

Marcliff
Gloucestershire County Football League

Established 1968

Regional NLS Feeder League

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Official Handbook

2024-25

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OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE SINCE FORMATION

Patron		Hon Treasurer	
2000-01 - 2005-06	L.V. James	1968-69 - 1979-80	N.E. Fox
2006-07 - 2012-13	A.C.D. Barrett	1980-81 - 2003-04	P.T. McPherson
2017-18 - 2017-18	P. T. McPherson	2004-05	M. Wheatley
President		Hon Secretary	
1992-93 - 2000-01	L.V. James	1968-69 - 1988-89	L.V. James
2000-01 - 2005-06	A.C.D. Barrett	1989 - 2 Months	A.E. Stone
2006-07 - 2016-17	P.T. McPherson	1989-90 - 2005-06	D.J. Herbert
2017-18 - 2017-18	R. Stewart	2006-07 - 2021-22	R.F. Holpin
		2022-23	M.G. Simpson
Vice Presidents		Asst. Hon Secretary	
1995-96 - 2002-03	R.W. Jay	2009-10 - 2012-13	S.J. Parsons
2000-01 - 2001-02	J.D. Hart		
2000-01 - 2013-14	B.M. Latchem		
2000-01 - 2006-07	P.T. McPherson		
2003-04 - 2003-04	N.S. Hale		
2006-07 - 2012-13	J.W.V. Crowther		
Chairman		Minutes Secretary	
1968-69 - 1969-70	F. Dowling	2022-23	T Hewer
1970-71 - 1977-78	C.M. Evans		
1978-79 - 2 Months	R.G. Phillips		
1978-79 - 1999-00	A.C.D. Barrett		
2000-01 - 2005-06	P.T. McPherson		
2006-07 - 2016-17	R. Stewart		
2017-18	P.G. Langley		
Vice-Chairman		Fixture Secretary	
1968-69 - 1969-70	C.M. Evans	2006-07	M.G. Simpson
1970-71 - 1971-72	R.G. Phillips		
1972-73 - 1977-78	A.G. Neal		
1978-79 - 2 Months	A.C.D. Barrett		
1978-79 - 1979-80	P.T. McPherson		
1980-81 - 1999-00	J.D. Hart		
2000-01 - 2005-06	R. Stewart		
2006-07 - 2016-17	P.G. Langley		
2017-18	C. Barron		
		Registration - Transfer Secretary & Website Editor	
		2006-07	N.J. Meaney
		Development Manager	
		2003-04 - 2018-19	D.C. Herbert
		Referee Appointments Officer	
		2010-11 - 2012-13	A.D. Shilston
		2013-14 - 2019-20	M. Rogers
		2020-21 -	G. McNulty
		Deputy Referee Appointments Officer	
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		2019-20 - 2019-20	I. Purchase
		Assessor Co-ordinator	
		2011-12 - 2012-13	D.K. Curtis
		2013-14 - 2014-15	D. Taylor
		2015-16 - 2016-17	P.J. Prosser
		2017-18 - 2019-20	R Melinn

MATCH RESULTS and REPORTS

**Text All Results to Nigel Meaney
within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game, to
include result, all goalscorers and attendance.**

**E Mail All Match Reports to Mark Simpson.
gclfixtures@virginmedia.com by 10am the following
day.**

Advice for Club Secretary's

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

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

Minute Book

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

Production of Balance Sheet

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

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

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

All League Forms

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

Management Committee Meetings

Little Stoke Social Club
Club Lane
Braydon Avenue
Little Stoke
Bristol
BS34 6DN

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Tuesday 4th February 2025

May 2025 TBA

Commencing at 7-30 pm

Member Club League Meetings

Little Stoke Social Club
Club Lane
Braydon Avenue
Little Stoke
Bristol
BS34 6DN

Tuesday 30th July 2024

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Commencing at 7-30 pm

Annual General Meeting

LITTLE STOKE SOCIAL CLUB

Club Lane, Braydon Avenue, Little Stoke, Bristol. BS34 6DN

Tuesday 10th June 2025

Commencing at 7-30 pm

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

Respect



**CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE
SEASON 2024- 2025**

Almondsbury FC	Hanham Athletic FC
Broadwell Amateurs FC	Henbury & Rockleaze FC
Bromley Heath United FC	Quedgeley Wanderers FC
Chalford FC	Ruardean Hill Rangers FC
Cheltenham Civil Service FC	Sharpness FC
Filton Athletic FC	Stoke Gifford United FC
Frampton United FC	Totterdown United FC
Gala Wilton FC	Wick FC

Senior Amateur Challenge Cup (North & South) 2024 - 2025

First (Preliminary) Round 21 September 2024

Second Round 19 October 2024

Third Round 16 November 2024

Fourth Round 14 December 2024

Fifth Round – (if required) 11 January 2025

Countywide Quarter Finals 8 February 2025

Countywide Semi Finals 8 March 2025

Final – Oaklands Park or Bishops Cleeve Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Almondsbury FC (1969)

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Chairman	Chris Hancock.
Programme Editor	Ryan Meacham . Email: almondsburyafc@gmail.com
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Directions	From M5, take junction 15. A38 towards Thornbury, first turning on the right. (Opposite GFA Headquarters)
Colours	Green & White stripe shirts/Green shorts/Green socks
Change Colours	Yellow shirts/Blue Shirts/Blue Socks

Broadwell Amateurs FC (1905)

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Chairman	David Watkins
Programme Editor	Mark Gabriel Email: gabriel.mark@sky.com
Ground	The Hawthorns, Poolway Road, Broadwell. Coleford, Glos. GL16 7BE Tel: 07774 210210
Directions	From South. From Severn Bridge take A48 marked Chepstow follow signs to Lydney. On entering Lydney take the first turning left after Tesco's signposted Coleford. After passing Orepool Inn on right side continue on to Coleford. At second set of lights turn right onto Gloucester Rd B4028. approx ½ mile turn right into Bakers Hill B4226 Broadwell Football Club top of hill on right.
Colours	Claret & Blue Shirts / Claret Shorts / Claret Socks
Change Colours	Yellow & Blue Shirts / Dark Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Bromley Heath United FC (1966)

Website	www.bhufc.co.uk
Secretary	Philip Britton Email: philipbritton@sky.com
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Chairman	Jamie Andrews-Britton
Programme Editor	Philip Britton Email: philipbritton@sky.com
Ground	Pomphrey Hill Pavilion, Pomphrey Hill, Mangotsfield , Bristol. BS16 9NF. Tel: 01179 563340
Directions	Travelling south on A4174 Avon ring road, turn left onto B4465. In 0.3miles turn right onto Shortwood Hill. In 0.2miles continue onto Main Road. In 0.3miles continue onto Pomphrey Hill. Turn left into Pomphrey Hill Pavilion car park.
Colours	Yellow & Blue Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red Shirts / Red Shorts / Red Socks

