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Gloucestershire County Football League

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Official Handbook

2019-20

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2000-01 - 2005-06	L.V. James
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1968-69 - 1979-80	N.E. Fox
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1992-93 - 2000-01	L.V. James
2000-01 - 2005-06	A.C.D. Barrett
2006-07 - 2016-17	P.T. McPherson
2017-18 - 2017-18	R. Stewart

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1968-69 - 1988-89	L.V. James
1989	A.E. Stone
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2006-07	R.F. Holpin

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1995-96 - 2002-03	R.W. Jay
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2000-01 - 2013-14	B.M. Latchem
2000-01 - 2006-07	P.T. McPherson
2003-04 - 2003-04	N.S. Hale
2006-07 - 2012-13	J.W.V. Crowther

Asst. Hon Secretary

2009-10 - 2012-13	S.J. Parsons
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Fixture Secretary

2006-07	M.G. Simpson
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Registration - Transfer Secretary & Website Editor

2006-07	N.J. Meaney
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Chairman

1968-69 - 1969-70	F. Dowling
1970-71 - 1977-78	C.M. Evans
1978-79 - June & July	R.G. Phillips
1978-79 - 1999-00	A.C.D. Barrett
2000-01 - 2005-06	P.T. McPherson
2006-07 - 2016-17	R. Stewart
2017-18	P.G. Langley

Development Manager

2003-04 - 2018-19	D.C. Herbert
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Referee Appointments Officer

2010-11 - 2012-13	A.D. Shilston
2013-14	M. Rogers

Vice-Chairman

1968-69 - 1969-70	C.M. Evans
1970-71 - 1971-72	R.G. Phillips
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1978-79 - June & July	A.C.D. Barrett
1978-79 - 1979-80	P.T. McPherson
1980-81 - 1999-00	J.D. Hart
2000-01 - 2005-06	R. Stewart
2006-07 - 2016-17	P.G. Langley
2017-18	C. Barron

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2019-20	Ian Purchase

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2011-12 - 2012-13	D.K. Curtis
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2015-16 - 2016-17	P.J. Prosser
2017-18	R Melinn

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**Must be telephoned to the number detailed above
within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game**

(Midweek Fixtures)

Must be telephoned

IMMEDIATELY after the conclusion of the game

Advice for Club Secretary's

Please study your League Rules. It contributes to an efficient League

Your Club must be represented at all League Meetings — make sure if you are not able to attend, your representative is able to answer any items that may arise affecting your club.

Minute Book

All Clubs are requested to keep an up to date minute book, recording all meetings and day to day business of the Club. The minutes are to be signed by the Chairman of the Club and dated when approved. The League may be calling for Club Accounts and Balance Sheets at random.

Production of Balance Sheet

(i) A duly audited Balance Sheet and where necessary any other accompanying Accounts shall be sent by the leagues, Competitions and clubs affiliated to the Association within 28 days after the Annual General Meeting at which they were approved.

(ii) Clubs classified Challenge Trophy shall send their Balance Sheets and accompanying Accounts to the Chief Executive or nominated member, or in default be fined. All other clubs shall submit their Balance Sheets to the Chief Executive of the Association.

(iii) All Leagues and Competitions shall submit their Balance Sheets to the Chief Executive of the Association.

All League Forms

Make sure you complete all League Forms and send to the appropriate officer of the league within the time specified on the form.

Management Committee Meetings

GFA Headquarters
Oakland's Park,
Gloucester Road,
Almondsbury,
Bristol.
BS32 4AG

Tuesday 30th July 2019

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Tuesday 18th February 2020

May 2020 (Constitution)
Date & Venue to be Arranged

Commencing at 7-30 pm

Competition League Meetings

GFA Headquarters
Oakland's Park,
Gloucester Road,
Almondsbury,
Bristol.
BS32 4AG

Tuesday 30th July 2019

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Commencing at 7-30 pm

Annual General Meetings

GFA Headquarters
Oakland's Park, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury, Bristol. BS32 4AG

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Commencing at 7-30 pm

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COMMITTEE AFTER 9.30 PM
AND ONLY ON EXTREME EMERGENCIES ON A SUNDAY**

Respect



**CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE
SEASON 2019- 2020**

AEK Boco F.C.	Little Stoke F.C.
Broadwell Amateurs F.C.	Patchway Town F.C.
Bromley Heath United	Quedgeley Wanderers
Frampton United F.C.	Rockleaze Rangers F.C.
Gala Wilton F.C.	Ruardean Hill Rangers F.C.
Hanham Athletic F.C.	Sharpness F.C.
Hardwicke F.C.	Wick F.C.
Henbury F.C.	

**G.F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY DATES
SEASON 2019 - 2020**

Round 1.....	16th November 2019
Round 2.....	14th December 2019
Round 3.....	18th January 2020
Round 4.....	15th February 2020
Semi-Finals.....	14th March 2020
Final.....	5th May 2020

AEK BOCO (2003)

Website	www.aekboco.co.uk
Secretary	Ian Trotter Email: ian.trotter4@btinternet.com
Alternative Contact	John Winter
Chairman	John Winter
Programme Editor	Mike Tomms
Ground	LA Clark Pavilion, Greenbank Road, Hanham, Bristol. BS15 3RZ.- Tel: 01179 477331
Directions	From Ring Road A4174 proceed into Hanham along A431 turn right into Greenbank Road. - From Hanham High Street proceed along A431 past the Blue Bowl Public House turn left into Greenbank Road.
Colours	Sky Blue Shirts / Navy Blue Shorts / Sky Blue Socks
Change Colours	Green & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Black Socks

Broadwell Amateurs (1905)

Website	Broadwellafc.co.uk
Secretary	Leslie Lewis Email: les.lewis1955@btinternet.com
Alternative Contact	Gary Hurcombe
Chairman	Gary Powell
Programme Editor	Mark Gabriell
Ground	The Hawthorns, Poolway Road, Broadwell. Coleford, Glos. GL16 7BE Tel: 01594 837097
Directions	<u>From South.</u> From Severn Bridge take A48 marked Chepstow follow signs to Lydney. On entering Lydney take the first turning left after Tesco's signposted Coleford. After passing Orepool Inn on right side continue on to Coleford. At second set of lights turn right onto Gloucester Rd B4028. approx ¼ mile turn right into Bakers Hill B4226. Broadwell Football Club top of hill on right. <u>From North.</u> From Gloucester take the A48 signed Chepstow. After approx 8 miles at Elton corner turn right to the Forest of Dean (Petrol station on right) A4151 head towards Littledean. Top of hill head towards Coleford B4226. Stay on road past Dilke Hospital on right Speech House on left, continue on road past Cannop cross road and up hill. At top of hill will be across roads straight over Broadwell Football club on left.
Colours	Claret & Blue Shirts / Claret Shorts / Claret Socks
Change Colours	Yellow & Blue Shirts / Dark Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Bromley Heath United (1966)

Website

Secretary Philip Britton
Email: philipbritton@sky.com

Alternative Contact Craig Britton

Chairman Jamie Andrews-Britton

Programme Editor Craig Britton

Ground Pomphrey Hill Pavilion, Pomphrey Hill, Mangotsfield , Bristol.
BS16 9NF. Tel: 01179 563340

Directions Travelling south on A4174 Avon ring road, turn left onto B4465.
In 0.3miles turn right onto Shortwood Hill. In 0.2miles continue
onto Main Road. In 0.3miles continue onto Pomphrey Hill. Turn
left into Pomphrey Hill Pavilion car park.

