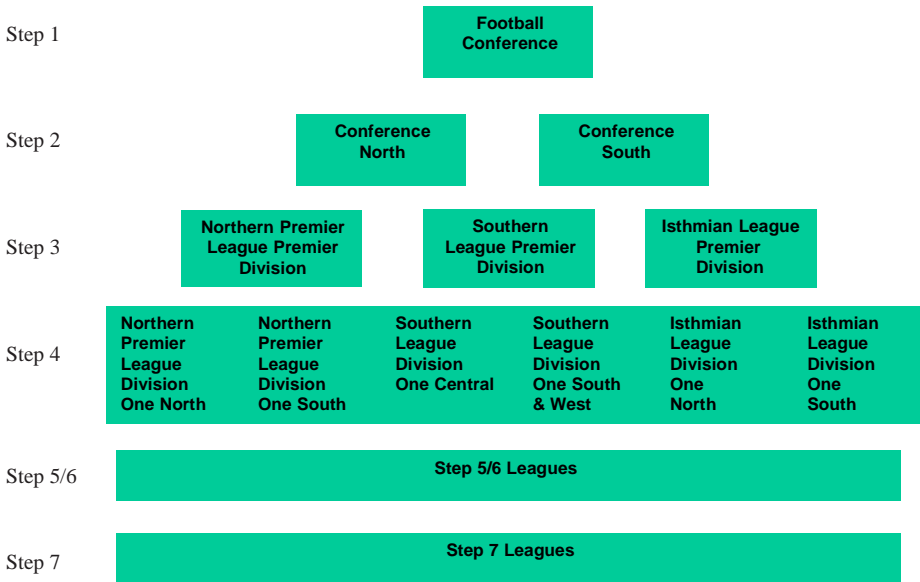
The aims and objectives of the NLS are:

- (a) To provide Clubs with a level of competitive football appropriate to their playing ability, stadium/ground facilities, economic means and geographical location.
- (b) To provide a framework for discussion on matters of policy and common interest to Leagues and Clubs.
- (c) To allow the seasonal movement of Clubs.

To be members, all Leagues, and Clubs shall be bound by the Regulations. All Leagues will be required to sign a certificate confirming their agreement to the acceptance of the Regulations.

3. Position of a League in the National League System

3.1 The current structure of the NLS is set out below:



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

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

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

4. Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation

The LC shall provide for the seasonal promotion, relegation or lateral movement of Clubs between Steps within the system. A League that signifies its acceptance to be bound by the Regulations must be in a position to promote and relegate Clubs at the conclusion of each Playing Season.

5. Detailed Promotion and Relegation Issues

5.1 The criteria for entry to the NLS and the criteria for ground/stadium facilities and the criteria for participation in play off matches shall be determined by the LC. All criteria so determined shall be published by The Association from time to time.

5.2 It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally between Leagues at the same Step to accommodate the movement of Clubs by normal promotion and relegation.

At the conclusion of each Playing Season, the following procedures will apply:

Step1andStep2

The Clubs finishing in the bottom four places at Step 1 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 2 together with a further two Clubs which win a series of play off matches involving those Clubs finishing in a play off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 2. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the criteria for participation in play-off matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the play off matches. The play off matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The winners of each match will play each other and the winner of that match will be promoted. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other play off match and the winner of that Final will be promoted. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for play off matches.

Step2andStep3

The Clubs in the bottom three places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 3 together with a further three Clubs determined by a series of play off matches involving those Clubs finishing in a play off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 3. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the criteria for participation in play off matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the play off matches. The play off matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The winners of each match will play each other and the winner of that match will be promoted. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other play off match and the winner of that Final will be promoted. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for play off matches.

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

Step3andStep4

The Clubs in the bottom two* places in each of the three divisions at Step 3 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Club finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 4 together with a further six Clubs to be determined by a series of play off matches involving those Clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 4. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the criteria for participation in play off matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the play off matches. The play off matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The winners of each match will play each other and the winner of that match will be promoted. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other play off match

and the winner of that Final will be promoted. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for play off matches.

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

*Amendment subject to FA Council approval on 12 July 2012.