Chalford AFC (1891)

Website	www.https://twitter.com/chalfordafc
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Ground	Chalford Sports & Social Club,Highfield Way,Chalford, GL6 8LZ
Directions	M5J11A follow A417 to Birdlip. At roundabout 2nd exit towards Swindon. In 1ml turn right towards Stroud.Follow road until Royal George PH on right then turn left onto B4070. In 2 miles turn left for Bisley.In 3.7 miles arrive in Chalford and turn left onto Middle Hill.In 0.4ml turn left onto Burcombe Way then left onto Highfield Way.
Colours	Red Shirts / Black Shorts / Red Socks
Change Colours	Blue Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Cheltenham Civil Service FC (1948)

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Chairman	Alan Wakefield
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Ground	Cheltenham Civil Service, Football Club Tewksbury Road, Cheltenham. GL51 9SL Tel: 01242 680424
Directions	Exit M5 J11 follow signs for Cheltenham. At 2nd Roundabout bear left onto Princess Elizabeth Way. Continue to roundabout junction A4019 Tewkesbury Road. Turn left and continue past 2 sets of traffic lights. Ground located on left hand side (sign posted).
Colours	Red & White Striped Shirts / Black Shorts / Red Socks
Change Colours	Green Shirts / Green Shorts / Green Socks

Filton Athletic FC (1986)

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Ground	Southmead Community Sports, Pen Park Pavilion, Jarrats Rd, Southmead, Bristol. BS10 6WF. Tel 0117 9508362
Directions	M5J17 take A4018, exit left at 3rd roundabout onto Knowle Lane, then at mini roundabout exit right onto Pen Park. Ground is 3rd turning on left.
Colours	Blue Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks

Frampton United (FC) (1891)

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Directions	From M5 Junction 13, head towards Dursley. At next roundabout take 1 st exit left. After ½ mile turn right, just past the garage. Proceed for approx. 2 miles. The ground is opposite the Bell Inn
Colours	Blue & White Shirts / Blue Shorts / Blue Socks
Change Colours	Red & Black Stripe Shirts / Red Shorts / Red Socks

Gala Wilton FC (1952)

Website	www.pitchero.com/clubs/galawiltonfc
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Programme Editor	Lee Sheridan Email: leesheridan@nhs.net
Ground	The Gala Club, Fairmile Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9EB Tel: 01452 524447
Directions	From Bristol, Leave Junction 11 of M5 and turn towards Gloucester at next roundabout turn towards Ross on Wye and at next roundabout turn left towards city centre. Then take second left, after about 350 yards, into Fairmile Gardens where Gala Wilton's ground can be found
Colours	Yellow & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Yellow Socks
Change Colours	Pale Blue & White Shirts / White Shorts / Pale Blue Socks

Hanham Athletic FC (1896)

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Ground	Hallet Construction Pavillion, 16 Vicarage Road, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3AH.
Directions	Exit M5 J15 onto M4 and then join M32. Take M32 J1 onto A4174. Continue for 4.6 miles until reaching roundabout signed Hanham. Take second exit A431 (Marsham Way). At the mini roundabout turn right and follow Stonehill for 1 mile through the High Street until another roundabout and then take first exit onto Memorial Road. Then turn right on to Church Road, second left into Vicarage Road.
Colours	Black & White Shirts/Black Shorts/Black Socks
Change Colours	Green & White Shirts/Green Shorts/Green Socks

Henbury & Rockleaze FC (2024)

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Directions	M5J17 follow signs for Bristol West & Clifton A4018 continue on d/carriageway until 3rd roundabout take 3rd exit onto Crow Lane, turn 2nd left into Ellsworth Road. Take 3rd turning on right Richeson Walk. Turn left into Satchfield Cres. Turn right Lorain Walk, Car park at the end of the road.
Colours	Red & Orange Shirts / Black Shorts / Black Socks
Change Colours	Sky Blue Shirts / White Shorts / Sky Blue Socks

Quedgeley Wanderers FC (1994)

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Directions	Exit M5 J12. If approaching from the South bare left. If approaching from the North take the 3rd exit. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto A38. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Waterwells Drive. Continue on Waterwells Drive and then take 1st exit onto Stephenson Drive. Ground located on left.
Colours	Red & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Black Socks
Change Colours	Grey Shirts / Grey Shorts / Grey Socks

Ruardean Hill Rangers FC (1919)

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Programme Editor	Adam Cole E mail : coley_94@hotmail.co.uk
Ground	Ruardean Recreation Ground, Ruardean Hill, Drybrook, Glos. GL17 9AR Tel: 01594 544871
Directions	From South: From Severn Bridge take A48 marked Chepstow follow signs to Lydney. Take the first left after Tesco's to Coleford. Continue into Coleford and take a right turn on to Gloucester Road B4028 at the second set of lights. At T junction turn right on to A4136 follow road through Brierly Hill then take the left turning marked Ruardean Hill follow road for 2 miles ground at top of hill on left opposite the Flagpole.
Colours	Light Blue Shirts / Navy Shorts / Navy Socks
Change Colours	Yellow Shirts / Black Shorts / Yellow Socks

Sharpness FC (1901)

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Ground	Hamfields Leisure Centre, Hamfields Lane, Berkeley, GL13 9TN.
Directions	<p>South Leave the M5 at Junction 14 and turn left at traffic lights turn right and head towards Berkeley turn left onto Alkington Lane 3.5 miles signed Berkeley. Turn left at end of road then straight across roundabout into Berkeley. Bear left onto Salter Street continue on that road for 1.5 miles take 2nd exit at roundabout and you have arrived at the ground.</p> <p>North Follow A38 to Berkeley Heath Filling Station and turn right signed Berkeley, at roundabout take first exit into Berkeley, at town centre bear left onto Salter Street in 1.5 miles 2nd exit on roundabout you have arrived.</p>
Colours	Red Shirts / White Shorts / Red Socks
Change Colours	Dark Blue Shirts / Dark Blue Shorts / Dark Blue Socks

Stoke Gifford SGS United FC (1948)

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Chairman	Martin Black
Programme Editor	Mark Brown Email: bristoloccerworld@mail.com
Ground	Stoke Gifford Stadium, New Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.BS34 8LP Tel: 0117 9312121
Directions	Leave M5 junction 16, signposted Patchway / Bradley Stoke..Take the A38 exit to Filton. Continue straight over the roundabout and stay on Gloucester Rd/A38 for about a mile. Keep going along this road until you reach the police station on your left hand side and take this exit. At the traffic lights, take your first exit along Gipsy Patch Lane. At the next roundabout take the 3 rd exit. Go through 2 roundabouts until you reach Parkway Station. Continue onto Brierly Furlong. At the next roundabout take the 3 rd exit onto New Road where you will see the ground highlighted at SGS College / Stoke Gifford Stadium.
Colours	Royal Blue & White Shirts / Royal Blue Shorts / Blue Socks
Change Colours	White Shirts /Black Shorts / Black Socks

Totterdown United FC (1964)

Website

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Chairman Steve Thomas

Programme Editor Dave Bull
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Ground Bristol Barbarians RFC, Norton Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol. BS14 0BT

Directions Follow signs M32 to Cabot Circus take A4044 to Bristol Temple Meads Temple Way, follow signs A37 Wells at the 3 lamps junction Totterdown take A37 and follow through to Whitchurch Village. After Village take first right Norton Lane then immediately right opposite Play area.

