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BRISTOL PREMIER COMBINATION is a multi-cultural/multi-racial Football League and as such prides itself on its main purposes of providing Association Football for all its clubs regardless of race, colour or creed. It therefore looks to all its clubs, players and officials to ensure that no person is, or persons are, racially or ethnically biased and/or insulting. The League Management/Executive Committee will charge any club, player or official who makes any such remark or takes any such action with bringing the game into disrepute, and if proved will take any action deemed necessary in such circumstances.

BRISTOL PREMIER COMBINATION

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Season 2024-25

All Meetings will be held at the Headquarters of Bristol Manor Farm FC and will commence at 7.15pm. See Rule 4(F)

2024

Monday 19th August

Monday 21st October

2025

Monday 6th January

Monday 3rd March

Special Meeting

Monday 12th May

Annual General Meeting

Monday 9th June

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES.

Meetings will be held at Cribbs AFC & Social Club
The Lawns, Station Road, Henbury BS10 7TB.
Commencing at 7.15pm

2024

Monday 18th November (Joint)

2025

Monday 10th February (Joint)

Tuesday 6th May (Joint)

**BRISTOL PREMIER COMBINATION
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE
OFFICERS 2024-25 SEASON**

President:

Laurence Walker

Vice Presidents:

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GFA Representative:

Ralph Pratten

Website Design & Technical:

Matt Burch

Management Committee:

S. Brown, M. Burch, R. Hetherington,
B. Joyce, P. Martin, L. Walker,

Doorkeeper: Keith Swift

STANDING ORDERS

1. That notices of all intended motions shall be given in writing to the Secretary who shall place the notices on the Agenda on the order received.
2. That each member on speaking shall rise and address himself to the Chairman and not to any Member of the Council. During the time any Member is speaking, all the other Members shall remain seated. Whenever the Chairman rises to speak, no one shall continue standing nor shall anyone rise until the Chair has been resumed.
3. That all motions whether original ones or amendments, shall, if the Chairman requests it, be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Secretary, immediately on being moved, and that every member proposing such motion or amendment shall read the same before speaking on it.
4. That the mover of every original resolution but not of any amendment (unless it became an original motion) shall have the right to reply, not introducing therein any new matter, but confining himself strictly to the answering of the previous objection immediately after which the question shall be put from the Chair. No other Member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question unless permission be given to explain, or the attention of the Chairman be called to a point of order.
5. A resolution shall not be rescinded or again discussed at a Meeting of the Committee at which it has been passed unless the motion to rescind shall be carried by not less than two thirds of the Members present. Other notices of rescinding must be made in writing and appear on the Agenda before any decision can be varied or annulled.
6. No representative shall leave the Meeting without first having obtained the Chairman's permission.

CLUB INFORMATION

(Clubs affiliated to GFA.unless marked "SFA. then Affiliated to Somerset F.A.)

A.E.K. BOCO RESERVES

Division – Premier

Secretary - Lauren Sollis

Telephone – (M) 07717 712 962

Private e-mail – laurends@hotmail.co.uk

Ground – Shield Pavilion, Greenbank Road, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3RZ.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – Sky Blue Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts, Sky Blue Socks.

Colours – Alternative – All Orange

Representatives – Lauren Sollis, Lee Sollis (M) 07948 386 989

BEDMINSTER DOWN

(S.F.A)

Division – One

Secretary – Callum Garrett

Telephone – (M) 07920 463 148

Private e-mail- 100cj@live.co.uk

1st Team Grd – Oasis Academy John Williams, Petherton Road, Bristol BS14 9BU

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – (Home) – Burgundy Shirts, Black Shorts & Black Socks

Colours - (Away) – White Shirts, Black Shorts & Black Socks.

Representatives – Callum Garrett, Garry Beacham (M) 07969 985 464

BENDIX

Division - Senior

Secretary – Lee Wills

Telephone – 01179 612 417 (M) 07971 564 343

Private e-mail - willsy2@btinternet.com

Ground - Lees Hill Playing Fields, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 4TN

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Representatives – Lee Wills, Kevin Griffiths (M) 07508 032 487

BRADLEY STOKE TOWN

Division - Premier

Secretary – Adam Townsend

Telephone - (M) 07912 615 959

Private e-mail – bstfc2005@gmail.com

Ground – Little Stoke Playing Fields, 57 Kingsway, Little Stoke, BS34 6LB

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Orange Shirts, Black Shorts & Orange Socks

Representatives – Adam Townsend, George Haskins (M) 07496 253 569

BRISTOL BARCELONA

Division – One

Secretary – Maria Bennett

Telephone - (M) 07922 841 124.

Private e-mail – maria_bennett97@hotmail.co.uk

Ground –Oaklands Park, Gloucester Road, Almondsbury, BS32 4AG

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – Barcelona Kit, Red & Blue Stripe Shirts, Blue Shorts & Socks

Representatives – Maria Bennett, Chris Barton (M) 07305 971 589

CHIPPING SODBURY RESERVES

Division - One

Secretary – Les Theobald,

Telephone – 01454 311 308, (M) 07745 299 351.