Colours Yellow & Blue Striped Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Change Colours Red Shirts / Red Shorts / Red Socks

Frampton United (1891)

Website <http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/framptonunited/Home>

Secretary Sarah South
Email: framptonutdsec@gmail.com

Alternative Contact Kevin Jackson

Chairman Richard Bull

Programme Editor Kevin Jackson

Ground The Bell Field, Bridge Road, Frampton-on-Severn, Glos. GL2 7HA

Directions From M5 Junction 13, head towards Dursley. At next round-about
take 1st exit left. After ½ mile turn right, just past the garage.
Proceed for approx. 2 miles. The ground is opposite the Bell Inn

Colours Blue & White Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Change Colours Red Shirts / Navy Shorts / Navy Socks

Gala Wilton (1952)

Website	www.pitchero.com/clubs/galawiltonfc
Secretary	Terry Onions Email: onionsterry@gmail.com Email: terence.onions@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Alternative Contact	Paul Bowers
Chairman	Terry Onions
Programme Editor	Ian Merrick
Ground	The Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9EB Tel: 01452 524447
Directions	From Bristol, Leave Junction 11 of M5 and turn towards Gloucester at next roundabout turn towards Ross on Wye and at next roundabout turn left towards city centre. Then take second left, after about 350 yards, into Fairmile Gardens where Gala Wilton's ground can be found
Colours	Yellow & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Yellow Socks
Change Colours	Pale Blue & White Shirts / White Shorts / Pale Blue Socks

Hanham Athletic (1896)

Website	No Website – Facebook Page & Twitter Account @Hanham_Athletic
Secretary	Lauren Sollis Email: laurends@hotmail.co.uk
Alternative Contact	Bob Sperring
Chairman	Bob Sperring
Programme Editor	Lauren Sollis
Ground	Sports Pavilion, 16, Vicarage Road, Hanham, Bristol. BS15 3AH - Tel: 0117 9678291
Directions	From Bristol: A4 Bath Road into Hanham - Memorial Rd 3rd right into Henderson Rd, up to top, bear left, Playing Fields on right. From Ring road - Hanham right at Blue Bowl Whitucks Rd - bottom Memorial Rd Henderson Rd.
Colours	Black & White Stripe Shirts / Black shorts / Black Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts / Yellow Shorts / Yellow Sock

Hardwicke (1933)

Website No Website - Facebook Page & Twitter Account @Hardwicke AFC

Secretary Phillip Barnes
Email: secretary.hafc@outlook.com

Alternative Contact Dareth Daley

Chairman Dareth Daley

Programme Editor Phillip Barnes

Ground Village Hall Flaying Fields Green Lane, Hardwicke, Gloucester.
GL2 4QA. Tel: 01452 540998

Directions **From North** Take M5 to junction 12, take 3rd exit at roundabout cross motorway bridge onto A38.continue to next roundabout take third exit McDonalds roundabout marked Gloucester. Take first exit signpost Quedgeley / Hardwicke at after 200 yards turn left into Green Lane. Playing Fields and changing rooms 200 yards on right. **From South** Take M5 to Junction 12 take first exit at top of slip road and then follow the above instructions.

Colours Blue Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Change Colours Purple Shirts / White Shorts / Purple Socks

Henbury (1962)

Website www.henburyfc.co.uk

Secretary Edward Wright
Email: hfcsec@outlook.com

Alternative Contact Sean Heal

Chairman

Programme Editor Edward Wright

Ground Arnall Drive. Lorain Walk, Henbury, Bristol.
BS10 7AS - Tel: 0117 9590475

Directions Exit J17 M5 South, follow signs for Bristol West & Clifton A4018, continue on dual carriageway until 3rd roundabout, take 3rd exit Crow Lane, turn 2nd left into Ellsworth Road, take 3rd turning on right into Richeson Walk, take first turning on your left into Satchfield Crescent, take next turning on right into Loraine Walk. The car park is at the end of road.

Colours Orange Shirts / Black Shorts / Orange Socks

Change Colours Sky Blue Shirts / Sky Blue Shorts / Sky Blue Socks

Little Stoke (1969)

Website

Secretary Laura Coles

Alternative Contact Tim Hewer

Chairman Mike Harris

Programme Editor Jake Tovey

Ground Little Stoke Park, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol. BS34 6HR
Tel: 01454 865202

Directions **From North:** Leave M5 at junction 16 signposted Patchway / Bradley Stoke proceed down A38 over roundabout and continue until you come to a slip road on the left after half a mile signposted Patchway. Approach the roundabout and take the 1st exit. Continue along little Stoke Lane across 2 mini roundabouts and you will approach the ground and car park on the right. Bristol Clubs should know where the ground is situated.

Colours Black & White Stripe Shirts / Black Shorts / Black & White Socks

Change Colours Blue & White Shirts / Blue Shorts / White Socks

Patchway Town (1958)

Website

Secretary Richard Ashley
Email: richard-ashley@hotmail.co.uk

Alternative Contact Jason Franklin

Chairman Andrew England

Programme Editor Richard Ashley

Ground Scott Park, Coniston Road, Patchway, Bristol. BS34 5JR
Tel: 0117 9493952 (Patchway Sports & Social Club)

Directions **From the North:** exit the A38 signposted Patchway, at mini roundabout take 2nd exit right. Proceed over rail bridge to next roundabout and take right leaving roundabout at 2nd exit marked Coniston Road. Proceed to mini round about straight over then take next exit left into Scott Park. **From the South:** Leave A38 signposted Patchway proceed over round about taking 2nd exit marked Coniston Road. Proceed to mini round about straight over then take next exit left into Scott Park.

Colours Black & White Stripe Shirts / Black Shorts / Red Socks

Change Colours Red Shirts / White Shorts / White Socks

Quedgeley Wanderers (1994)

Website <https://www.pichero.com/clubs/quedgeleywanderers>

Secretary Kelly Mulrain
Email: kkamulrain@btinternet.com

Alternative Contact Keith Sparrow

Chairman David Mulrain

Programme Editor Kelly Mulrain

Ground Waterwells Sports Centre, Stephenson's Drive, Quedgeley, Gloucester. GL2 2AG. Tel:

Directions Exit the M5 at junction 12. If approaching from the South, bare left. If approaching from the north, take the 3rd exit. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto the A38 towards Gloucester. At the next roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Waterwells Drive. At the following roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Waterwells Drive. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Stephenson Drive. Waterwells Sports Centre will be located on the left.

Colours Red & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Black Socks

Change Colours Blue Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Rockleaze Rangers (1976)

Website www.rockleazerangers.org.uk

Secretary Toby Sharpe
Email: toby.sharpe@hotmail.co.uk

Alternative Contact Peter Bradbury

Chairman Andrew Myland

Programme Editor Peter Bradbury

Ground Hillside Gardens, Filton Road, Hambrook, Bristol. BS16 1QG
Tel:

Directions Leave the M4 at Junction 19 onto the M32. At Junction 1 onto the Ring Road (4174) Heading towards Downend & Emerson's Green leave the A4174 (Right Turn) at first set of lights heading towards Frenchay. Take the first right onto Filton Road follow thr road around the bend then right again going under the M32. Hillside Gardens is immediately on your left.

Colours Red Shirts Black Trim / Black Shorts / Red & White Hooped Socks

Change Colours Sky Blue Shirts / White Shorts / Sky Blue Socks

Ruardean Hill Rangers (1919)

Website	Ruardeanhillrangersfc.co.uk
Secretary	Martin Coleman Email: m.coleman78@btinternet.com
Alternative Contact	Wayne Lewis
Chairman	Martin Coleman
Programme Editor	Stuart Cornwell-Boote
Ground	Ruardean Recreation Ground, Ruardean Hill, Drybrook, Glos. GL17 9AR Tel: 01594 544871
Directions	From South: From Severn Bridge take A48 marked Chepstow follow signs to Lydney. Take the first left after Tesco's to Coleford. Continue into Coleford and take a right turn on to Gloucester Road B4028 at the second set of lights. At T junction turn right on to A4136 follow road through Brierly Hill then take the left turning marked Ruardean Hill follow road for 2 miles ground at top of hill on left opposite the Flagpole.
Colours	Blue Shirts / White Shorts / White Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts / Yellow Shorts / Yellow Socks

Sharpness (1901)

Website	www.sharpnessafc.co.uk
Secretary	Tom Paterson Email: shark4eva@hotmail.com
Alternative Contact	Jamie Bateman
Chairman	Sam Paterson
Programme Editor	Nick Grove:
Ground	Hamfields Leisure Centre, Hamfields Lane, Berkeley, Gloucestershire. GL13 9TN.
Directions	South Leave the M5 at Junction 14 and turn left at traffic lights turn right and head towards Berkeley turn left onto Alkington Lane 3.5 miles signed Berkeley. Turn left at end of road then straight across roundabout into Berkeley. Bear left onto Salter Street continue on that road for 1.5 miles take 2nd exit at roundabout and you have arrived at the ground. North Follow A38 to Berkeley Heath Filling Station and turn right signed Berkeley, at roundabout take first exit into Berkeley, at town centre bear left onto Salter Street in 1.5 miles 2nd exit on roundabout you have arrived.
Colours	Red Shirts / White Shorts / Red Socks
Change Colours	Sky Blue Shirts / Sky Blue Shorts / Sky Blue Socks

Wick F.C. (1971)

Website	www.wickfc.org.uk
Secretary	Dave Beer Email: wickfc@hotmail.co.uk
Alternative Contact	Matt Davis
Chairman	John Towler
Programme Editor	Matt Davis
Ground	Oldbury Lane, Wick, Bristol. BS30 5RJ Tel: 07801 129560 (m)
Directions	Heading from the Avon ring road (A4174). At the Warmley junction of the A4174, take the exit London Road/A420, signposted Wick, Bridge Yate, North Common and Warmley. Continue on the A420 through Warmley, through Bridge Yate (continue straight through both mini roundabouts) and continue on into Wick through the traffic lights, past the Carpenters Arms on the left. At the top of the hill, take a small turning on your right, signposted Upton Cheyney / Wick Sports Ground. Follow this narrow road for 500m and Wick FC is on your left.
Colours	Red Shirts / Red Shorts / Red Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts / Yellow Shorts / Yellow Socks



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1. DEFINITIONS

(A) In these Rules:

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA. “AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Club” means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition. “Competition” means the Gloucestershire County Football League.