Colours Red & Black Shirts / Black Shorts / Red Socks

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

Wick FC (1971)

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Chairman John Towler

Programme Editor Matt Davis
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Ground Oldbury Lane, Wick, Bristol. BS30 5RJ Tel: 07801 129560 (m)

Directions Heading from the Avon ring road (A4174). At the Warmley junction of the A4174, take the exit London Road/A420, signposted Wick, Bridge Yate, North Common and Warmley. Continue on the A420 through Warmley, through Bridge Yate (continue straight through both mini roundabouts) and continue on into Wick through the traffic lights, past the Carpenters Arms on the left. At the top of the hill, take a small turning on your right, signposted Upton Cheyney / Wick Sports Ground. Follow this narrow road for 500m and Wick FC is on your left.

Colours Orange Shirts / Black Shorts / Black Socks

Change Colours Green shirts/Green shorts/Green socks.

1. DEFINITIONS

(A) In these Rules:

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

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

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

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

“Player Registration System” means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.

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

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

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

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as defined in The FA rules.

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

“Virtual Meetings” means meetings held electronically.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or otherwise 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 also the other way around. *scor*

2. GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION.

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

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

(C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be Clubs whose Parent County affiliation is Gloucestershire Football Association and play in leagues approved by a Sanctioning Authority.

(D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by 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 to them, 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) (1) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association.

(2) 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

(1) 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 (including those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

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

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

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

(J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children and Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk 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 from a Club shall be permitted to participate in a single division unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries in which case the Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority. 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 by transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules. *SCOR*

3. CLUB NAME

(A) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority following consultation with the Competition . In the event that permission is granted, the Club must advise the Competition Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *SCOR*

4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary by 31 January and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or an SGM if confirmed by a majority of the accredited voting members present.

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 for each Club/ Team payable at a date agreed at the AGM or set by the Competition

(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) has 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 following date 1 August. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form of the 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.

5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

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

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

(C) The Management Committee shall meet a minimum of twice a season or as and when required.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

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

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

6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

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

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call on each Club 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 at all such meetings, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly relating to that 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).

(D) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote. SCOR

(E) 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(J), 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:

- 1. Accept the charge and/or submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee; or*
- 2. Accept the charge and notify the competition that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or*
- 3. Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee; or*
- 4. Deny the charge and notify the Competition that it wishes to have 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.

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).

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.

With the exception of Teams playing at Regional NLS Feeder League 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 Regional NLS Feeder League 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 sanctioning Association.

(F) 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.

(G) A minimum of 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees.

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

(I) 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.

(J) 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.

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

(L) 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 subject to the provisions of the National League System Regulations or Women's Football Pyramid Regulations (which shall take precedence if applicable).

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

7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

(A)(1) 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.

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

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

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

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

(1) All parties must have received a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(2) 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, and the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

(1) invite submissions by the parties involved;

(2) convene a hearing to hear the appeal;

(3) permit new evidence; or

(4) impose appropriate deadlines.

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 in these circumstances 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 14 days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

(1) Confirm the minutes of the last AGM.

(2) Adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts from the previous season or accounting period.

(3) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

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

(5) Election of Competition Officers and Management Committee members.

(6) Appointment of auditors/verifiers.

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

(8) Agree the date for the beginning of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(9) Agree the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Regional NLS Feeder Leagues which shall be determined by The FA).

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

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

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

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

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

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for virtual meetings) unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.

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

(H) 1. 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.

2. 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, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 8.G)

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

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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

(B) The Management Committee may call an SGM at any time.

(C) At least 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.

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

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

(F) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 9.D) SCOR

10. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season

"We, (A) (name) [] of (address) [] (Chair)/(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:

(1) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, by the Club chair and secretary; or

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

Any change of chair/secretary or Directors of the Club as named on the above agreement must be notified to the Gloucestershire County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition. SCOR

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

11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing of such intention 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. *SCOR*

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

(A) At the AGM or an 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 an 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, provided this is 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 found 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 12(A) and/or 12(B) of this Rule. *SCOR*

13. TROPHY

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

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

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

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

14. ALTERATION TO RULES

(A) Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an 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, except in exceptional circumstances and approved by Sanctioning Authority or The FA.

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

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

15. FINANCE

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

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

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

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

16. INSURANCE

(A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of for a minimum of 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.

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

17. DISSOLUTION

(A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at an 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:

(1) 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.

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

MATCH RELATED RULES

18. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

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

1. Registered through the Player Registration System 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 4 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 and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner.

Or

2. signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a in a subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner

Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18.A.2. registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players by the Player Registration System, Clubs must access the Player Registration System 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) (1) 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 or Tiers 1-4 of the Women Pyramid System.

(2) 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.

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

(4) In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, or with a Club in another Competition their registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18.B.1.

(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 will be suspended from football activities should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

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

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.
In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club 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:-

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

(2) 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, or where the Competition adopts Rule 18.P.

(3) Submit a signed registration form as per rule 18(A)(2) or submit a registration through the player registration system that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G)(1) The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (2) and (3) below.

(2) 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).

(3) 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.

(4) 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 may consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (3) 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 C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer notification to the Competition via the player registration system. A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff will be required.

Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 1 day after receipt of such transfer.

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

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

(J) 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 15 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(L) A Team shall not include more than 3 Players who has/have played in 8 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play.

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

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

(M)(1) Subject to Rule 18(M)(2), 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).

(2) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(M)(1) 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.

(3) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(M)(1) 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

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

- 1)** Priority must be given at all times to activities school and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- 2)** The availability of children and young people must be cleared with the Head Teachers or Principals (except for Sunday leagues competitions).
- 3)** To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

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

(P) If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's Registration within the Competition it must make a request via the FA's electronic Player Registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.

If a Player's registration is cancelled he/she will not be eligible to re-register in the Competition for a period of 28 days, from the date of Cancellation. *SCOR*

(Q) Registrations may be cancelled via the Player Registration System without charge. If more than 21 days have elapsed since the registration or the player has made an appearance then the registration fee under rule 18(D) will be paid *GCFL*

19. CLUB COLOURS

(A) Every team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30 June and the Competition Secretary shall decide as to their suitability.