Step4andStep5

The Clubs in the bottom place* in each of the six divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate League at Step 5. These Clubs will be replaced by the fourteen* most suitable Clubs from the Leagues at Step 5 as determined by the LC. Each of these Leagues will nominate the Club finishing in 1st position subject to meeting the entry criteria and wishing to be considered for promotion. In the event of the 1st placed Club not being nominated, the Clubs finishing in 2nd or 3rd* position can be nominated subject to the same criteria. In addition, any additional Clubs required will be selected from the following Step 5 leagues based on a points gained per game played basis: Combined Counties League, Eastern Counties League, Essex Senior League, Kent League, Spartan South Midlands League, Sussex County League and Wessex League. No more than two Clubs will be promoted from any one league.* The Clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be placed in a feeder pool and allocated to the most geographically appropriate division.

In the event that there are more Clubs qualifying for promotion than spaces available, priority will be given to the Champion Clubs in Step 5 Leagues. If vacancies remain, Clubs finishing in 2nd place in Step 5 Leagues will be ranked for promotion purposes according to the average number of points gained per games played.

Any Club seeking promotion from Step 5 to Step 4 must make application to the Association on the prescribed form and provide the required supporting documentation, copied to their existing league, by 30 November in the relevant year. The application must be accompanied by the agreed grading fee, as determined by the LC, which is non refundable. Applicant Clubs must achieve an E Grade by 31st March in the Playing Season when promotion is sought. The Association will arrange an inspection as soon as practical thereafter.

*Amendments subject to FA Council approval on 12 July 2012.

Step5toStep6andStep6toStep7

The promotion and relegation of Clubs between Steps 5, 6 and 7 shall be dealt with as follows.

Movement of Clubs between Steps 5, 6 and 7, where a League operates at each Step, shall be included in their constitutional rules and regulations.

Clubs seeking promotion to Step 5 from a League at Step 6 which is not linked to Step 5, must make application using the prescribed form direct to the Association, copied to their existing League, by 31 December in the relevant year. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed grading fee, as determined by the LC, which is non refundable.

Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 from a League at Step 7 which is not linked to Step 6, must make application using the prescribed form direct to the Association, copied to their existing League, by 31 December in the relevant year. In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Step 7 league. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria then the club finishing in 2nd position

will be eligible for promotion. If the club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position will not be considered for promotion and only one club will be considered from each league. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed grading fee, as determined by the LC, which is non refundable.

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

(i) Where a vacancy occurs in a particular division prior to the end of the Playing Season, the Club concerned would be classed as one of the relegated Clubs in a relegation position.

(ii) Where a vacancy occurs following the completion of the Playing Season then the best ranked Club in a relegation position across the particular Step would be reprieved. The ranking to be determined by the average points gained per game played and comparable league position.

(iii) Where a vacancy occurs after the date of a League AGM then a competition would not be able to replace the Club(s) concerned.

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

5.6 Clubs are not allowed to enter into a ground share agreement in order to gain promotion or to be saved from relegation.

5.7 Ground grading requirements will be in accordance with the National Ground Grading document as issued from time to time by the Association.

In order to be considered for promotion, the following requirements will apply.

Step 7 - Clubs competing at Step 7 must comply fully with the minimum requirements in force. To be considered for promotion to Step 6 clubs must meet the requirements of Grade H and attain Grade G by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 6 - Clubs competing at Step 6 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade G. To be considered for promotion to Step 5 clubs must meet the requirements of Grade G and attain Grade F by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 5 - Clubs competing at Step 5 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade F. To be considered for promotion to Step 4, clubs must meet the requirements of Grade E by 31st March in the year in which they seek promotion, and attain Grade D by 31st March in the year following promotion.

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

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

Step 2 - Clubs competing at Step 2 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade B. To be considered for promotion to Step 1 or to be included in the play-off matches, clubs must meet the requirements of Grade B together with any additional requirements by 31st March in the

year in which they seek promotion. Clubs must also attain Grade A by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 1 - Clubs must comply fully with the requirements of Grade A.

6. The Movement of Clubs within the National League System other than by Promotion or Relegation

6.1 Movement of a Club from participation in one League to another is not permitted other than by promotion and relegation save with the approval of the LC.