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

“Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club. “Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

“Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

“Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“Non-Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Participant” shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non-Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

“Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

“Sanctioning Authority” means [The FA] [the Gloucestershire County Football Association Limited].

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.

“Season” means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition. “SGM” means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Team” means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules. “The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“WGS” means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa. SCOR

2. GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION.

(A) The Competition will be known as Gloucestershire County Football League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(B) This Competition shall consist of not more than 16 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

(C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be Clubs having grounds or headquarters within the County of Gloucestershire and in those parts of the City of Bristol which were in the Boundary of Bristol in 1908.

(D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

(E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.

(F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

(G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 16 in number.

(H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

(ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.

(iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation. *SCOR*

(I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

(K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.

(M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one Team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules. *SCOR*

3. CLUB NAME

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

4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or an SGM.

When Rule 22(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team payable on or before the AGM of the Competition in each year.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and deposit (if required) have been paid. *SCOR*

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 31 July of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *SCOR*

5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and four members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 28 February in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 28 February in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *SCOR*

6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

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

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.

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

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

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

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

(i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or

(iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

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

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

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

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

The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Step 7 of the National League System is £500. No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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

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

(F) 50 % of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number. *SCOR*

(H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

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

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.

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

7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

(A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within Five days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard. *SCOR*

(i) All parties must have received Seven days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such

respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

(i) invite submissions by the parties involved;

(ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal;

(iii) permit new evidence; or

(iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

(H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

All such protests, claims, complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The AGM shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 10 members are present and entitled to vote:

(i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.

(ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.

(v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.

(vi) Appointment of auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Step 7 which shall be determined by The FA).

(x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM. SCOR

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.

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

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.

(H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.

(J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules. *SCOR*

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM. The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs. *SCOR*

10. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon Indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A) (name) [] of (address) [] (Chairman)/(Director) and (B) (name) [] of (address) [] (Secretary)/(Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."

The agreement shall be signed by:

(i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or

(ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the Gloucestershire County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary. *SCOR*

11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions. *SCOR*

12. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office; (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clause (A) and/or (B) of this Rule. *SCOR*

13. TROPHY

(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

“We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chairman and Secretary of [] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 31 March. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

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

(B) *At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit..* SCOR

14. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1 March in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15 March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31 March. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if two-thirds (2/3) of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

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

15. 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 £250 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31 March.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

SCOR

16. INSURANCE

(A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

(B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

SCOR

17. DISSOLUTION

(A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.

(B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.

(C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.

(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide. *SCOR*

MATCH RELATED RULES

18. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:

(i) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, which is submitted to the Competition one day prior to the Player playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match;

or

(ii) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a subsequent match day until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition. A maximum of two Players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 18(A)(ii);

or

(iii) registered through WGS.

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

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

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

(B)(i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have at least 11 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

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

(G)(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.

(iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

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

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 1 day after receipt of such transfer.

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

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

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player without a written contract changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 1 8(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played 15 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than 3 Players who has/have taken part in 8 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is Step 5 and Step 6 or above in the National League System.

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

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

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

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

Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or

Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or

Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

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

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

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

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

A Player who has played for a Team in the higher division 8 times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee. *SCOR*

19. CLUB COLOURS

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

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper's jersey) at least 5 days before the Competition Match.

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

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

SCOR

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

SUBSTITUTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Club Guide to Kick-off times:

August - September - October - March - April - May	3.00pm
November - December - January - February	2.00pm
Mid-week Kick-off	6.15pm - 6.30pm

All Clubs with Floodlights may kick-off at 3.00pm on Saturdays and 7.30pm Mid-week fixtures or at a time mutually agreed. *G CFL*

Clubs MUST use available boards to indicate time added at the end of each half as directed by the Referee. G CFL

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

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

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E)(i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

(iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within 3 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for 18 persons, or car allowance at 36 p per mile for transporting 18 persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.

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

(v) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

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

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

(i) All Clubs must hand copies of the Official Forms listing all players taking part in the match including nominated substitutes, with the appropriate shirt numbers, to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presents of the Referee, not later than **30** minutes before the time of the kick-off. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFL*

(ii) Any club altering its team selection or numbering after team sheets have been exchanged will be fined. A player who is named on the team sheet may be replaced if he is injured warming up after exchange of the team sheet. Any subsequent changes must be notified to the referee and to a representative of the opponents before the kick-off. *GCFL*

(iii) Any Club submitting an incorrect team sheet shall be fined and dealt with by the Management Committee. *GCFL*

(G) The half time interval shall be of [10] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) All Clubs and Officials shall conduct the handshake prior to the commencement of the match
SCOR

(J) (i) All Clubs when making a substitution shall use the boards supplied by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFI*

(ii) Substitutes must wear identifiable Bibs as supplied by the Competition for all matches. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFI*

21. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Registration Secretary must receive within 4 days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each Competition Match to the General Secretary within 30 minutes of Saturday and Bank Holiday games concluding. The Result of midweek game shall be telephoned on completion of the game. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(i) Also required the attendance, the time of all goals scored and the name of the scorer from both Clubs. Also required is a full report on the match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFI*

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *SCOR*

22. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).

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

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

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

(B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first 5 Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).

(i) Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:

(a) *retention of otherwise relegated Team(s); or*

(b) *additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or*

(c) *election.*

(iii) The last 2 Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22 (B)(i) above.

(iv) When a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which its reserve Team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division; and should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division its reserve Team automatically retires from the Competition.

Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.

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

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

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

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

The bottom 2 Clubs in the Gloucestershire County Football Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the Premier Division of the Bristol Premier Combination or Premier Division 1 of the Bristol Suburban League or Division 1 of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League] Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.

One Club will be promoted to the Gloucestershire County Football League Competition from the Bristol Premier Combination and the Premier Division 1 of the Bristol Suburban League Competition, and the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Competition providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or Third placed Club and has the necessary grading criteria.

In the event of there being no eligible Club wishing promotion or not having the necessary grading criteria from any of the Competitions, this will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the Gloucestershire County Football League Competition.

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

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

In the event of a Gloucestershire County Football League Competition Club not being placed in the bottom 2] Clubs at the end of the Playing Season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the Playing Season, or having been excluded under Rule 12] only 1] Clubs will be relegated at the end of the Playing Season.

In the event of a Gloucestershire County League Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule 12] such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.

23. MATCH OFFICIALS

(A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.