(B) Any Club wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Competition Secretary in advance of making that change.

(C) Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

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

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

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

(G) Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *scor*

(H) Where the colours of two competing clubs are similar, the away team must change its colours for the occasion. Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff *GCFL*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Within the National League System ("NLS") and Regional NLS Feeder Leagues, all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All other Competition Matches 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 agreed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs and the competition.

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

Club Guide to Kick-off times:

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

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

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

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if not provided. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches

Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are removed for all affiliated matches in the NLS at Regional NLS Feeder League level.

For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally agreed 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 Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 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 5 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 which will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E)(1) 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 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 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 Competition [Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Referees Appointments Officer], 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.

(4) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Competition. Failing such agreement and notification to the Competition within 3 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. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for 18 persons, or car allowance at 40p per mile for transporting 18 persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.

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

(5) 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.

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(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

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

The referee and a representative of the opposing Club shall be informed of the names of the Players taking part in the match including the substitutes not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

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

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

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

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

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

(H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their 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 6pm 2 days before a fixture that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20€.

(J) All Clubs and Officials shall conduct the handshake prior to the commencement of the match
GCFI

(K) (i) Both Clubs must use the substitute boards in all Competition Matches, supplied by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCFI*

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

21. REPORTING RESULTS

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

(B) The Home Club shall text the result, attendance, all named goalscorers and time of each goal to the Registration Secretary within **30** minutes of Saturday and Bank Holiday games concluding. The Result of midweek game shall be texted on completion of the game. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(i) Also required is a full report on the match e-mailed to the General Secretary by 10am the following day. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. *GCL*

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

22. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

(NB: for Regional NLS Feeder Leagues criteria 1 & 2 are mandatory, for all other Competitions they are optional):

1. Goal difference where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest.
2. In the event of two or Teams being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing season shall be placed highest.
3. In the event of two or teams being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.
4. 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.
5. One-off fixture or play off games as determined by the League Management Committee.

(B)

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

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

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

(c) election.

(2) Should a club's reserve team be in the competition when it's senior Team is relegated to the Competition that reserve Team automatically retires from the Competition.

(C) Not applicable in this league.

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

(E) All Feeder League Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 must make an application using the prescribed form direct to The FA, copied to the relevant League by 31st December in the relevant year. In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Feeder League.

If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then the Club finishing second, third, fourth or fifth may be considered for promotion provided that they have meet the appropriate entry criteria.

The bottom 2 Clubs in the Gloucestershire County Football Competition will be relegated; Any Club not maintaining the ground grading set for the Competition may be relegated at the end of the Playing Season. Each relegated Club will be consulted and allocated to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Leagues Liaison Committee.

A total of 2 Clubs will be promoted to the Gloucestershire County Football League Competition from the leagues at Step 8 of the GFA Local Football Pyramid providing that clubs have the ground grading criteria.

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

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

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

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

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

23. MATCH OFFICIALS

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

(B) (1) 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.

(2) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.

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

(D) No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground. In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. *SCOR*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(L) Match Officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA and/or Sanctioning Authority adopted by the Competition. *SCOR*

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

MATCH OFFICIALS	
REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE
£55	£42

ADDITIONAL RULES
Gloucestershire County Football League

1. SPONSORSHIP

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

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

2. HOSPITALITY

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

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

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

2. The home club must place 3 matchday programmes in the visitors dressing room. 1 matchday programme in the match officials room if just referee - and 3 if assistant referees are appointed. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Fines Tariff).

3. After each home game a MATCHDAY PROGRAMME must be sent to the General Secretary within 3 days of the game. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Fines Tariff).

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

5. Clubs must send Away Report Form to General Secretary within 4 days of the match taking place. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Fines Tariff).

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

7. A telephone must be easily available for emergency use.
8. Access to the ground in an emergency must be provided.
9. Adequate Public Liability Insurance must be provided.

APPENDIX

OFFICERS

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

(B) The Officers of the Gloucestershire County Football League (hereafter referred to as “the Competition”) shall be:- Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary, Registration Secretary, Development Manager. Officer of the league to be representative on GFA Council. These positions shall be subject to election by ballot at Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Officers shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings and be entitled to vote. A person who has served as a County League Officer for at least 21 years (either continuous or in aggregate) shall become a Life Member of the County League and shall receive a memento to mark the occasion.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDING ORDERS

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

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

<u>FEES TARIFF</u>		
<i>RULE</i>	<i>SUBJECT MATTER</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Club Application Fee	Applying to join the GCFL	£50
4 (A)	Club Entry Fee	£20
4 (B)	Annual Subscription	£125
4 (C)	Membership Deposit	£100
7 (C) , 7 (F), 7(H)	Protest Appeal Fee Sanctioning Authority Appeal	£25 £50
18 (D)	Player Registration	£2
18 (H)	Transfer Fee	£20
23 (E)	Referees Fixed Fee	£55
23 (E)	Assistant Referee Fee	£42

LES JAMES LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

3.1	League Cup Entrance Fee	£30
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National League System

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

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
18 (L)	Fielding more than the permitted players who have participated in Senior Competition matches	£50
18 (M)(1)	Playing an ineligible player	£50
18 (N)	Failure to give priority to School Activities	No Fine at Present
19 (F)	Delay Kick-off due to no change of colours	£20
19 (G)	Failure to Number Shirts or incorrect numbers	£20
19(H)	Failure to change Kit—Away	£20
20 (A)	Failure to provide 2 Fit Match Balls & Equipment	£15
20 (B)	Failure to Play matches on date fixed	£100
20 (C)	Failure to contact Oppositions or Match Officials 5 clear days before match	£20
20 (D)	Playing match with less than the required number of players	£10 Each player
20 (F) (i)	Failure to hand the Referee official team Sheet 30 minutes before kick-off	£15
20 (F) (ii)	Failure to notify Referee and opposition of changes to team sheet	£25
20 (F) (3)	Submitting an incorrect team sheet	£25
20 (E) (1) & (4)	Failure to play Fixture	£100
20 (H)	No Captains Armband	£10
20 (J) (i)	Failure to use Substitute Boards when making Substitutions	£20
20 (J) (ii)	Substitutes Failure to wear identifiable Bibs	£25
21 (A)	Late Result or incomplete or incorrect Match Result Form	£25
21 (B)	Failure to Provide Result	£20
21 (B) (i)	Failure to leave any of the items listed under this rule	£20
21 (C)	Result notification not signed by appropriate signatories	No Fine
23 (C)	Failure to Provide Club Assistant Referee	£20