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

6.3 If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) is wound up, liquidated, ceases to trade or is removed from its League or withdraws from football competition ('the Former Club'), and then wishes to establish a new Club ('the New Club') and be placed within the NLS other than as set out in Regulation 5.3, then unless otherwise determined by the LC, it will be allowed to make an application only to join a League/division at Step 5 of the NLS unless the Former Club was in either Step 4 or Step 5 when the event which caused it to cease its membership occurred in which case it must re-join the NLS at a minimum of two Steps below the level at which it was at the time the event occurred, or withdrew from football competition, whichever is lower. Where the Former Club as a member of The FA Premier League or Football League in the current Playing Season then the LC shall at its absolute discretion determine in which league within the NLS the New Club shall be placed for the following Playing Season and will set out at its complete discretion the requirements to be met by the New Club.

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

The full application accompanied by all necessary documents including evidence of security of tenure having been granted to the New Club must be received by 31st March. The application shall be copied to the League of which membership is being requested. The application will be determined by the LC.

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

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

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

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

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

- 6.5 If two or more Clubs (“the Merging Clubs”) are proposing a transaction or series of transactions that result in the merging or consolidation (“the Proposed Merger”) of those Clubs into one Club (“the Merged Club”) then a formal application to do so must be received by the LC and the league(s) of which the Merging Clubs are members by 31 December.

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

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

- (i) The requirements of Rule 2.9 Transfer of Membership of FA Standardised Membership Rules for the current season must be met by each of the Merging Clubs. If one or more of the Merging Clubs is subject to an insolvency event then Rule 2.9.2 shall be applied to such club(s), otherwise Rule 2.9.1 shall be applied;
- (ii) the proposed playing name of the Merged Club must be acceptable to the LC; and
- (iii) the Merged Club must have security of tenure to a ground that meets the relevant ground grading requirements;
- (iv) Any other criteria that the LC may from time to time deem to be appropriate;
- (v) The Merged Club will ordinarily be placed at the lower of the Steps at which the Merging Clubs ended the Playing Season in which the application is made. For the purposes of this Regulation, if one of the Merging Clubs has finished that Playing Season in a relegation place, then they will be deemed to have ended the Playing Season at the Step to which they would have been relegated without the Proposed Merger proceeding.

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

7. Election of a Club into a League

- 7.1 Usually a club can only enter the NLS at Step 7. However, in exceptional circumstances a League may seek approval from the LC to receive a club not currently in membership of a League within the NLS provided that there is: (a) a vacancy within its constitution (b) the club meets the entry criteria and (c) promotion and relegation issues have been satisfied.
- 7.2 Reserve teams, including a team from a club or Club which is not considered by the LC to be sufficiently separate from another club or Club, are not be permitted to compete above Step 6 in the NLS. There must be a minimum of two Steps between a first and reserve team. This does not apply at Steps 6 & 7. Reserve teams currently at Step 5 can remain unless relegated, once relegated they will not be permitted to be promoted back to Step 5.
- 7.3 Teams from Higher Education or Further Education establishments are not permitted to compete above Step 5. This does not prevent any such establishment forming a Club which complies with all entry criteria and which is separate from the establishment itself.

8. Procedures for the Determination of any Matter, Dispute or Difference by the Leagues Committee

8.1 The LC may adopt such procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference as it considers appropriate and expedient, having regard to the aims and objectives set out at Regulation 1. The LC may require the attendance at a meeting or the written observations of any League or Club, as it considers appropriate to assist its determination.

8.2(a) Any dispute or difference between a League and a Club relating to promotion and relegation issues and/or other eligibility criteria must be referred for determination to the LC; such determination shall be final and binding.

8.2(b) Any other decision of the LC shall be subject to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board. The decision of that Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

All referrals of appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Regulations for Football Association Appeals. Such must be accompanied by a deposit as follows:

Step 1 Clubs - £250

Step 2 Clubs - £200

Step 3 Clubs - £150

Step 4 Clubs - £100

All other applications - £50

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

9. Arbitration

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

**LEAGUES/DIVISIONS AT STEPS 5, 6 & 7 OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM
(season 2012/2013)**

Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
Combined Counties League Premier Div	Combined Counties League Div 1	Anglian Combination Premier Div
Eastern Counties League Premier Div	East Midlands Counties League	Central Midlands League Div North
Essex Senior League	Eastern Counties League Div 1	Central Midlands League Div South
Hellenic League Premier Div	Hellenic League Div 1 East	Cheshire League Div 1
Kent League	Hellenic League Div 1 West	Dorset Premier League
Midland Football Alliance	Kent Invicta League	Essex Olympian League Premier Div
North West Counties League Premier Div	Midland Combination Premier Div	Herts Senior County League Premier Div
Northern Counties East League Premier Div	North West Counties League Div 1	Humber Premier League Premier Div
Northern League Div 1	Northern Counties East Div 1	Leicestershire Senior League Premier Div
Spartan South Midlands League Premier Div	Northern League Div 2	Midland Combination Div 1
Sussex County League Div 1	South West Peninsula League Premier Div	Northern Football Alliance Premier Div
United Counties League Premier Div	Spartan South Midlands League Div 1	Peterborough & District League Premier Div
Wessex League Premier Div	Sussex County League Div 2	Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League Premier Div
Western League Premier Div	United Counties League Div 1	Somerset County League Premier Div
	Wessex League Div 1	Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Div
	West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Div	Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Div
	Western League Div 1	Wearside League
		West Cheshire League Div 1
		West Midlands (Regional) League Div 1
		West Yorkshire League Premier Div
		Wiltshire Football League Premier Div
		Step 7A
		Bedfordshire County League Premier Div
		Cambridgeshire County League Premier Div
		Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier Div
		Gloucestershire County League Premier Div
		Hampshire Premier League Senior Div
		Liverpool County Premier League Premier Div
		Manchester Football League Premier Div
		Middlesex County League Premier Div
		Northamptonshire Combination Premier Div
		Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Div
		Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Div
		Reading Football League Senior Div
		South West Peninsula League Div 1 East
		South West Peninsula League Div 1 West
		Sussex County League Div 3
		West Lancashire League Premier Div
		Step 7B
		Kent County League Premier Div
		Spartan South Midlands League Div 2
		Surrey Elite Intermediate League Intermediate Div
		Teesside League Div 1



**The Football Stadia
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Press Release

Wednesday 6 June 2012

Football Stadia Improvement Fund makes it easier for clubs to access stadium funding

The Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) has announced a change in eligibility criteria, meaning clubs can apply for a higher percentage of financial support over a wider range of projects.

Funded with £6m each year from the Premier League, the FSIF is the country's largest provider of grants towards projects that help improve the comfort and safety of lower league football grounds in both the professional and amateur game. These improvements range from new football stands and turnstiles to floodlighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

The key changes at Non-League level that will impact clubs down to Step 7 include:

- ⑩ The Step 2 ceiling has been increased from £150,000 to £250,000.
- ⑩ Clubs can now apply for financial support of up to 50% of the total project cost for Steps 1 to 5 and 70% for Steps 6 and 7. Previously percentages varied starting at 20%, and the change will be of particular benefit to the higher levels of the Non-League Pyramid.
- ⑩ Hospitality areas have been made eligible throughout the Pyramid covering all types of food and drink outlets, from simple tea-bars to function suites, in order to provide greater revenue generation opportunities.
 - ⑩ Grants are now available for several items such as players' and officials' protected walkways, press seating, team dug-outs, pitch maintenance equipment and ball stop netting, which were all previously ineligible.

Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive of the Premier League, said: "We want to make it easier for lower-league football to access stadium funding. We're always revising the criteria, continuously looking at the funding, examining how much we've got and where the applications for funding are coming from. The Executive were aware that in these straitened times it was becoming more problematic for clubs to generate funds, so they put proposals together which the Board was happy to support.

"These changes are for the long-term good of football. It will be easier for clubs to get hold of funding. What that will hopefully mean is that more facilities will improve and more players will want to play and, just as important, more people will

be able watch and generate valuable resources for their clubs. There is £6m there annually for people to access and we want as many to benefit from it as possible. Grassroots is fundamental to football because the wider the base the better it will be at the top. The English pyramid is the envy of the world and programmes like the FSIF will ensure that this continues to be the case.”

Since it was launched in 2000 the FSIF has awarded around £100m worth of grants towards stadia improvement projects.

[Click here](#) to visit the FSIF page to find out further information.

[Click here](#) to download the FSIF eligibility criteria poster.

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