(C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted. *SCOR*

(i) In the event of adverse ground conditions the Home Club shall contact the appointed Referee to attend the ground and decide as to the fitness of the ground. When the appointed Referee is unable to attend or unavailable, then the Home Club shall call a Gloucestershire County Football League Referee or Referee (Level 4 or 5 or above), not being a member of that club, to make a decision. If the match is Postponed then the Referee shall report in writing his reasons the home club shall forward that form to the Registration Secretary within 4 days. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFL*

(ii) Where a match is postponed it shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify the Competition General Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary, Match Officials and the Visiting Club of the postponement. Match Officials shall only be entitled to travelling expenses actually incurred, prior to receiving the notification. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFL*

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

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to full fee plus expenses/half fee plus expenses/expenses only. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the Match Officials Appointment Officer, Registration Secretary and Chairman within two days of the Competition Match.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition. *SCOR*

(M) All Match Officials must report to the ground 60 Minutes before the official time of kick-off. *GCFL*

MATCH OFFICIALS FIXED FEE - £110	
REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE
£50	£30

24. SPONSORSHIP

(A) The Management Committee have full authority at their discretion to negotiate an agreement on behalf of the Competition Clubs shall comply with the provisions of any Sponsorship or promotional agreement made by the Management Committee by including full or half page advertisements of any League Sponsor in their match programme and display any advertising board provided by the sponsor on their ground. *G CFL*

(B) Any sponsorship deals that include Match Footballs, all Clubs shall use the balls provided; - at all League and League Cup matches throughout the current season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *G CFL*

25. HOSPITALITY

(A) The home Club must offer Visiting Players and Match Officials a hot or cold drink at half-time. The home Club must also supply hot and cold drinks to spectators during the match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *G CFL*

(B) Home Clubs are expected to provide after match hospitality to visiting Clubs and Match Officials. If a club fails to accept the hospitality from another club having not informed that club prior to the match, they will be liable for £20 costs. *G CFL*

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDING ORDERS

(Rules of debate at all meetings of the Gloucestershire County Football League)

1. All speakers shall address the chairman and not any other person present and must speak on a subject relevant to the issue being discussed. The chairman shall decide the question of relevance.
2. A motion or amendment, once seconded, shall not be altered or withdrawn without the consent of those present. If an amendment is carried it becomes the substantive motion and the mover of such amendment shall have the right to reply in the event of a further proposed amendment.
3. No person shall be permitted to move or second more than one amendment to any motion.
4. At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting only people who are standing on their feet will be permitted to address the meeting.
5. Officers of the Management Committee may not represent any club, or vote against any motions submitted by the Management Committee at an AGM or SGM of the League, but may abstain from voting.

APPENDIX

OFFICERS

- (A)** The Officers of the Competition shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and elected thereat. (*N.B.* Auditors/Verifiers are not Officers).
- (B)** The Officers of the Gloucestershire County Football League (hereafter referred to as “the Competition”) shall be:- Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary, Registration Secretary, Development Manager. Officer of the league to be representative on GFA Council. These positions shall be subject to election by ballot at Annual General Meeting.
- (C)** The Officers shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings and be entitled to vote. A person who has served as a County League Officer for at least 21 years (either continuous or in aggregate) shall become a Life Member of the County League and shall receive a memento to mark the occasion.

FEES TARIFF

RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
4 (A)	Club Entry Fee	£40
4 (B)	Annual Subscription	£125
4 (C)	Membership Deposit Subs Boards Deposit Subs Bibs Deposit	£100 £100 £30
7 (E) 7 (E) 7 (G)	Protest Appeal Fees Board Football Association	£25 £50
18 (D)	Player Registration	£2
18 (H)	Transfer Fee	£20
23 (E)	Referees Fixed Fee	£50
23 (E)	Assistant Referee Fee	£30
Ground Grading Appendix Rule 3	Ground Inspection Fee	£60 for first inspection £40 any further inspections
Ground Grading Appendix Rule 5	Failure to carry out inspection procedure before season starts	£50

LES JAMES LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

3.1	League Cup Entrance Fee	£30
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National League System

8.2	Appeal to the FA	£50
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<u>FINES TARIFF</u>		
<i>RULE</i>	<i>SUBJECT MATTER</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
2 (G)	Failure to Affiliate	£10
2 (I)	Failure to comply with FA Initiatives	£20
2 (K)	Unauthorised entry of teams into Competitions	£20
3	Failure to obtain consent for a change of Club Name	£25
4 (C)	Failure to pay Deposit & Subscription	£25
4 (E)	Failure to provide affiliation Number	£10
5 (E)	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated Officer	£10
6 (H)	Failure to comply with an instruction from the Management Committee	£30
6 (I)	Failure to pay fines within 14 days	Up to £50
6 (M)	Failure to attend League Meetings	£30 first offence £50 second offence £70 subsequent offence
8 (H)	Failure to be represented at A.G.M.	£50
9	Failure to be represented at S.G.M.	£50
10	Failure to submit the required written agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£20
11 (A)	Failure to notify of withdraw before deadline	£50
11 (B)	Failure to commence / complete fixtures	£100
13 (A)	Failure to Submit the required written agreement regarding the Trophy	£20
16 (A)	Failure to have the Required Insurance	£20
16 (B)	Failure to have the Required Insurance	£20
18 (A)	Failure to correctly Register a Player	£20
18 (B) (ii)	Failure to register 11 players 7 days before season starts.	£20
18 (F)	Registering or playing for multiple Clubs or inaccurate completion of Registration Form	£20
18 (G) (ii)	Registration Irregularities	£25

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
18 (M)	Fielding more than the permitted players who have participated in Senior Competition matches	£50
18 (N)	Playing an ineligible player	£50
18 (O)	Failure to give priority to School Activities	No Fine at Present
19	Delay Kick-off due to no change of colours	£20
19	Failure to Number Shirts or incorrect numbers	£20
20 (A)	Failure to provide 2 Fit Match Balls & Equipment	£15
20 (B)	Failure to Play matches on date fixed	£100
20 (C)	Failure to contact Oppositions or Match Officials 5 clear days before match	£20
20 (D)	Playing match with less than the required number of players	£10 Each player
20 (F) (i)	Failure to hand the Referee official team Sheet 30 minutes before kick-off	£15
20 (F) (ii)	Failure to notify Referee and opposition of changes to team sheet	£25
20 (F) (iii)	Submitting an incorrect team sheet	£25
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	Failure to play Fixture	£100
20 (H)	No Captains Armband	£10
20 (J) (i)	Failure to use Substitute Boards when making Substitutions	£20
20 (J) (ii)	Substitutes Failure to wear identifiable Bibs	£25
21 (A)	Late Result or incomplete or incorrect Match Result Form	£25
21 (B)	Failure to Provide Result	£20
21 (B) (i)	Failure to leave any of the items listed under this rule	£20
21 (C)	Result notification not signed by appropriate signatories	No Fine
23 (C)	Failure to Provide Club Assistant Referee	£20
23 (D) (i)	Failure to follow procedure to Postpone Fixtures	£30

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
23 (D) (ii)	Failure to contact league officers in the event of a postponement	£25
23 (E)	Failure to Pay match Officials Fees in Dressing Room	£15
23 (F)	Failure to pay Match Official where a match is not played	£15
23 (H)	Failure to provide Referees Mark	£30
24 (A)	Failure to supply refreshments for players - Match Officials and Spectators during the game	£20
24 (B)	Clubs failing to stay for after match Hospitality.	£20
25 (B)	Failure to play with Official Match Balls	£20
Additional Requirements		
5.1	Failure to produce a Match-day Programme	£40
5.1.1	Failure to place Match-day Programmes with Visitors and Match Officials	£20
5.1.2	Failure to send Match-day Programme To Secretary within 3 days	£20
5.2	Failure to provide information for Match- day programme	£20
5.3	Failure to send Away Report Form to General Secretary within 4 days	£20
LES JAMES LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION		
3.1	Failing to enter Competition	£10
4.5	Play an Ineligible Player(s)	£50
13.	Clubs Failing to Play Fixture	£50
14.1	Failure to reimburse Home Club	£20

The FA Charter Standard Leagues Programme League Equality Policy and Complaints Procedure

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

The Gloucestershire County Football League is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the league at every level. Football belongs and should be enjoyed by everyone, equally. Our Commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religious beliefs or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

This policy is fully supported by the League Officers at The Gloucestershire County Football League and who is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Equality at The Gloucestershire County Football League means in all our activities we will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religious beliefs or disability. It means 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 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.

The Gloucestershire 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 sanctions applicable is regarded as discrimination). This includes sexually or racial based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal.

The Gloucestershire County Football League will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with the 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 The Gloucestershire 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.

The Gloucestershire County Football League is committed to a policy of equal treatment to all members and require all members to abide and adhere to these policies and the requirement 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.

The Gloucestershire County Football League commits itself to 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 leagues policies, Rules Code or Conduct has been broken they should report the matter to the League Secretary or another member of the committee.

If that complaint is with regard to the League's Management Committee the member has the right to report the discrimination direct to the County Football Association or to the Football Association.

FA SAFEGUARDING

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.

2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.

3. Upon receipt by The Association of:

3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or

3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence

3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:

4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;

4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;

4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.