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
23 (D) (i)	Failure to follow procedure to Postpone Fixtures	£30
23 (D) (ii)	Failure to contact league officers in the event of a postponement	£25
23 (E)	Failure to Pay match Officials Fees in Dressing Room	£15
23 (F)	Failure to pay Match Official where a match is not played	£15
23 (H)	Failure to provide Referees Mark	£30
1 (B)	Failure to play with Official Match Balls	£20
2 (A)	Failure to supply refreshments for players Match Officials and Spectators during the game	£20
2 (B)	Clubs failing to stay for hospitality without prior notification	£20
Additional Requirements 1.	Failure to produce a Match-day Programme	£40
Additional Requirements 2.	Failure to place Match-day Programmes in Visitors and Match Officials dressing rooms	£20
Additional Requirements 3.	Failure to send Match-day Programme To General Secretary within 3 days of the match	£20
Additional Requirements 4.	Failure to provide information to opponents for inclusion in match- day programme	£20
Additional Requirements 5.	Failure to send Away Report Form to General Secretary within 4 days	£20
LES JAMES LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT
3.1	Failing to enter Competition	£10
4.5	Play an Ineligible Player(s)	£50
13.	Clubs Failing to Play Fixture	£50
14.1	Failure to reimburse Home Club	£20

League Equality Policy and Complaints Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

League Complaints Procedure

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

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

FA SAFEGUARDING

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

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

3. Upon receipt by The Association of:

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

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

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

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

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

4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TITLE

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

CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

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

ENTRANCE FEES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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

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

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

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

4.1 The qualification of a player shall be that he is a registered playing member of the Club at least seven days previous to the original date fixed for the playing of the match, except in special circumstances sanctioned by the Management Committee in writing.

4.2 To be eligible to play in any Semi Final or Final Tie a player must have played 3 of the participating team's fixtures, League or Cup, except in special circumstances sanctioned by the Management Committee in writing.

4.3 To be eligible to play in the competition a player must not have played more than 10 games in a more senior Competition (Step 6 or above) in the National League System during the current season.

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

4.5 To be eligible to play in the final tie, a player must be registered with his Club by the 31st March in any year, except in special circumstances sanctioned by the Management Committee in writing.

4.6 The Club Secretary must send to the Competition Secretary at least 7 days prior to playing the Final Tie a list of registered players, not exceeding 16, that may be eligible to play in the Final. This list must include the number of appearances each player has made for the team during the current season. Failure to provide the list will result in a fine.

4.7 No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing Club in the same Competition.

DURATION OF MATCHES

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

PROVISIONS OF TIES PRIOR TO THE FINAL TIE

6. The Club drawn first shall be deemed the Home Team. In the event that the home Clubs facilities are unavailable then the game will be played on their opponents ground or at a ground decided by the Management Committee
- 6.1 All matches must be played on the date set by the Fixture Secretary.

PROVISION OF THE FINAL TIE

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

KICK-OFF TIMES / TEAM SHEETS

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

SUBSTITUTES

9. As per League Rule 20 (F)

APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

10. As per League Rule 23 (A)

RESULTS

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

DATES FOR THE SEASON

12. At the discretion of the Management Committee.

CLUBS FAILING TO PLAY

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

MATCH EXPENSES

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

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

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

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

MEMENTOES

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

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

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

OTHER RULES

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

RON HOLPIN TROPHY RULES

1. The Competition shall be called the “Ron Holpin Trophy”. It will be completed annually by the League Champions and the Les James League Cup winners. Should the League Champions also win the Les James League Cup then the Cup runners up will be invited to play. Should the League Champions be promoted then the League runners up will be invited to play. The match will be played on the ground of the League Champions (or runners up) and will be played prior to the commencement of the League fixtures on a date to be agreed.
2. Control and management of the competition will be by the Management Committee of the Gloucestershire County Football League.
3. Contract and Non-Contract players as defined in the Gloucestershire County Football League Competition shall be eligible.
4. Players at the time of representing a Club must be registered with the league by 6pm on the eve of the game.
5. The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each way). If at the end of 90 minutes the scores are level the trophy will be shared between the Clubs.
6. Substitutes will be as per League Rule 20 (F).
7. Appointment of Match Officials will be as League Rule 23 (A).
8. The fees and expenses paid to the match officials will be the responsibility of the League.
9. The Home Club shall retain the proceeds of any gate.
10. The Rules of the Gloucestershire County Football league shall apply to all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

Mandatory Digital Programme Rules

Any digital programme must conform and include everything as per the rules. In other words, if the rules state a match programme must include an advert for the league sponsor, the away team history, a team sheet then a digital programme must also include the same.

Here are the guidelines:

Before the start of the season a club must submit a proof copy to the league for approval.

The club must publish the programme on their club website.

The club must send the link to the programme on their website to the away team, the league and where possible on social media.

For a Saturday match, the programme must be available online from midday on Friday.

For weekday matches by 6pm the day before the match.

Clubs may also produce and sell hard copies of the programme on match day.

How clubs choose to produce their digital programme is entirely up to them. But it must be accessible — this means that it must be in a format that the programme can be read on devices such as PC, mobile phones, tablets. The most widely used format is PDF.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
NATIONAL GROUND GRADING—STEP 7 REQUIREMENTS**

(Appropriate to NLS Step 7)

When considering any developments of the ground to comply with the requirements of this grade, clubs are recommended to bear in mind the criteria for higher gradings which might be achieved for minimal additional expense.

NB The suitability of all installations shall be at the sole discretion of the FA Ground Grading Technical Panel

1. GROUND

1.1 Security of Tenure

Where a club does not own the freehold of their ground then evidence of adequate security of tenure must be provided. *This will be in-line with the principles of Rule 2.3.2 from The FA's Standardised Rules.*

1.2 Ground Share

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

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

1.3 Capacity

There is no stated ground capacity at this level.

1.4 Boundary of Ground

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

1.5 Club House

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

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

1.6 Car Parking

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

1.7 Pitch Perimeter Barrier

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

The barrier, if other than solid wall type of construction may be in-filled. Advertising boards may be acceptable as a means of infill. *Any barriers installed at new grounds should be purposed designed, with integrated infill panels as required and be made from UPVC or coated metal.*

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

1.8 Pitch Standards

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

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

3G football turf

3G football turf may only be used provided conditions (i) to (v) below have been met (the "Performance Standard"):

(i) The pitch must be surfaced with 3G football turf that has laboratory type approval according to the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf (2012 & 2015 editions) – FIFA Recommended One Star/Quality level.

(ii) The 3G football turf pitch must be listed on The Association's register of 3G football turf pitches before use is permitted.

(iii) Where a 3G football turf pitch is not yet listed on The Association's register (for example if it is a newly installed pitch), a Club must obtain a Laboratory Performance Test Report and submit it to The Association.