Private e-mail – leslietheobald@btinternet.com

Ground - The Ridings, Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks.

Representatives - Les Theobald, Richard Bisp (M) 07545 491 262.

CRIBBS 'A'

Division – One

Secretary – Rob Hetherington

Telephone – (M) 07977 091 099

Private e-mail – rob.hetherington@lineone.net

Ground - The Lawns, Station Road, Henbury BS10 7TB.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Blue Shirts & Shorts, Red Socks.

Representatives - Rob Hetherington, Andy Sledge (M) 07808 806 177

DRG FRENCHAY

Division - Premier

Secretary – Lee Hayman

Telephone – (M) 07766 836 124.

Private e-mail – leehayman@sky.com

Ground - Frenchay Park Road, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1LG.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - All Maroon.

Representatives – Lee Hayman, Robert McArthur (M) 07581 195 778

GREYFRIARS ATHLETIC

Division - One

Secretary – Ben McCarthy

Telephone – (M) 07768 490 652.

Private e-mail – bennimacz27@gmail.com

Ground - The Mile Straight Club, New Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8QW.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - All Yellow or All Blue

Representatives – Ben McCarthy, Shaun Plumley (M) 07737 759 584

HALLEN RESERVES

Division - Premier

Secretary - Richard Stokes

Telephone – (M) 07791 492 640.

Private e-mail - sinbad88@hotmail.co.uk

Ground - Hallen Centre, Moorhouse Lane, Hallen, BS10 7RU.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – Blue Shirts, Black Shorts & Blue Socks

Representatives – Richard Stokes, Lee Fairman (M) 07855 260 325

HAMBROOK & BRIMSHAM UNITED

Division - One

Secretary – Mark Cleverley

Telephone – (M) 07875 712 899

Private e-mail - mclev@btinternet.com

Ground – Hambrook Sports Club, Whiteshill Common, Moorend Rd, Hambrook, BS16 1SJ.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Red & Black Shirts. Red Shorts & Black Socks.

Representatives – Mark Cleverley, Joshua Duncan (Chairman) (M) 07760 839 487

HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE FC ‘A’

Division - One

Secretary – Ian McNally

Telephone – (M) 07539 639 289

Private e-mail – ianmac1234@yahoo.co.uk

Ground - Arnall Drive Playing Fields, Lorain Walk, Henbury, Bristol. Tel. 959 0475.

Dressing Rooms - Lorain Walk, Henbury, BS10 7AS.

Colours – (Home) -Tangerine Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Colours – (Away) – Sky Blue Shirts, Navy Shorts & Socks

Representatives – Ian McNally, Jason Tarr (M) 07870 534 164.

IRON ACTON

Division - Premier

Secretary - Chris Wilmot,

Telephone – (M) 07871 056 741

Private e-mail - chriswilmot@rocketmail.com

Ground – Yate Town FC, Lodge Road, Yate, BS37 7LE

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – (Home) - Yellow & Green Shirts, Green Shorts & Socks

Colours – (Away) – Black / Gold Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Representatives - Chris Wilmot, Chris Sweet (M) 07824 333 123

LION FC

Division – One

Secretary – David Bunker

Telephone – (M) 07854 785 745

Private e-mails – lionfcbristol@gmail.com

Ground – Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol BS34 6HR

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – (Home) Red Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Colours – (Away) Navy Shirts, Navy Shorts & Socks.

Representatives -- David Bunker, Sam Bennett (M) 07590 848 434.

LONGWELL GREEN SPORTS RESERVES

Division - Premier

Secretary - Nick Peters,

Telephone – (M) 07900 992950

Private e-mail – nickp103@hotmail.com

Ground - Longwell Green Community Centre (3G Pitch) Shellards Road
Bristol BS30 9DU

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Sky Blue & White Stripe Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks.

Representatives - Nick Peters, Andy Harper (M) 07899 704 86

NICHOLAS WANDERERS FC

Division – Premier

Secretary – Bob Joyce

Telephone - (M) 07534 880 081

Private e-mail - nickwands@hotmail.com

Ground - Dundridge Playing Fields, St. George, Bristol BS5 8SW.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours for all teams – Sky Blue Shirts, Navy Shorts & Sky Blue Socks

Representatives – Bob Joyce, Steve Neagle (M) 07810 576 078

OLDLAND ABBOTONIANS RESERVES

Division – One

Secretary – Tracie May

Telephone - (M) 07789 263 700

Private e-mail – traciejmay@gmail.com

Ground – Aitchison Playing Fields, Castle Road, Oldland Common, BS30 9SZ

Dressing Rooms - On Ground. - Tel: 0117 932 8263.

Colours – Royal Blue & White Striped Shirts, Blue Shorts & Blue & White Socks.