5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.

6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.

9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
LES JAMES LEAGUE CUP RULES**

TITLE

1. The Competition shall be called 'Les James League Cup Competition'.
The perpetual trophy shall be competed for annually on a knock-out basis by Clubs who are members of the Gloucestershire County Football League.

CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

2. Shall be vested in the Management Committee of the Gloucestershire County Football League.

ENTRANCE FEES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3. All Clubs must enter the Competition by the 31st July of each year or be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

3.1 An entrance fee per team shall be to be paid at the time of entry, (*See Fees Tariff*).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

4. Contract and Non-Contract players as defined in the Gloucestershire County Football League Competition shall be eligible.

4.1 Players at the time of representing a Club must be registered with the league at least 7 days prior to the date fixed for playing the match and may not in the same season play for more than one competing team

4.2 To be eligible to play in the semi-final or final tie, a player must be registered with his Club at least 28 days prior to the *original* date fixed for playing the semi-final tie, except in special circumstances and sanction is obtained from the Management Committee in writing.

4.3 For the Final tie Clubs will submit to the Competition Secretary a list of players not exceeding 17 at least 7 days before the date of the match.

4.4 A player must not have played more than 10 games in a more senior Competition (Step 6 or above) in the National League System during the current season. No player will be allowed to play in a semi-final or final match unless he has played in 3 or more League or League Cup games for his club, in the Gloucestershire County Football League prior to the *original* date fixed for the semi-final.

4.5 Any Club proved guilty of playing an ineligible player or players shall be fined for each ineligible player or players and the competing Club shall be disqualified from the Competition. (*See Fines Tariff*).

DURATION OF MATCHES

5. The duration of matches shall be 90 minutes [45 minutes each way]. If at the end of 90 minutes the scores are level the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by FIFA. Should the game be abandoned during the penalty kick competition, the result at the end of 90 minutes shall stand and a replay ordered accordingly.

PROVISIONS OF TIES PRIOR TO THE FINAL TIE

6. The Club drawn first shall be deemed the Home Team. In the event that the home Clubs facilities are unavailable then the game will be played on their opponents ground or on a ground decided by the Management Committee

6.1 All matches must be played on the date set by the Fixture Secretary.

PROVISION OF THE FINAL TIE

7. The League Management Committee shall take full charge of the arrangements for the Final Tie, which may include playing the match under floodlights. The fees and expenses paid to match officials will be the responsibility of the league.

KICK-OFF TIMES / TEAM SHEETS

8. Kick-off times shall be agreed by the Management Committee.
- 8.1 Late kick-offs as per League Rule 20 (A)
- 8.2 Team sheets as per League Rule 20 (F) (i)

SUBSTITUTES

9. As per League Rule 20 (F)

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

10. As per League Rule 23 (A)

RESULTS

11. To the Registration Secretary as per League Rule 21 (A)

DATES FOR THE SEASON

12. At the discretion of the Management Committee.

CLUBS FAILING TO PLAY

13. A team failing to play on the appointed day shall be fined and may be disqualified from the Competition. (*See Fines Tariff*).

MATCH EXPENSES

14.1 In all pre Final Ties both clubs will share Referee and Assistant Referee fees and expenses. It will be the responsibility of the HOME club to make the payment and to obtain reimbursement from their opponents. All reimbursements must be made within 7 days or the offending club will be fined. (*See Fines Tariff*).

14.2 In all ties Clubs shall meet their own travelling expenses.

14.3 In all ties prior to the Final Tie the Home Club shall retain the proceeds of any gate.

14.4 The League shall retain all net receipts of all matches played under the direct control of the Management Committee of the Gloucestershire County Football League.

MEMENTOES

15. The Competition will meet the cost of the mementoes and will be awarded as follows.

15.1 A total of 16 mementoes will be given to each competing team.

15.2 Mementoes instead of match fees will be presented to the Match Officials in the Final Tie.

OTHER RULES

16. The Rules of the Gloucestershire County Football League shall apply to all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

REGULATIONS OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE MINIMUM GROUND GRADING CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO THE LEAGUE

Step 7 – Membership Requirements

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 to this league.

1.3 Shared Facilities

New Clubs applying to the join the league and share their ground with a Cricket Club **must** be able to negotiate a written agreement between the Football Club and the Cricket Club. This must be signed by both parties stating that the Football Club will be able to fulfil HOME evening fixtures during the months of August September and May.

Capacity

There is no stated ground capacity at this level.

1.4 Boundary of Ground

There is no requirement for a ground to be enclosed in any way at this level

1.5 Club House

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

Where there is a clubhouse facility, a telephone must be provided.

1.6 Car Parking

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

1.7 Pitch Perimeter Barrier

There must be a permanent fixed barrier of sound construction on all four sides, height of the barrier to be 1.1 metres.

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

There must be a minimum of 1.83 metres, ideally 2 metres between the touchline, goal line and the pitch perimeter barrier.

1.8 Pitch Standards

The playing surface will be grass, unless otherwise authorised by the respective league Management Committee, and must be of a high standard. It must be level and 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.

The playing surface must be maintained to the highest possible standards.

1.9 Playing Area

The playing area is to be in accordance with the requirements of the Laws of the Game. The playing area must measure between **100—110 metres (110—120 yards)** by **64—75 metres (70—80 yards)**. The size of the pitch must be checked prior to the commencement of the season.

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 published by The Football Association and in particular, it should be noted that the use of metal cup hooks is prohibited.

Distance

Clubs applying to join the League: - The distance of the playing area must not exceed 65 meters' from the Changing Rooms

1.10 Technical Area

Covered Trainer's Boxes must be provided for both teams on match days to accommodate at least **6 persons**. They must be clearly marked '**HOME**' and '**AWAY**' set at least **3 metres** apart and should be situated equidistant from the half-way line.

There is a requirement for a Technical Area to be marked out as defined within the laws of the game. The Technical Area extends 1 metre on either side of the designated seated area and extends forward up to a distance of 1 metre from the touch line.

1.11 Secure Walkway

A secure walkway is not a requirement.— but if a Club has a safe walkway installed it must be used and stewarded on match-days.

1.12 Adjoining Pitches

Where deemed that they are likely to interfere with the playing of a match, ball games will not be played on adjoining pitches whilst league or cup matches are in progress. An adjoining pitch is deemed to be where there is no natural barrier between pitches. There has to be a distance of 64 metres from either the touch-line or goal-line of the playing area.

1.13 Floodlighting

Floodlighting is not compulsory at this level

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.

1.14 Public Address System

A public address system, whilst being desirable, is not compulsory at this level.

1.15 Entrances

There is no requirement for fixed entry points at this level.

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

1.17 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 sign posted.

1.18 Emergency Access

Access for emergency services must 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.

Where constructed of timber/steel/brick/concrete or any combination of these materials should be provided for a minimum of 50 spectators.

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.

2.3 Toilets

The following minimum toilet facilities must be provided:

- 2 Ladies WC's
- 1 Gents WC
- 2 Urinals or equivalent

In addition, there must be at least one hand basin in each Ladies and Gents toilet area, and warm air hand driers and/or paper towels together with a supply of toilet paper must be provided.

All toilet areas to be maintained to a high level of cleanliness.

2.4 Refreshment Facilities

Refreshment facilities for spectators shall be made available on match days and may be of a temporary or mobile type.

2.5 Disabled Facilities

A club must take full account of the needs of disabled spectators and be mindful of its obligations under the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Reference may be made to the publications / data sheets issued by both The Football Association and the Football Foundation.

No specific requirement is currently included in the Ground Grading Criteria but The Football Association strongly recommends that access is provided to both a covered viewing area and toilet and refreshment facilities.

3. DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES

All dressing rooms must be secure, heated, well ventilated and free from damp

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. 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 must have the following:

At least 1 shower area comprising of at least 4 showerheads

At least 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin.

Hot and cold running water

Shared showers are not acceptable

Ideally, there shall be a treatment table in each dressing room unless there is a separate medical room.

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 officials dressing room must have the following:

At least 1 shower (*with hot & cold running water*)

At least 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin

Adequate toilet facilities which do not necessarily need to be situated in the dressing room, but must not be accessible to the general public

Provision should be made for separate 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

There must be an audible warning device located in the match official's dressing room, which is linked to the player's dressing rooms.