(iv) The Association reserves the right to instruct a Club to have its pitch tested at any time in order to ensure that it meets the Performance Standard. All such tests shall be at the Club's expense.

(v) The 3G football turf, including run-offs, shall be one continuous playing surface and shall be green in colour at least one metre from the outer edge of the touchline and goal line. All line markings shall be in accordance with the Laws of Association Football.

It should be noted that:

- To achieve the FIFA Quality performance standard that a pitch must be a minimum of 100 metres x 64 metres.*
- For a Club to use a 3G football turf pitch at Step 6 or above it would be subject to annual testing, which would be at the Club's expense.*

1.9 Playing Area

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

Length - Minimum 90 m (100 yds) Maximum 120 m (130 yds)

Width - Minimum 45 m (50 yds) Maximum 90 m (100 yds)

It should be noted that at Grade H the playing area must be a minimum of 100 metres x 64 metres and this is the recommended minimum size at Step 7.

Goal posts and goal net supports should be of professional manufacture and conform to the current safety requirements and to the requirements of the Laws of the Game.

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

1.10 Technical Area

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

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

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

2 persons only are allowed to stand at anyone time. The maximum occupants of the Technical Area shall not exceed 8 persons. (Manager - Assistant Manager - Therapist - and up to 5 Substitutes who must be named on the Team Sheet. (*GCFL*))

1.11 Secure Walkway

A secure walkway is not a requirement.

1.13 Floodlighting

Floodlighting is not compulsory at this level

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

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

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

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

1.14 Public Address System

A public address system is not compulsory at this level.

1.15 Entrances

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

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

1.17 Exits

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

All exits must be clearly sign posted.

1.18 Emergency Access

Access for emergency services must be provided

2. SPECTATOR FACILITIES

2.1 Seated Accommodation

Seated accommodation is not a requirement

2.2 Covered Standing Accommodation

Covered accommodation is not compulsory.

Hard standing is not compulsory.

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

2.3 Toilets

Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities.

2.4 Refreshment Facilities

Refreshment facilities for spectators are not compulsory.

Disabled Facilities

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

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

Shared Facilities

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

3. DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES

All dressing rooms must be secure and suitable for purpose.

3.1 Players

Separate dressing rooms must be provided for both teams. Existing dressing rooms dimensions will be in order, provided that they are of a minimum of 12 square metres. However, clubs wishing to progress should be aware of the need to increase to a minimum of 18 square metres. Where clubs are planning to build new changing rooms, these must be planned to be a minimum size of 18 square metres, excluding shower and toilet areas.

Each dressing room should have the following:

A shower area comprising of at least 3 working showerheads for each team – if not located in the dressing room then they must be located adjacent to it.

Adequate toilet facilities exclusively for the use of players - if not located in the dressing room then they must be located adjacent to it and must not be accessible to the general public.

Hot and cold running water

Shared showers are not acceptable

Ideally separate toilet facilities should be provided for each team. It is not acceptable for players and match officials to share toilet facilities.

In order to be considered for promotion to Step 6, clubs must have en suite shower and toilet facilities with a minimum of 4 showerheads.

3.2 Match Officials

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

Each match officials dressing room must have the following:

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

Adequate toilet facilities, exclusively for the use of match officials, which must be separate from those provided for the players. These do not necessarily need to be situated in the dressing room but must not be accessible to the general public.

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

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

In order to comply with the G Grade after promotion to Step 6, clubs must provide en suite shower and toilet facilities for the match officials.

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

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

4. MEDICAL

There must be a suitable qualified person (minimum F.A. Save a Life) in attendance to assist with spectator problems unless the St John Ambulance Brigade, Red Cross Society or a comparable voluntary agency are in attendance. The person may be a club physiotherapist

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

All Clubs are required to have a Medical Emergency Action Plan (MEAP), or equivalent, in place. A copy of which must be submitted to the League Secretary on the standard form provided by no later than 1st August in each year displayed in a prominent public area in the clubhouse and/or dressing rooms.

LEAGUE GROUND GRADING CRITERIA

APPENDIX

1. Clubs applying to gain entry into the Gloucestershire County Football League must do so by 31st January in any year. An Application Fee of £50 will be charged to all Clubs applying for entry

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

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

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

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

ADJOINING PITCHES

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

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

Disputes Relating to the Application of Eligibility Criteria

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

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

1. Copy of the Club Constitution.
2. Copy of latest Accounts & Balance Sheet for the Club, as submitted to most recent Annual General Meeting.
3. Copy of at least one statement of Club Bank Account as officially issued by your Bank.
4. Evidence that your Club has written permission to play at your ground.
5. A cheque for £40 - Application Fee made payable to Gloucestershire County Football League must accompany all applications failure to send fee will render application invalid.

Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals

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

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

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

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

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

NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS

1. Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation

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

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

Planning permission granted for floodlights.

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

A development / business plan

Quotations / estimates for the work to be carried out.

Funding applications submitted, if required.

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

**THE FULL VERSION OF THE FA NLS REGULATIONS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE**

RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

5. (a) Movement of Clubs will be by invitation in accordance with the National League System (NLS) (Step 1-6) and below this, the local Football Pyramid. All League Sponsors names have been removed for clarity

6. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM

Step 1	National League			
Step 2	National League North		National League South	
Step 3	Northern Premier League	Southern League Central	Isthmian League Premier	Southern League South
Step 4 (Local)	Southern League Division One Central		Southern League Division One South	
Step 5 (Local)	Hellenic League Premier Div. & Western League Premier Div.			
Step 6 (Local)	Western League Div. 1. & Hellenic League Div. Two			

7. LOCAL FOOTBALL PYRAMID (South / North)

Step 7 *	Gloucestershire County Football League (NLS Regional Feeder League) **	
Step 8 *	Bristol Premier Combination Div 1 & Bristol Suburban League Premier Div 1	Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Div 1 & Hellenic League Div 2 **
Step 9 *	Bristol Premier Combination Div2 & Bristol Suburban League Premier Div 2	Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Div 2
Step 10 *	Bristol & District League Bristol Suburban League	Cheltenham League Stroud & District League North Gloucestershire League
Step 11 *	Bristol Downs League	Cirencester League

* Steps 7 - 11 shown on the local structure chart above are not part of the FA National League System. The Steps have been created to simply clarify levels within the Local Football Pyramid.