Representatives – Tracie May, Steve Cains (M) 07826 444 4--

OLD SODBURY

Division – One

Secretary - Laurence Walker

Telephone - 01454 310 980.

Private e-mail - sueandlaurencwalker@hotmail.com

Ground - Old Sodbury Playing Fields, Badminton Road, Bristol BS37 6LX

Dressing Rooms - On Ground

Colours - Claret Shirts, Blue Shirts, Claret Socks.

Representatives - Laurence Walker, Steve Clapp (M) 07980 306345 & Liam Barrett (M) 07715 390 127

OLVESTON UNITED

Division - Premier

Secretary – Stuart Evans

Telephone - (M) 07920 181 721

Private e-mail – olvestonfc@gmail.com

Ground - The Plain, Alveston Road, Old Down, BS32 4PH

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts & Yellow Socks

Representatives – Stuart Evans, Russell Knight (M) 07793 672 782

PATCHWAY TOWN & RESERVES

Division – Premier & One

Secretary – Andy England

Telephone - (M) 07747 031 491

Private e-mail – andy.england@hpe.com

Ground – Scott Park Main Pitch, Coniston Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5JR

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours – Patchway Town - Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Colours – Patchway Res - Black & White Shirts, Black Shorts & Red Socks

Representatives – Andy England, Richard Ashley (M) 07914 842 777

SHAFTESBURY CRUSADE

Division - Premier

Secretary - Nigel Whitehead,

Telephone - Work 01179 558 601, (M) 07912 547 938

Private e-mail – nigelwhitehead015@gmail.com

Ground - Lockleaze Sports Centre, (4G Pitch) Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze, BS7 9FJ

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Red & Black Striped Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks.

Representatives - Nigel Whitehead, David Chinnick (M) 07886 877 293

SHIREHAMPTON RESERVES

Division - Premier

Secretary – Mark Stockham

Telephone - (M) 07769 357 355

Private e-mail – shirehamptonfootball@outlook.com

Ground - Shirehampton Recreation Ground, Penpole Lane, Bristol BS11 0EA.

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours - Red Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks.

Representatives - Mark Stockham, Joe Wheeler (M) 07576 066 656

THORNBURY TOWN RESERVES

Division – Premier

Secretary – Simon Evans

Telephone – (M) 07528 975 598.

Private e-mail – simevans@blueyonder.co.uk

Reserves Ground – The Mundy Playing fields, Thornbury, BS35 1NA

Dressing Rooms – On Ground

Colours – (Home) - Red Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Colours – (Away) – White Shirts, Red Shorts & White Socks

Representatives – Simon Evans. Jamie Coombs (M) 07771 347 970

UWE FC

Division – One

Secretary – Alfie Gallagher

Telephone - (M) 07591 255 427.

Private e-mail – alfie13gallagher@gmail.com

Ground – Hillside Sports Gardens UWE, Filton Road, Winterbourne, BS16 1QU

Dressing Rooms - On Ground.

Colours Reserves – Red Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Representatives – Alfie Gallagher, Andrew Clapp (M) 07411 721 236.

WINTERBOURNE UNITED

Division - Premier

Secretary - John Lloyd,

Telephone - (M) 07931 982 734.

Private e-mail – j.y.lloyd@blueyonder.co.uk

Ground – The Recreational Ground, Parkside Avenue, Winterbourne, BS36 1LU.

Dressing Rooms - On ground

Colours - Red & White Stripe Shirts, Red Shorts & Socks

Representatives - John Lloyd, Robyn Maggs (M) 07976 255 666

RULES OF THE LEAGUE THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MATCHES

Home team. Confirm the fixture with your opponents and the referee at least 2 days before the date of the game.

If your game is going to be postponed, for whatever reason, you must inform the Fixture and Referees secretary, your referee and your opponents as early as possible.

Rearrange all postponed matches with your opponents and tell the fixture secretary of that new date within 14 days of the original fixture date.

You must have at least 14 players, per team, registered on WGS within 7 days of the start of the season. All players must be registered for at least 2 days before they are allowed to play.

The home club must inform the match secretary the result and goal scores by 6pm, 9pm for evening matches. You can submit the result by telephone, SMS, or email.

All fully completed team cards must be with the administration secretary within 5 days of the match being played, Thursday for a Saturday Game.

If any club gives the referee a mark of 60 or less you must send, in writing, your reasons for such a low mark.

Officer Details

Match /Fixture secretary

Terry Upton 01179 606 252. Email terryupton2126@gmail.com

Referees Secretary.