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 to assist with spectator problems unless the St John Ambulance Brigade, Red Cross Society or a comparable voluntary agency are in attendance. The person may be a club physiotherapist

All clubs must provide first aid equipment at their ground including a stretcher, the location of which shall be clearly marked by notices placed in each team dressing rooms and the match official's room.

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The home club is responsible for publishing a full match programme acceptable to the Management Committee for each of its competition matches played. Exemptions will be allowed for re-arranged evening fixtures during April & May. An A4 printed double-sided sheet will not be considered sufficient to comply with this rule. Failure to comply will result in a fine. *(See Fines Tariff)*.

5.1.1 The home club must place a minimum of **3** programmes both with the match officials and the visiting team. *(See Fines Tariff)*.

5.1.2 After each home game a MATCHDAY PROGRAMME must be sent to the General Secretary within **3** days of the game. *(See Fines Tariff)*.

5.2 The visiting club must send in writing to the home club details of the proposed team they plan to field together with their club history and up to date pen pictures of their current players registered with the Competition at least 5 days before the scheduled date of the match between the two clubs. Failure to do so will result in a fine. *(See Fines Tariff)*.

5.3 Clubs will be responsible for all comments in their match day programme in respect of the Competition, or other member clubs, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. No part of a clubs programme issued for a match in any competition shall, in the opinion of the Management Committee bring the Competition into disrepute.

5.4 A telephone must be easily available for emergency use.

5.5 Access to the ground in an emergency must be provided.

5.6 Adequate Public Liability Insurance must be provided.

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GROUND GRADING CRITERIA

APPENDIX

1 Clubs applying to gain entry into the Gloucestershire County Football League must do so by 31st December in any year.

The ground and facilities of prospective new Member Clubs must conform to all requirements specified in the Competition Regulations. Any Club failing to meet these requirements by the *31st March* will not be considered for membership in the coming season.

2 Clubs who have been advised in writing of the work required to meet the conditions and who fail to complete such work within the time specified by the Management Committee, will not be considered for membership of the Competition for the coming season.

3 A fee will be charged to any new prospective member clubs for inspection of the ground and facilities of that club (*See Fees Tariff*).

4 All Clubs must meet the minimum standards of ground facilities as specified in the regulations of the Competition, unless written dispensation is given to the contrary. Any Club unable to comply with any parts of these regulations must give the reasons in writing to the Competition Secretary.

5 All Member Clubs shall at least 7 days prior to their first home match each season, send to the Competition Secretary a declaration in writing that their facilities are unchanged. Any Club whose ground, including facilities fails to comply with the regulations, will be barred from playing on that ground until all defects have been rectified and shall pay a fee along with the committee members travelling expenses for each inspection (*See Fees Tariff*).

ADJOINING PITCHES

Where deemed that they are likely to interfere with the playing of a match, ball games will not be played on adjoining pitches whilst league or cup matches are in progress. An adjoining pitch is deemed to be where there is no natural barrier between pitches. There has to be a distance of 64 metres from either the touch-line or goal-line of the playing area.

"Where it is reported that other sports events were taking place within the limits as laid down in Competition Rules, at the same time as a Competition Fixture, the Home Club will be liable to a Fine £100.

DISPUTES RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any dispute or difference between a Club and Competition as to the application by the Competition of its eligibility criteria, shall be referred to the Appeal Board of the Football Association in accordance with the National League System. Such determination shall be final and binding. Any referral must be lodged at the Football Association within 7 days of posting of the relevant decision of the Competition and must be accompanied by a fee. (*See Fees Tariff*)

The following documents must be submitted with the application for entry into the League

- 1) Copy of the Club Constitution.
- 2) Copy of latest Accounts & Balance Sheet for the Club, as submitted to most recent Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Copy of at least one statement of Club Bank Account as officially issued by your Bank.

4) Evidence that your Club has written permission to play at your ground.

5) A cheque for £60 - Inspection Fee made payable to Gloucestershire County Football League must accompany all applications failure to send fee will render application invalid. Further Inspections will incur a £40 fee



So for the enjoyment of everyone, PLEASE,
DO NOT use INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
On the pitch, or the side-lines,
Including the Technical Area,
OR YOU COULD BE SEEING RED

NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS

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:-

“The Association” means The Football Association Limited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Regulations” means these regulations.

“Rules” means The Association’s Standardised Rules or The Association’s Standard Code of Rules under which a League is administered.

“Step” means the level at which a Club participates in the NLS. “Unconditional Licence” means a Licence without any conditions attached.

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

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

The aims and objectives of the NLS are to provide:

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

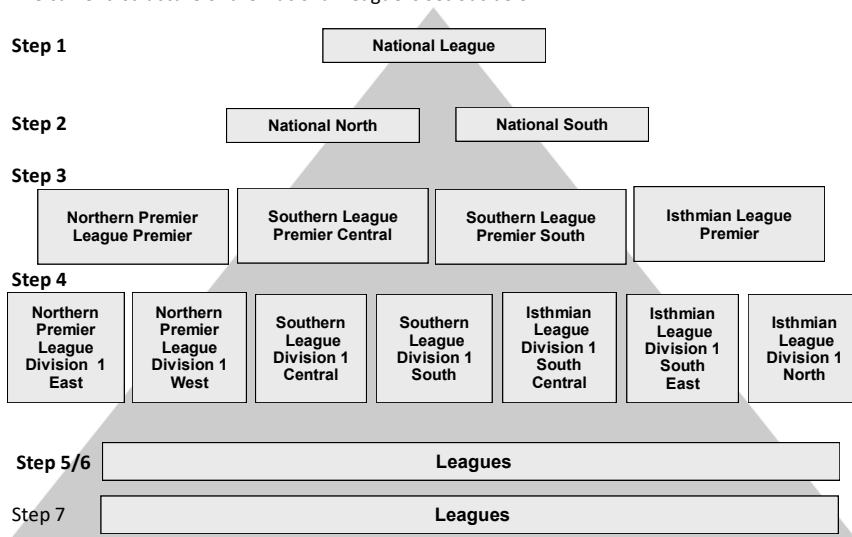
2.2 A framework for discussion on matters of policy and common interest to Leagues and Clubs. The seasonal movement of Clubs.

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

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

3. NLS League Structure

The current structure of the National League is set out below



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

For the 2019/20 season, each Step shall have the following maximum number of Clubs: Step 1 – 24, Step 2 – 44, Step 3 – 88, Step 4 – 140, Step 5 – 280, Step 6 – 400. Clubs will be placed in the most geographically appropriate division. At Step 7 the maximum number of Clubs in each division shall be determined by the Committee taking into account all relevant factors.

From the 2020/21 season onwards, each Step shall have the following maximum number of Clubs: Step 1 – 24, Step 2 – 48, Step 3 – 88, Step 4 – 160, Step 5 – 320, Step 6 – 340.

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

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

4. Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation

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

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 Committee. All criteria so determined shall be published by The Association from time to time.

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

Step 1 and Step 2

These regulations do not deal with promotion from Step 1.

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

Step 2 and Step 3

The Clubs in the bottom two places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the four divisions at Step 3 together with a further four Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for participation at the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to

take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 3, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will play in the further Play Off Match described above. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for Play Off Matches.

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

Step 3 and Step 4

The Clubs finishing in the bottom two places in each of the four divisions at Step 3 at the end of the Regular Season, along with the two third from bottom Clubs with the lowest points per game at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the seven divisions at Step 4 together with a further seven Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the Criteria for participation at the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing

in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 4 the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per game ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off match and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be considered for Play Off Matches.

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

Step 4 and Step 5

The Clubs finishing in last place in each of the seven divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Regular Season will take part in Step 4/5 Play Off matches against a Step 5 Club. A total of 24 Clubs will be automatically promoted to Step 4. These Clubs will be:

League Position	
Combined Counties League	Champion Club
Eastern Counties League	Champion Club
Essex Senior League	Champion Club
Hellenic League	Champion Club
Midland League	Champion Club
North West Counties League	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs
Northern League	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs

Northern Counties East	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs
Southern Counties East	Champion Club
Spartan South Midlands	Champion Club
Southern Combination	Champion Club
United Counties League	Champion Club
Wessex League	Champion Club
Western League	Champion Club

In addition to the above, the remaining second placed Clubs will be ranked on points per game (then goal difference, then goals scored if required) with the four highest placed Clubs also receiving automatic promotion.