** Gloucestershire FA 'Parent County' affiliated Clubs only.

LOCAL FOOTBALL PYRAMID MANAGEMENT

7 Cont.

- (A). Gloucestershire FA will appoint members to any Joint League Liaison Committee (JLLC) convened to discuss issues related to these Regulations. The Committee shall meet at least once per season or at the request of an affiliated League.
- (B). A Promotion and Relegation Link shall exist between Competitions at Step 7 and Step 8 as agreed and/or amended by the JLLC and approved by Council from time to time.
- (C). Promotion to Step 7 is subject to the Team's proposed facilities meeting the FA Step 7 minimum ground grading criteria as published from time to time and;
- (i). Applying to the Step 7 Competition for membership, in writing, on or before 31st January, enclosing the application fee agreed by the JLLC from time to time.
- (ii). Evidencing security of tenure at a playing facility that meets the FA ground grading criteria from 1st August to 30th April in the following season.
- (iii). The Club being affiliated to Gloucestershire FA as its 'Parent County FA'
- (D). Affiliated Clubs may appeal to the Association against a decision made by a Competition in respect of promotion eligibility in accordance with FA Regulations.
- (E). Subject to 7c, a minimum of two Teams will be promoted to the Step 7 Competition from Step 8 Competitions each season as approved by the JLLC.
- (F). A maximum of two teams may be promoted from any one Competition at Step 8 unless otherwise agreed by the JLLC.
- (G). Should a Champion Team not wish for promotion to Step 7 or, alternatively, not meet the necessary ground grading criteria, then the second, third or fourth placed Team in that Competition will be eligible under the same conditions.
- (i). The JLLC shall prioritise promotion for the Champion Teams, then the Runners- up followed by the third or fourth placed Teams, subject to Regulation 7c.
- (H). In the event of there being more than two Teams equally eligible for promotion to Step 7, promotion shall be determined by virtue of being the winners of a play-off match or series of matches. The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-offs shall be determined by the JLLC. Play-offs shall be managed by Gloucestershire FA at a suitable venue.
- (I). The bottom two Teams in the Step 7 Competition shall be relegated to Step 8.
- (i). Should one or more Teams withdraw from the Step 7 Competition after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated
- (ii). Each relegated Team will be consulted and allocated to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the JLLC.
- (J). In the event of there being no eligible Club in any Step 8 Competition wishing for promotion or not having the necessary grading criteria, this will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the Step 7 Competition.

(i). If only one Team is eligible or wish for promotion, only the bottom Team in the Step 7 Competition will be relegated.

(ii). If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the Step 7 Competition.

8. At Step 9 and below, promotion and relegation within a Competition structure may be determined by the relevant League Management Committee in accordance with Competition Rules, but subject to a Club appeal to the Association in accordance with FA Regulations.

9. The Champion Teams of the Bristol Downs League should they wish to progress through the Local Structure will be offered a position in either the Bristol & District or Bristol & Suburban League, at the next level above their existing County Cup Classification in the League of their choice, providing they satisfy the conditions necessary for entry.

10. The Champion Team of the Cirencester & District League should they wish to progress through the Local Structure will be offered a position in either the Cheltenham League, North Gloucestershire League or the Stroud & District League, at the next level above their existing County Cup Classification in the League of their choice, providing they satisfy the conditions necessary for entry.

11. No newly formed team may join the local league structure in a position higher than Step 10 shown above

12. Notice of intentions by Clubs for movement within the Local Structure, other than promotion to Step 7, must be made to the League concerned by the 31 March in each year.

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

League Honours - Continued		
Season	Champions	Runners-up
2017-18	Thornbury Town	Lebeq United
2018-19	Lebeq United	Frampton United
2019-20	Season Null & Void Due to Covid 19	
2020-21	Season Null & Void Due to Covid 19	
2021-22	Wick FC	Shirehampton FC
2022-23	Cribbs Reserves	Bromley Heath United
2023-24	Avonmouth	Stoke Gifford United

Les James League Cup Competition			
Season	Clubs	Venue	Winners
2002-03	Henbury Old Boys v Roman Glass St George	Yate Town	Henbury Old Boys
2003-04	Patchway Town v Tytherington Rocks	Yate Town	Patchway Town
2004-05	Patchway Town v Ellwood	Yate Town	Patchway Town
2005-06	Highridge United v Lydney Town	Yate Town	Highridge United
2006-07	Patchway Town v Yate Town Reserves	Yate Town	Patchway Town
2007-08	Hardwicke v Ellwood	Yate Town	Hardwicke
2008-09	Henbury v Kings Stanley	Slimbridge	Kings Stanley
2009-10	Kings Stanley v Taverners	Brimscombe	Taverners
2010-11	Henbury v Thornbury Town	Kingswood	Henbury
2011-12	Cribbs Friends Life v Longlevens	Kingswood	Cribbs Friends Life
2012-13	Kings Stanley v Taverners	Southmead	Kings Stanley
2013-14	Longlevens V Rockleaze Rangers	Kingswood	Longlevens
2014-15	Thornbury Town v Cheltenham Civil Service	Slimbridge	Thornbury Town
2015-16	Hardwicke v Rockleaze Rangers	Tytherington	Hardwicke
2016-17	AEK Boco v Broadwell Amateurs	Stonehouse	AEK Boco
2017-18	Thornbury Town v Frampton United	Stonehouse	Thornbury Town
2018-19	AEK Boco v Little Stoke	Wick	Little Stoke
2019-20	Not completed due to Covid 19	*****	*****
2020-21	Not completed due to Covid 19	*****	*****
2021-22	Little Stoke v Ruardean Hill Rangers	Stonehouse	Little Stoke
2022-23	Broadwell Amateurs v Sharpness	Henbury	Broadwell Amateurs
2023-24	Hanham Athletic v Stoke Gifford United	Almondsbury	Stoke Gifford United

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

Leading Goalscorers Each Season - Continued				
Season	Games	Player	Club	Goals
2015-16	30	D Golding	Bristol Telephones	37
2016-17	30	D Golding	Bristol Telephones	35
2017-18	32	C Lancaster	Thornbury Town	40
2018-19	25	R Vincent	Frampton United	25
2019-20	Season Null & Void Due to Covid 19			
2020-21	Season Null & Void Due to Covid 19			
2021-22	30	S Clark	Ruardean Hill Rangers	30
	25	S Bamford	Shirehampton	30
2022-23	24	J.Guthrie	Cribbs Reserves	19
2023-24	30	J. Pearce	Avonmouth	32

Dave Herbert Sportsmanship Cup	
Season	Winners
2006-07	Hardwicke
2007-08	Wotton Rovers
2008-09	Berkeley Town
2009-10	Thornbury Town
2010-11	Brimscombe & Thrupp
2011-12	Taverners
2012-13	Rockleaze Rangers
2013-14	Bristol Academy
2014-15	Rockleaze Rangers
2015-16	Rockleaze Rangers
2016-17	Rockleaze Rangers
2017-18	Broadwell Amateurs / Frampton United
2018-19	Frampton United / Rockleaze Rangers
2019-20	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2020-21	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2021-22	Frampton United
2022-23	Frampton United
2023-24	Bromley Heath United