Chris Wilmot 07871 056 741. Email chriswilmot@rocket.com

Team cards for both leagues to Graham Williams 07715 103 072

Email for team cards

districtteamcards@hotmail.com

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Registration Secretary (Premier Combination)

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BRISTOL PREMIER COMBINATION - REFEREES 2024– 2025

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Steve Curtis	07929746815
Nick Dawson	07756872411
John Dicker	07770440523
Ryan Duncan	07743849793
Adrian Forrester	07590118006
John Fussell	07828891351
John Gainey	07900913653
David Gayner	07972601579
Jim Grady	07525062222
Nick Haigh	07832190634
David Jones	07740041548
John Luxton	07590494102
Russell Maynard	07728678362
Colin Mills	07841615489
Jim O'Brien	07768756849
Andy Plummer	07522394207
John Rogers	07483883863
Kevin Rawlings	07906201153
Andy Seaman	07766720809
Scott Tegg	07789134026

Steve Timlin	07983701226
Paul Tompkins	07905542291
Bobby Tutton	07989356985
Alex Vacher	07738303184
Stewart West	07979154695
Ben Wintle	07584137408
Shaun Wood	07842680253
Bev Woodman	07836375853

REFEREES' FEES AND EXPENSES

Referees.....	£40.00
Assistant Referees'	£35.00

INFORMATION FOR REFEREES

1. All Clubs marked (SFA) are affiliated to Somerset FA.
2. Disciplinary Report forms for Somerset FA should be submitted via Whole Game System or sent to:
Megan Buller, Charles Lewin House, Landmark House, Unit 5, Wirral Park Road,
Glastonbury BA6 9FR.
Telephone: 01458 832 359 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.
e-mail: discipline@somersetfa.com
3. Disciplinary Report forms for Gloucestershire FA should be submitted via Whole Game System or sent to:
Chris Lucker, Oaklands Park, Almondsbury, Bristol BS12 4AG.
Telephone 01454 - 615888 Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm.
e-mail: discipline@gloucestershirefa.com
4. Referees Seeking Promotion must apply in writing to:

Gloucestershire Football Association

Jake Edwards
Oaklands Park,
Gloucester Road,
Almondsbury, BS32 4AG.
Telephone: 01454 615 888
email:jake.edwards@gloucestershirefa.com

Somerset Football Association

Matt Eva, Referee Development Officer
Charles Lewin House,
Unit 5 & 10, Landmark House,
Wirral Business Park,
Glastonbury BA6 9FR.
Telephone 01458 832 359
e-mail: matt.eva@somersetfa.com

Bristol Premier Combination Football League Rules

2024/2025 season

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of the FA.

“AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Club” means a club for the time being in Membership of the Competition

“Club Portal” means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time;

Competition means the Bristol Premier Combination 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 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.

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

GOVERNANCE RULES COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION

2.

- (A) The Competition will be known as The Bristol Premier Combination 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 44 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be the Bristol and District
- (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) (i) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association.
- (ii) 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 recognizing that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability, or disability or otherwise.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. £10
- (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.

A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.

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

(M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one Team from the same Club. This

Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

CLUB NAME

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

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary by the 1st March 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 Team payable on or before the AGM of the Competition in each year. Clubs failing to comply will be fined £45.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in

accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) Clubs must ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the 1st August. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

- 5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 10 members who shall all be elected at the AGM. together with a Referee's representative who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (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 31st March 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 31st March 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) At the annual general meeting held every third year the President shall retire. Nomination for the Office of President shall be advised to the General Secretary together with the names of proposers and seconders before the date of the Annual General Meeting in the year that the election is to be held. Nominations can be submitted by any member of the League. No person shall be eligible unless she/he is a Life President, Vice President or Life Member. The elected person shall hold Office for 3 years from the Annual General Meeting at which she/ he is elected.
- (D) 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.
- (E) 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.

- (F) 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
- (G) Any Member Club failing to attend a general meeting the dates of which are listed in the league Handbook shall be fined £10. For any subsequent Non-Attendance the fine will be doubled.

Any club failing to attend 3 consecutive meetings will not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the League until such time as an explanation has been received and accepted by the General Secretary/Chairperson. The Club may be required to appear before the Management Committee at their next meeting

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

- 6. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all subcommittees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.
- (B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).
In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.
- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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

- (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.

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

- (F) 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further

failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

- (J) Not Used in this 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.

PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

- 7 (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.
- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 14 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
- (i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
 - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

- (E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
- (i) invite submissions by the parties involved;
 - (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
 - (iii) permit new evidence; or
 - (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate
- Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.
- (G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.
- (H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee. All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds of the 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.
- (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 is 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) (i) 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.
- (ii) Any club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Not used in this competition

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

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

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

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

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

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

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NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

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

- (B)The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C)Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

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

- 12 (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office; (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (B)At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting.
Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (C)Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clause (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy: -
“We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chairman and Secretary of FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the

Competition Secretary on or before 30th March If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

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

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

ALTERATION TO RULES

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

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st March in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 1st April and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 30th April. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

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

No alterations or additions shall become operative until approved by the County Association

FINANCE

15. A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of £250 shall be approved by the Management Committee.

(C)The financial year of the Competition will end on 30th April

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

INSURANCE

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

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

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

DISSOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

MATCH RELATED RULES QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. (A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has registered through the Player Registration System (WGS) and received approval from the Competition. except in the case of a Player who has been registered on the day of a match. For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must email the Competition with details of the registration 2 hours prior to the scheduled kick off time in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration system (WGS) and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner.