The remaining seven second placed Clubs will take part in the Step 4/5 Play Off matches on a single match basis at the ground of the Step 4 Club they are drawn against. Where possible, the draw for the Play Off matches will be regionalised. The winners of these Step 4/5 Play Off matches will be allocated to Step 4.

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

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

Step 5 and Step 6

The Clubs in the bottom place in each of the fourteen divisions at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season will be ranked on a points per match basis (then goal difference, then goals scored if required) - the twelve lowest will be relegated and placed in the most geographically appropriate division of Step 6. These Clubs will be replaced by the Clubs in first and second position of the two divisions operated by the South West Peninsula League and the Clubs placed in first, second, third and fourth positions in the remaining eighteen Leagues at Step 6 at the end of the Regular Season.

Step 6 and 7

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

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

No more than 40 Clubs will be promoted from Step 7. If more than 40 Clubs are eligible for promotion they will be chosen based on a points per match basis. Where the eligible Clubs count does not reach 40 in number, reprieves of Step 6 Clubs shall come into effect on a points per

5.3 For the 2019/20 season only, at Steps 2-3 the Club finishing in last place in the table at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and not rerieved.

5.4 At Steps 1 to 6, if a Club becomes eligible to take part in a Play Off Match and refuses to take part in that match or if a Club qualifies for promotion and refuses to be promoted then that Club shall be relegated from the division from which it has so qualified and shall play the following Playing Season in the division at the next Step below which is deemed the most appropriate by the Committee. If the refusal/ineligibility applies to a Club currently operating at Step 6, the Club will be removed from the NLS and placed in the appropriate Regional NLS Feeder League.

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

End of the Playing Season

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

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

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

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

(b) Where a vacancy arises at Step 3 to 6 following the completion of a Playing Season it shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Committee.

(c) Where a vacancy occurs at Step 3 and 4 after the allocations for the following season have been published and prior to the holding of the League's AGM. The vacancy created shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Committee in order to minimise disruption.

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

Prior to the end of a Playing Season

5.5.3 (a) In cases where the vacancy is created prior to the end of the Playing Season, at Steps 1 and 2 the vacancy will be filled by the best ranked Club in a relegation position at the end of the Regular Season, eligible of being rerieved in that same division. In the event of there being more vacancies than Clubs eligible to be rerieved, such vacancy or vacancies will be filled by Clubs eligible to be rerieved in the Competition's other division(s) on a points per match ratio. At Steps 3 to 6, the vacancies shall be filled at the sole discretion of the Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

5.8 Ground grading requirements will be in accordance with the Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Planning permission granted for floodlights

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

A development/business plan

Quotations/estimates for the work to be carried out

Funding applications submitted if required

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

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

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

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

6. The Movement of Clubs within the NLS 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 or otherwise as set out in League Rules save with the approval of the Committee.

It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally at the same Step. Each year the Committee will consider whether any lateral movements may be necessary at each Step and the final decision shall rest with a sub-committee of the Committee. A Club may appeal the decision of the Committee to an Appeal Board and such appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Committee, it may be allowed to make an application to join a League/division below the most recent League/division of which the Club was a member.

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

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

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 Committee and the league(s) of which the Merging Clubs are members by 31st December to be valid for the following Playing Season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Placement of a Club into a League

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals

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

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

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

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

(v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of Ground Grading appeals and details of the dates would be notified to all Clubs in the correspondence from the Ground Grading Technical Panel notifying the decision of the Ground Grading assessment.

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

Criteria for the participation in Play-off matches

In order to qualify for Play Off Matches a Club must comply with:

Security of Tenure – see Standardised Rule 2.3.2

Solvency – see Standardised Rule 13.B.2

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

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

Arbitration

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

Precedence

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

**National League System
League / Divisions at Step 7
Season 2019 - 2020**

Step 7
Anglian Combination Premier Div
Bedfordshire County League Premier Div
Cambridgeshire County League Premier Div
Central Midlands League Div North
Central Midlands League Div
South Cheshire League Premier Div
Dorset Premier League
Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier Div
Essex Olympian League Premier Div
Gloucestershire County Football League Premier Div
Hampshire Premier League Senior Div
Herts Senior County League Premier Div
Humber Premier League Premier Div
Kent County League Premier Div
Leicestershire Senior League Premier Div
Lincolnshire Football League
Liverpool County Premier League Premier Div
Manchester Football League Premier Div
Middlesex County League Premier Div
Mid-Sussex Football League Premier Div
Midland League Div 2
Northamptonshire Combination Premier Div
Northern Football Alliance Premier Div
North Riding Football League Premier Div

Step 7
Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Div
Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Div
Peterborough & District League Premier Div
Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League Premier Div
Somerset County League Premier Div
Southern Combination Football League
South West Peninsula League Div 1 East
South West Peninsula League Div 1 West
Spartan South Midlands League Div 2
Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Div
Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Div
Surrey Elite Intermediate League Intermediate Div
Thames Valley Premier League Premier Div
Wearside League
West Cheshire League Div 1
West Lancashire League Premier Div
West Midlands (Regional) League Div 1
West Riding County Amateur League Premier Div
West Yorkshire League Premier Div
Wiltshire Football League Premier Div
York Football League Premier Div

League Honours		
Season	Champions	Runners-up
1968-69	Stonehouse	Bristol St George
1969-70	Bristol St George	Cinderford Town
1970-71	Cadbury Heath	Sharpness
1971-72	Cadbury Heath	Cinderford Town
1972-73	Cadbury Heath	Bristol St George
1973-74	Cadbury Heath	Cinderford Town
1974-75	Matson Athletic	Cadbury Heath
1975-76	Matson Athletic	Greenway/Almondsbury
1976-77	Almondsbury Greenway	Matson Athletic
1977-78	Almondsbury Greenway	Hambrook
1978-79	Almondsbury Greenway	Hambrook
1979-80	Almondsbury Greenway	Shortwood United
1980-81	Almondsbury Greenway	Shortwood United
1981-82	Shortwood United	Almondsbury Greenway
1982-83	Old Georgians	Port of Bristol
1983-84	Sharpness	Old Georgians
1984-85	Old Georgians	Port of Bristol
1985-86	Patchway	Old Georgians
1986-87	Old Georgians	Ellwood
1987-88	Old Georgians	Lawrence Weston Hallen
1988-89	Lawrence Weston Hallen	Henbury Old Boys
1989-90	Ellwood	Old Georgians
1990-91	Tuffley Rovers	Cadbury Heath
1991-92	Patchway Town	Cadbury Heath
1992-93	Hallen	Old Georgians
1993-94	Cadbury Heath	Endsleigh
1994-95	Henbury Old Boys	Harrow Hill
1995-96	D.R.G. A.F.C.	Cadbury Heath
1996-97	Old Georgians	Bitton
1997-98	Cadbury Heath	Henbury Old Boys
1998-99	Cadbury Heath	Highridge United
1999-00	Highridge United	Cadbury Heath
2000-01	Winterbourne United	Highridge United
2001-02	Roman Glass St George	Slimbridge
2002-03	Patchway Town	Henbury Old Boys
2003-04	Almondsbury F.C.	Tytherington Rocks
2004-05	Highridge United	Longwell Green Sports
2005-06	Lydney Town	Highridge United
2006-07	Roman Glass St George	Patchway Town
2007-08	Hardwicke	Highridge United
2008-09	Slimbridge	Kings Stanley
2009-10	Thornbury Town	Highridge United
2010-11	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Axa
2011-12	Cribbs Friends Life	Henbury
2012-13	Longlevens	Tuffley Rovers
2013-14	Longlevens	Gala Wilton
2014-15	Cheltenham Civil Service	AEK Boco
2015-16	AEK Boco	Henbury
2016-17	Bristol Telephones	Frampton United
2017-18	Thornbury Town	Lebeq United
2018-19	Lebeq United	Frampton United