Tony Neather Memorial Shield Top Marked Referee of the Season	
Season	Winner
2003-04	Mike Crooks
2004-05	Not Awarded
2005-06	Adrian Shilston
2006-07	Mark Russell
2007-08	Rob Cockle
2008-09	Tom Blanch
2009-10	Adam Ricketts
2010-11	Julian Hooper
2011-12	Steve Oakey
2012-13	Steve Fearnley
2013-14	Brian Lee
2014-15	Steve Fearnley
2015-16	Steve Irwin-Porter
2016-17	Darren McMillan
2017-18	Darren McMillan
2018-19	Darren McMillan
2019-20	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2020-21	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2021-22	Garry Collier
2022-2023	Graham McNulty
2023-2024	Graham McNulty

Ron Jay Memorial Shield Most Efficient Administered Club of the Season		
Season	Winner	Club
2002-03	David C. Herbert	Whitminster F.C.
2003-04	Charles Barron	Henbury Old Boys FC.
2004-05	Ian Edwards	Ellwood F.C.
2005-06	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2006-07	Stanley Hine	Hardwicke F.C.
2007-08	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2008-09	Stanley Higgins	D.R.G. Stapleton F.C.
2009-10	Roger Bassett	Kings Stanley F.C.
2010-11	Alan Green	Chipping Sodbury Town F.C.
2011-12	Charles Barron	Henbury F.C.
2012-13	*****	Southmead CS Athletic F.C.
2013-14	*****	Yate Town Reserves
2014-15	*****	Hanham Athletic
2015-16	*****	Broadwell Amateurs
2016-17	*****	Little Stoke
2017-18	*****	Ruardean Hill Rangers
2018-19	*****	Patchway Town
2019-20	*****	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2020-21	*****	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2021-22	*****	Quedgeley Wanderers
2022-23	*****	Patchway Town
2023-24	*****	Cheltenham Civil Service & Rockleaze Rangers

Golden Glove Award

- 2022-23 William Ferguson Bromley Heath United 29 Appearances 13 Clean Sheets
2023-24 William Ferguson Bromley Heath United 30 Appearances 10 Clean Sheets

Final League Table 2023-24								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
Avonmouth (Promoted)	30	24	2	4	92	33	59	74
Stoke Gifford United	30	18	7	5	72	34	38	61
Rockleaze Rangers	30	17	7	6	87	32	55	58
Bromley Heath United	30	17	6	7	57	37	20	57
Frampton United	30	15	8	7	60	42	18	53
Haqnhem Athletic	30	15	4	11	65	55	10	46
Sharpness	30	13	7	10	50	44	6	46
Little Stoke	30	12	5	13	55	47	8	41
Ruardean Hill Rangers	30	8	9	13	55	68	-13	33
Almondsbury	30	9	6	15	40	60	-20	33
Wick	30	7	10	13	56	60	-4	31
Broadwell Amateurs	30	9	4	17	39	59	-17	31
Quedgeley Wanderers	30	9	4	17	31	72	-41	31
Cheltenham Civil Service	30	9	3	13	30	61	-31	30
Gala Wilton	30	7	5	15	42	80	-38	26
Hardwicke (Relegated)	30	5	5	20	32	78	46	20

Chris Young Cup Top Marked Assistant Referee of the Season	
Season	Winner
2011-12	Steve Cook
2012-13	Nigel Newport-Black
2013-14	Adam Wilson
2014-15	Matthew Dickinson
2015-16	Shaun Enever
2016-17	Gary Clench
2017-18	Colin Hardy
2018-19	Shaun Enever
2019-20	Not Awarded Due to Covid 19
2020-21	Not awarded as Assistant Referees have been removed

CLUB AND REFEREE INFORMATION SHEET

CLUB AND REFEREE INFORMATION SHEET RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS and REFEREES IN DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF GROUNDS IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS (As set by the Football Association)

When the regional weather conditions are known to be extreme e.g., prolonged severe frost or heavy snow then the game can be postponed at the discretion of the home club after consultation with the Secretary.

Under such circumstances, the earliest the decision can be made is the day prior to the scheduled date of the game whilst the latest is one hour prior to the time the visiting team are scheduled to commence their journey. In all other circumstances a referee should be called in to make a decision in the following order of availability.

- 1) The match referee (subject to time and travelling distance).
 - 2) Another more local referee who must not be connected with either club.
- Prior to reaching his decision the referee who is making the inspection should consider the following: -

- 1) Consultation on the telephone with the match referee prior to the inspection.
- 2) Consultation on the telephone with the match referee after the inspection to mutually agree on a decision prior to notifying the home club.
- 3) The existing condition of the playing surface in conjunction with the prevailing weather conditions as previously confirmed with the local weather authority.
- 4) The views of the home club groundsman in terms of local knowledge and draining capabilities.
- 5) The manpower available to the home club to carry out any necessary work to make the ground playable.
- 6) The time the visiting club are due to commence their journey.
- 7) Whether or not the ground is dangerous, e.g., frost is dangerous, but water isn't.
- 8) Whether or not conditions are, or could turn farcical, e.g., excessive water on the pitch combined with a forecast of continued rain.
- 9) In the event of fog check with the local weather authority re possible clearance, also bearing in mind the visitors travel arrangements if the fog is known to be widespread.

If a decision is still in the balance after considering the above, then also consider: -

The time, distance and cost of the visiting team's travel.

If, after consultation with the match referee, the ground has been declared fit and the clubs instructed to travel, **then only in exceptional circumstances should the match referee reverse this decision.**

If an early inspection has not been carried out and the match referee arrives at the ground to find the playing conditions in doubt due to an unexpected deterioration in the weather, he should first consider all of the above points before committing himself to a decision e.g., whether or not either or both of the teams wish to play.

If fog is the problem then the match referee should also consider whether or not the paying spectator will be able to view the whole of the game. Please consult with the two clubs under such circumstances.

Remember - there are far less problems with a postponed game if the visitors have not travelled.

PAYMENT OF REFEREE

If a local referee is called in to inspect a pitch he will not be paid a fee, although travelling expenses will be paid when actually incurred.

Should the Match Referee attend to inspect the pitch ½ fee and travelling expenses, will be paid if the game is postponed.

If the game is played normal fee and expenses shall be paid, although additional travelling expenses should be paid to the Referee if incurred.

NOTIFICATION OF POSTPONEMENT

Upon reaching the decision to postpone the game, the home club must immediately inform the following: -

- 1) The League Referee Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Webmaster (Registration Secretary)
- 2) Away Team
- 3) Match Official



Avonmouth Winners 2023-24

Rob Orchard Managing Director of Marcliff the Leagues Main Sponsors presenting the Championship Trophy to Avonmouth Captain Tommy Taylor.





**Les James League Cup Winners Stoke Gifford Utd 2023-24.
Secretary Mark Simpson presenting trophy to Captain Ben Shepherd**

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