Alternatively, the registration must be submitted to the competition for approval 2 clear days prior to the player playing and the registration must be approved by the competition prior to the that player playing in a competition match.

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 via WGS they 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 14 Players registered 2 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 £1.00 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 in the Competition the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence. 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:-

- a. Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- b. 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.
- c. 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 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 7 days after receipt of such transfer.

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

- (I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the second Saturday in March except by special permission of the Management Committee.
- (J) Registrations are Valid for one Playing season only.
- (K) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played 2 Competition Matches for that Team in the current playing season. The exception being where the management committee grants inclusion of young players playing in the fixture to gain experience.
- (L) A Team shall not include more than 2 Players who has/have taken part in 9 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 28 Clear days has elapsed since they last played. 28 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is any match in a higher division in this league or any league above this competition i.e. Gloucestershire or Somerset county league or above.

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

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

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

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

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

(N) The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in fulltime secondary education:-

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

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

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

(iv)

CLUB COLOURS

19. (i) Every Team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th June who shall decide as to their suitability.

(ii) Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and or design(s) of its shirt(s) and Short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the competition Secretary in advance of making that change.

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 away Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Shirts must be numbered. 1 - 11 and 12 - 16 (or 17 where 13 is omitted).

These numbers must match those recorded on the team and these must not be changed during the match except in the case of a blood injury or change of goalkeeper. The Secretary may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to the lack of distinguishing colours and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirt or shorts as they think fit.

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

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

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

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

If the home pitch is unplayable the Management Committee shall have the power & may order a competition match to be played on:-

- a) A Neutral Ground
- b) The Opponents Ground
- c) Award the Pts in the final 4 weeks of the season

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 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 (2.00 PM) throughout the entire season except evening fixtures 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. Any Team failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding £5 or dealt with by the Management Committee as they decide

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. Each team must complete 4 matches by the end of September or be fined for each match

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, time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at

least 2 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not provided, the -relevant 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. (£5)

(E) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall decide whether it should either:

- a. award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals)

OR

- b. order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):

- a. impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff),
- b. deduct points from the defaulting Club,
- c. order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents.

(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 Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or being 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 Competition Failing such agreement and notification to the Competition within 14 days the Competition shall have the power to order the Match to be played on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition- The Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.

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

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

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any-Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The 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.M above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

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

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

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

The referee and opponents shall be informed of the names of the Players and Substitutes using the form provided not later than 15 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

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

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

(H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who may/shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the

management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (I) Where a suspension imposed in relation to a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a Club by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by 1 day before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).

REPORTING RESULTS

- 21.(A) The Administration Secretary must receive within **5** 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 (£10) & (£15) for continuance.
- (B) The Home Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the Match Secretary Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) Clubs awarding a Referee mark of 50 or less shall send, with the team card, and explanation according to the guidelines on Referee marking which appears in “The Guide to Clubs Manual” or in default be fined £5 or dealt with as the Management Committee may decide

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by the following criteria, in the order of priority in which they appear:

(i) 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.

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

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

(iv) In the event of two or more Teams 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.

(v) One-off fixture or play-off games as determined by the League management committee.

(B)The last 2 teams in the Premier Division may be relegated to Division one. The first 2 Clubs in Division 1 may be promoted to the Premier Division provided they meet the regulations of the competition. The last 2 Clubs in Division 1 may be relegated to the Senior Division of the Bristol and District League under the Gloucestershire County FA pyramid system. Should one or more teams withdraw after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing will not be relegated. Any vacancies that occur in either division after relegation and promotion has been decided the Management Committee shall decide which Clubs shall fill the vacancies. The first 2 teams in the Senior division of the Bristol and District League may be promoted to Division 1 providing they meet the regulations requirements and that they wish to be promoted. Relegated members of the Gloucestershire County League will be eligible for membership of the Competition Under the GFA pyramid system provided they meet the requirements of the competition and wish to be accepted.

(C) not used in this competition

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

Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- 23.(A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.
- (C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. (£20)
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid an inclusive match fee and expenses of £40 in accordance with the Fees Tariff. Assistant Referee's fees and expenses £35
- (F) 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.
- (G) 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. 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.
- (H) 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.
- (I) 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.

- (J) not used in this competition
- (K) 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.
- (L) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (M) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£45
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£60
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	NO FEE
7 (C), 7 (E),	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£5
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£1
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£10
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES Inclusive	£40
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES Inclusive	£35
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£45
2 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£10
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO	£10
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB	£10
4 (C)	NAME FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	NO FEE
4(E)	FAILURE TO ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL	£10

5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£10
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	VARIABLE
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIME	£10
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£15
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£15
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£10
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£50
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	VARIABLE
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	VARIABLE
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£0

18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£20
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS	£10
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	VARIABLE
18 (L)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	VARIABLE
18 (M)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	VARIABLE
18(N)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£10
19(F)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£10
19 (G)	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£20
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£5
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£10
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£10

20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£5 EACH
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£20
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£5
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM & CONTINUANCE	£10 & £15
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£5
21(C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£5
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£20
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENCES	£10
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£10
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£5

Rule 1 Definitions

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PREMIER CUP COMPETITION

Those teams playing in the Bristol Premier Combination will compete for the Cup, which will not be won outright, annually.