Leading Goalscorers Each Season

Date	Games	Player	Club	Goals
1968-69	30	D.W. Loveday	Stonehouse	37
1969-70	30	D. Collins	Cinderford Town	28
1970-71	34	T. Delazzeri	Cadbury Heath	32
1971-72	34	A. Leitch	Cadbury Heath	33
1972-73	34	A. Leitch	Cadbury Heath	42
1973-74	34	A. Leitch	Cadbury Heath	32
1974-75	34	K. Blackburn	Sharpness	
		D. Foxwill	Matson Athletic	33
1975-76	34	H. Johnson	Oldland	22
1976-77	32	S. Moore	Yate Town	30
1977-78	34	S. Price	Almondsbury Greenway	34
1978-79	32	S. Price	Almondsbury Greenway	33
1979-80	34	S. Price	Almondsbury Greenway	49
1980-81	34	D. Doughty	Frampton United	32
1981-82	32	S. Price	Almondsbury Greenway	34
1982-83	32	S. Pinker	Intermediate St. George	22
1983-84	34	N. Rock	Sharpness	31
1984-85	36	P. Williams	Harrow Hill	23
1985-86	36	P. Williams	Harrow Hill	27
1986-87	36	S. Pinker	Bristol St.George	26
1987-88	34	S. Collar	Old Georgians	26
1988-89	34	S. Price	Lawrence Weston Hallen	40
1989-90	34	P. Bartley	Henbury Old Boys	25
1990-91	34	S. Price	Hallen	32
1991-92	34	I. Day	Cadbury Heath	27
1992-93	32	S. Price	Hallen	32
1993-94	34	P. Turnbull	Endsleigh	23
1994-95	34	I. Beevor	Henbury Old Boys	23
1995-96	32	I. Day	Cadbury Heath	25
1996-97	34	K. Morse	Bitton	24
1997-98	34	N. Wilson	Cadbury Heath	25
1998-99	34	I. Day	Cadbury Heath	30
1999-00	34	S. Cameron	Winterbourne United	22
		I. Day	Cadbury Heath	22
2000-01	34	S. Cameron	Winterbourne United	30
2001-02	32	A. Sledge	Roman Glass St. George	30
2002-03	34	T. Beacham	Henbury Old Boys	27
2003-04	34	P. Westwood	Axa F.C.	28
2004-05	36	P. Jenkins	Highridge United	31
2005-06	31	M. Timmins	Lydney Town	28
2006-07	32	N. Baird	Henbury Old Boys	28
2007-08	27	S Dew	Hanham Athletic	25
2008-09	28	S Hobbs	Henbury	32
2009-10	29	S Hobbs	Highridge United	35
2010-11	32	M Beckingham	Brimcombe & Thrupp	31
2011-12	33	S Bone	Cribbs Friends Life	40
2012-13	29	S O'Connor	Longlevens	27
2013-14	34	B Martin	Longlevens	31
2014-15	28	J Sklenar	Cheltenham Civil Service	41
2015-16	30	D Golding	Bristol Telephones	37
2016-17	30	D Golding	Bristol Telephones	35
2017-18	32	C Lancaster	Thornbury Town	40
2018-19	25	R Vincent	Frampton United	25

**Tony Neather Memorial Shield
Top Marked Referee of the Season**

Season	Winner
2003-04	Mike Crooks
2004-05	Not Awarded
2005-06	Adrian Shilston
2006-07	Mark Russell
2007-08	Rob Cockle
2008-09	Tom Blanch
2009-10	Adam Ricketts
2010-11	Julian Hooper
2011-12	Steve Oakey
2012-13	Steve Fearnley
2013-14	Brian Lee
2014-15	Steve Fearnley
2015-16	Steve Irwin-Porter
2016-17	Darren McMillan
2017-18	Darren McMillan
2018-19	Darren McMillan

**Chris Young Cup
Top Marked Assistant Referee of the Season**

Season	Winner
2011-12	Steve Cook
2012-13	Nigel Newport-Black
2013-14	Adam Wilson
2014-15	Matthew Dickinson
2015-16	Shaun Enever
2016-17	Gary Clench
2017-18	Colin Hardy
2018-19	Shaun Enever

Les James League Cup Competition (2002)

Season	Winners	Runners-up
2002-03	Henbury Old Boys	Roman Glass St George
2003-04	Patchway Town	Tytherington Rocks
2004-05	Patchway Town	Ellwood
2005-06	Highridge United	Lydney Town
2006-07	Patchway Town	Yate Town Reserves
2007-08	Hardwicke	Ellwood
2008-09	Kings Stanley	Henbury
2009-10	Taverners	Kings Stanley
2010-11	Henbury	Thornbury Town
2011-12	Cribbs Friends Life	Longlevens
2012-13	Kings Stanley	Taverners
2013-14	Longlevens	Rockleaze Rangers
2014-15	Thornbury Town	Cheltenham Civil Service
2015-16	Hardwicke	Rockleaze Rangers
2016-17	AEK Boco	Broadwell Amateurs
2017-18	Thornbury Town	Frampton United
2018-19	Little Stoke	AEK Boco

Dave Herbert Sportsmanship Cup

Season	Winners
2006-07	Hardwicke
2007-08	Wotton Rovers
2008-09	Berkeley Town
2009-10	Thornbury Town
2010-11	Brimscombe & Thrupp
2011-12	Taverners
2012-13	Rockleaze Rangers
2013-14	Bristol Academy
2014-15	Rockleaze Rangers
2015-16	Rockleaze Rangers
2016-17	Rockleaze Rangers
2017-18	Broadwell Amateurs Frampton United
2018-19	Frampton United Rockleaze Rangers

Final League Table 2018-19								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
Lebeq United **	28	23	2	3	85	28	57	65
Frampton United	28	20	3	5	64	32	32	63
Stonehouse Town	28	17	3	8	52	27	25	54
Rockleaze Rangers	28	17	0	11	61	48	13	51
Ruardean Hill Rangers	28	16	2	9	53	40	13	50
Wick	28	14	5	9	54	41	13	47
Hardwicke	28	12	6	10	59	55	4	42
Little Stoke	28	13	2	13	44	49	-5	41
Patchway Town	28	12	4	12	43	41	2	40
Broadwell Amateurs	28	10	3	15	42	59	-17	33
Henbury	28	7	8	13	32	38	-6	29
AEK Boco	28	7	6	15	39	54	-15	27
Hanham Athletic	28	6	5	17	27	61	-34	23
Gala Wilton *	28	5	1	22	35	73	-38	13
Southmead CS Athletic	28	3	4	20	29	73	-44	13
# Points Adjustment								

Leading Goal-scorers (League Only) 2018-19			
Player	Club	Played	Goals
Ryan Vincent	Frampton United	25	25
Daniel Webb	Rockleaze Rangers	25	21
Harry Williams	Broadwell Amateurs	25	18
Luke Brown	Ruardean Hill Rangers	23	17
Luke Johnson	Ruardean Hill Rangers	22	15
Cameron Brown	Lebeq United	20	14

Ron Jay Memorial Shield		
Most Efficient Administered Club of the Season		
Season	Winner	Club
2002-03	David C. Herbert	Whitminster F.C.
2003-04	Charles Barron .	Henbury Old Boys FC.
2004-05	Ian Edwards	Ellwood F.C.
2005-06	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2006-07	Stanley Hine	Hardwicke F.C.
2007-08	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2008-09	Stanley Higgins	D.R.G. Stapleton F.C.
2009-10	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2010-11	Alan Green	Chipping Sodbury Town F.C.
2011-12	Charles Barron	Henbury F.C.
2012-13	*****	Southmead CS Athletic F.C.
2013-14	*****	Yate Town Reserves
2014-15	*****	Hanham Athletic
2015-16	*****	Broadwell Amateurs
2016-17	*****	Little Stoke
2017-18	*****	Ruardean Hill Rangers
2018-19	*****	Patchway Town

Respect



Marcliff Gloucestershire County Football League

Respect and Fair Play Chart 2018-2019

Final Positions

		Dissent						100
		Matches	Yellow	Two Yellows	Red	After Match Reports	Person Reported in Technical Area	Points
1	Frampton United	28	0	0				100
2	Rockleaze Rangers	28	0	0				100
3	Hanham Athletic	28	5	0	1			55
4	Wick	28	8	1				45
5	Broadwell Amateurs	28	3	1		1		45
6	Ruardean Hill Rangers	28	3	0		2		35
7	AEK Boco	28	6	0	1		1	30
8	Gala Wilton	28	13	0	1			15
9	Patchway Town	28	14	1				15
10	Hardwicke	28	9	0		1	1	10
11	Little Stoke	28	7	0		1	2	0
12	Lebeq United	28	18	0	1			-10
13	Stonehouse Town	28	14	0		2		-20
14	Henbury	28	13	0		2	1	-35
15	Southmead CS Athletic	28	18	2		3	1	-115

Respect & Fair Play

Referees Marks 762 - Winners - Frampton United