The Competition will in addition to the following Rules be subject to the Rules of the Bristol Premier Combination. The League Management Committee will deal with any Club infringing these Rules.

PREMIER CUP RULES

Date of BPC League Cup Final will be fixed as the first Wednesday in April

1. Fee payable as per fees tariff.

2. (A) All players must be registered with their Club in the League, no player will be allowed to play for more than one Club in the Competition during one season. However, the Management Committee in special circumstances may give permission for a goalkeeper to be signed who has already played for another team in the Competition during the season.

(B) No Club will be permitted to include in its team any players under contract to a Club outside of the Bristol Premier Combination. Any Club found guilty of this offence will be fined £50.00 and in the event of winning the match, will be expelled from the Cup Competition.

(C) No Club will be permitted to play more than one team in the competition.

3. No player will be allowed to play in a Semi-Final or Final match unless he has played in SIX or more League or Cup matches for his Club in the Premier Combination or Bristol & District League prior to the date fixed for the Semi- final tie.

4. Any team playing an unregistered player will be fined £20.00 for each player and in the event of winning the match will be expelled from the Cup Competition and their opponents reinstated.

5. A Club may use at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the game use 5 substitute players in any match in this competition from 5 players nominated. These will be of the roll on roll off system used in the league programme. The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.

- 6.** All Clubs must hand to the Referee and their opponents at least 15 minutes before the stipulated kick off time on the Official team sheet provided the names of the players and nominated substitutes. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined £10.00.
- 7.** Clubs will be drawn in pairs and the Club first drawn will be the Home Club. Should that teams pitch not be available then the match will be played on the ground of its opponents who will then be considered the Home Club. The League Match Secretary will arrange the Final tie.
- 8.** Five days before the first semi-final, all teams should submit their list of eligible players to the Match and Referees' Secretary, for approval. This list of eligible players would also qualify to play in the Final.
From this list, the semi-final squad of 14 will be picked, with a team sheet submitted to opposition and referee.
The same happens for the Final but the eligibility requirement must still be achieved by semi-final date.
The squad of 14 can be changed for the Final, if those players are all eligible.
Clubs failing to comply will be fined £35.
- 9.** (A) All matches including Semi-Final and Final ties will be 90 minutes duration (45 minutes each way). In the event of the scores being level after 90 minutes play, the winner will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the relevant regulation as defined in the "Laws of the game".
(B) Should, at the end of 90 minutes play, the light, in the opinion of the Referee, be insufficient for the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the game then the match will be replayed within 7 days on the ground of the Club drawn last.
(C) In postponed or replayed matches only those players who were eligible on the date fixed for the playing of the round will be allowed to play.
- 10.** Results will be submitted as League Rule 11 and any Club knowingly submitting a false Team result card will be expelled from the competition fined £20.00 and excluded from the following seasons competition.
- 11.** Referee and Assistant Referees fees will be the same as League fees. In the Semi-Final matches these expenses will be shared between the competing 12. All other matches shall be considered subservient to the Premier Cup Competition subject to Rule 10(c).

E.G. Neal Secretary of the Year Award

1977-78 T. Mildren, R.W.P.
1978-79 L. Kirley, Hillfield O.B.
1979-80 A.G. Purnell, Eden Grove O.B.
1980-81 R. Bean, Soundwell.
1981-82 K. Robbins, Almondsbury Greenway.
1982-83 I. Pallent, R.W.P.
1983-84 C. Bowering, Pucklechurch Sports.
1984-85 C. Barron, Henbury O.B.
1985-86 M. Kempster, Frys.
1986-87 J. West, Bristol Union
1987-88 R. Hamblin Oldland Decora.
1988-89 R. Fudge, Nicholas Wanderers.
1989-90 C. Winter, Archway Supplies.
1990-91 K. Potter, Frampton Athletic
1991-92 M. Fox, Chipping Sodbury
1992-93 M. Hall, Bitton
1993-94 A. Heal, Longwell Green Sports
1994-95 D. Neale, Olveston United
1995-96 Keith Swift, Highridge United
1996-97 Chris Holly, Hartcliffe
1997-98 Richard Savage, Pucklechurch Sports
1998-99 Dave Malthoff, AEK Rangers
1999-00 Tom Zorzo, Axa Sun Life
2000-01 Jim Grady, Bristol 5 Old Boys
2001-02 Mike Fox, Chipping Sodbury
2002-03 Mark Faithful, R M C Wick
2003-04 John Nicholson, BAWA Aces
2004-05 Jeff Bryant, Totterdown United
2005-06 Phil Ashton, Olveston United
2006-07 Paul Brooks, Seymour United
2007-08 Ralph Pratten, South Bristol Central
2008-09 Phil Martin, Brimsham Green
2009-10 Paul Gainard, Fishponds Athletic
2010-11 Les Slater, Made for Ever
2011-12 Martin Gill, Roman Glass/St. George
2012-13 S. Hartley, Cribbs Friends Life
2013-14 Nick Talbot, Frampton Ath.

2014-15 Charlie Baldwin, Sea Mills Park
2015-16 Ian Clapp, Highridge United
2016-17 Errol Thompson, Lebeq Saturday
2017-18 Lee Williams, De Veys
2018-19 Robert McArthur, DRG Frenchay
2019-20 Not Presented
2020-21 Not Presented
2021-22 Matt Burch, Bradley Stoke Town
2022-23 Lee Williams, De Veys
2023-24 Paul Fox, Totterdown United

KEN FRY REFEREE OF THE YEAR AWARD

2012-13 Jack Hubbard
2013-14 Steve West
2014-15 Paul Tompkins
2015-16 David Cains
2016-17 John Dicker
2017-18 Pete Stephen
2018-19 Colin Clark
2019-20 Not Presented
2020-21 Not Presented
2021-22 Steve Moore
2022-23 Bobby Tutton
2023-24 Ben White

THE RESPECT AWARD

2013-14 Cribbs Res
2014-15 AEK Boco Res
2015-16 Cribbs Res
2016-17 Cribbs Res
2017-18 Not presented
2018-19 Not Presented
2019-20 Not Presented

2020-21 Not Presented
2021-22 Not Presented
2022-23 Not Presented
2023-24 Not Presented

Premier Cup Winners

1977-78 Pucklechurch Sports
1978-79 Pucklechurch Sports
1979-80 Henbury A.F.C.
1980-81 Henbury A.F.C.
1981-82 Frampton Athletic
1982-83 Henbury Athletic
1983-84 Henbury Old Boys
1984-85 Iron Acton
1985-86 Victoria Park
1986-87 D.R.G. (FP)
1987-88 Pucklechurch Sports
1988-89 Bristol St. George
1989-90 Sea Mills Park
1990-91 Downend 5 OB
1991-92 Winterbourne United
1992-93 Chipping Sodbury
1993-94 Shaftesbury Crusade
1994-95 Longwell Green Sports
1995-96 Bristol 5 Old Boys
1996-97 Highridge United
1997-98 Highridge United
1998-99 Roman Glass/ St. George
1999-00 St. Philips MAS
2000-01 No Competition
2001-02 Sea Mills Park
2002-03 R M C Wick
2003-04 Hambrook
2004-05 R M C Wick
2005-06 Hanham Athletic
2006-07 Talbot Knowle
2007-08 Roman Glass St. George Res.
2008-09 Roman Glass/St. George Res.
2009-10 Hallen Reserves

2010-11 Mendip United
2011-12 Mendip United
2012-13 Hallen Reserves
2013-14 Highridge United
2014-15 Lebeq Saturday
2015-16 Not Played due to poor weather
2016-17 Cribbs Res
2017-18 Olveston United
2018-19 Cribbs Reserves
2019-20 Not Presented
2021-21 Not Presented
2022-23 Cribbs Reserves
2023-24 Hanham Athletic
2024-25 Winterbourne United

Premier Division Winners

1977-78 Pucklechurch Sports
1978-79 Pucklechurch Sports
1979-80 Henbury Athletic
1980-81 Henbury Athletic
1981-82 Avon St. Philips
1982-83 Henbury Old Boys
1983-84 Henbury Athletic
1984-85 Patchway
1985-86 Henbury Old Boys
1986-87 D.R.G. (F.P.)
1987-88 Pucklechurch Sports
1988-89 St. Phillips MAS
1989-90 Highridge United
1990-91 Highridge United
1991-92 Highridge United
1992-93 Bristol St. George
1993-94 Frampton Athletic
1994-95 Frampton Athletic
1995-96 Oldland
1996-97 Winterbourne United
1997-98 Highridge United

1998-99 Roman Glass/St. George
1999-00 AXA Sun Life
2000-01 Highridge United Res.
2001-02 Thornbury Town
2002-03 Bitton Reserves
2003-04 Sea Mills Park
2004-05 Hallen Res.
2005-06 Hanham Athletic
2006-07 Nicholas Wanderers
2007-08 Chipping Sodbury Town
2008-09 Mendip United
2009-10 Longwell Green Reserves
2010-11 Mendip United
2011-12 Mendip United
2012-13 Longwell Green Reserves
2013-14 Mendip United
2014-15 Mendip Broadwalk
2015-16 Mendip Broadwalk
2016-17 Cribbs Res
2017-18 Olveston United
2018-19 Cribbs Res
2019-20 Not Presented
2020-21 Not Presented
2021-22 Cribbs Res
2022-23 Hanham Athletic
2023-24 Totterdown United

Division One Winners

1973-74 Greenway Sports
1974-75 Greenway Sports
1975-76 Shirehampton Sports
1976-77 Withywood Old Boys
1977-78 Withywood Old Boys
1978-79 Withywood Old Boys
1979-80 Gardner AFC

1980-81 Bristol University
1981-82 Bristol Union
1982-83 Hambrook Reserves
1983-84 Wick Athletic
1984-85 Eden Grove Old Boys
1985-86 Stapleton Manulife
1986-87 Hanham Mount
1987-88 Lawrence Rovers
1988-89 Bristol St. George
1989-90 Downend 5 Old Boys
1990-91 Patchway Reserves
1991-92 Shaftesbury Crusade
1992-93 Olveston United
1993-94 Hartcliffe
1994-95 Bristol 5 Old Boys
1995-96 Hambrook
1996-97 Hallen Reserves
1997-98 Hillfields Old Boys
1998-99 Highridge United Res.
1999-00 Bristol Union
2000-01 Hanham Athletic
2001-02 Nicholas Wanderers
2002-03 Hambrook
2003-04 Long Shore
2004-05 Brimsham Green
2005-06 Chipping Sodbury
2006-07 Winterbourne United Res.
2007-08 Mendip United
2008-09 Longwell Green Sports Res.
2009-10 Seymour United
2010-11 Totterdown United
2011-12 Shaftesbury Crusade
2012-13 Highridge United
2013-14 Eden Grove
2014-15 Bitton Res
2015-16 Talbot Knowle United
2016-17 Shaftesbury Crusade

2017-18 Seymour United
2018-19 Winterbourne Utd
2019-20 Not Presented
2020-21 Not Presented
2021-22 Bradley Stoke Town
2022-23 Wick Reserves
2023-24 Shirehampton Reserves

Final League Tables 2023-24

Premier Division

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Totterdown United	24	20	2	2	57	21	36	62
2	Hallen Reserves	24	20	1	3	77	25	52	61
3	DRG Frenchay	24	13	3	8	58	48	10	42
4	Stapleton	24	12	4	8	36	41	-5	40
5	St Nicholas	24	11	5	8	67	47	20	38
6	Olveston United	24	10	6	8	51	43	8	36
7	Nicholas Wanderers	24	9	4	11	50	60	-10	31
8	Winterbourne United	24	9	3	12	57	48	9	30
9	AEK Boco Reserves	24	7	5	12	46	61	-15	26
10	Bradley Stoke Town	24	7	3	14	39	59	-20	24
11	Longwell Green Sports Reserves	24	6	3	15	39	57	-18	21
12	Patchway Town	24	5	4	15	26	67	-41	19
13	Henbury	24	3	5	16	30	56	-26	14

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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shirehampton Reserves	23	20	1	2	73	23	50	61
2	Iron Acton	24	17	6	1	65	24	41	57
3	Shaftesbury Crusade	23	17	1	5	81	25	56	52
4	Thornbury Town Reserves	24	16	0	8	67	43	24	48
5	Greyfriars Athletic	24	13	2	9	67	61	6	41
6	Hambrook	24	12	1	11	47	42	5	37
7	Oldland Abbotonians Reserves	24	11	1	12	41	39	2	34
8	Cribbs A	24	10	2	12	41	53	-12	32
9	Old Sodbury	24	9	3	12	47	51	-4	30
10	Chipping Sodbury Town Reserves	24	6	5	13	43	62	-19	23
11	Patchway Town Reserves	24	5	2	17	38	87	-49	17
12	Nicholas Wanderers Reserves	24	4	3	17	32	71	-39	15
13	AEK Boco A	24	1	1	22	23	84	-61	4

**REGULATION FOR MINIMUM STANDARD OF
GROUND & FACILITIES FOR ENTRY INTO
THE BRISTOL PREMIER COMBINATION.**

1. Area around the pitch that allows for the any appointed Assistant Referee to operate unhindered is required. With Club progression in mind, ropes or fencing would be preferred where possible.
2. Playing pitch to be: Length 90m-100m (100-130 yards) Width 60m-75m (65-80yards).
3. Changing facilities at close proximity to the pitch.
4. Separate changing and washing facilities for each team is desirable.
5. Separate changing and washing facilities for Match Officials and with Club progression in mind large enough to accommodate 3 Officials.
6. Adequate First Aid equipment must be available at all times and a person qualified in First Aid to be in attendance.
7. The changing quarters must be clean and the general standard of the buildings be acceptable to the Member of the Grounds Committee inspecting the facilities.
8. Clubs must have the use of their ground from the commencement to the completion of the season. During this period any alternative that any Club wishes to use must be acceptable to the Match Secretary. Reference Rule 10(0) 2nd paragraph.