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ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SEASON 2025/2026 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Immediate Past President:

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President:

Roger Raggett

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Chairman:

Mark Powell

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Deputy Chairman:

Ian Smith

5 Whitecliff Close, Yaverland, Sandown, PO36 8QH
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Hon. Secretary:

Darren Dyer

5 Acorn Gardens, East Cowes PO32 6TD
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Richard Priest OBE DL

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Cup Competition Secretary:

Joe McCormack

12 Cambridge Road, East Cowes, PO32 6AH
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Hon. Minutes Secretary:

Currently vacant

Hon. Solicitor

Simon Nethercott

c/o Harold G. Walker & Co., Lansdowne House
Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3JT
Tel: (01202) 555691

Additional members of Council:

Pete Jeffery, Joe McCormack & Calum McFarlane

Life Vice Presidents:

Alan Russell	(52)	Roger Raggett	(35)
Edward Sheath	(43)	Roger Harvey	(34)
Ray Fleming	(41)	Stuart White	(22)
Andy King	(40)	John Hopkinson	(21)
Andrew Justice	(39)		

League Representatives:
Saturday League: Darren Dyer
Sunday Youth League: Joe McCormack, Calum McFarlane

Life Members
Ian W Palmer

R.A. Representative: Ian Smith
L.A.R.C. Representative: Calum McFarlane
Schools FA Representative: Joe McCormack
Senior Clubs Representative: Peter Jeffery
Intermediate Clubs Representative: Not applicable
Girls & Woman's Clubs Representative: Mrs Julie Woodhouse
Disability Football Representative: Mark Powell
Walking Football Representative: Martyn Heather

(NUMBERS INDICATE YEARS ON COUNCIL INCLUDING CURRENT SEASON)

Committees:

Emergency
The Officers

Cups:

The Cup Competitions will be administered by the Harwoods Renault Saturday League management committee.

Finance:

The Officers with Finance Officer from both the Saturday and the IOWDFA, John Hopkinson and Richard Priest

Representative Football:

Officers with Richard Mumford (Women's Team Manager), Sean Hales (Men's Team Manager) and Joe McCormack

Rules Revision:

The Officers with John Hopkinson and Calum McFarlane

Succession Planning:

Mark Powell (IOWDFA Chairman), Darren Dyer, IOWDFA Secretary

Website Administrator:

Geoff Ruck

Open Age Adult Saturday League Safeguarding Advocate:

Darren Dyer, 5 Acorn Gardens, East Cowes, PO32 6TD Mob. 07725 128701
Email: registrations.iowsl@outlook.com)

DATA PROTECTION

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) became effective from 28 May 2018. A copy of our Policy is on our website under the information tab. All enquiries should be addressed to Geoff Ruck.

**HARWOODS RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman:

Ian Smith, 5 Whitecliff Close, Yavarland, Sandown, PO36 8QH
Mob: 07850 442549 (Email: iansmith47@hotmail.co.uk)

Deputy Chairman:

Peter Wilson, 111 Carter Avenue, Shanklin, PO37 7NQ
Mob: 07572 543501 (Email: pete-wilson@hotmail.co.uk)

Hon. Secretary:

John Sivier, 19 Barton Road, Newport PO30 2HJ
Mob: 07361 857834 Email: sivier582@btinternet.com

Hon. Treasurer:

John Hopkinson, 88 St Edmunds Walk, Wootton, PO33 4JB
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Joe McCormack, 12 Cambridge Road, East Cowes, PO32 6AH
Mob: 07974426434 (Email: joemac77@hotmail.co.uk)

Hon. Fixture Secretary:

Joe McCormack

Registration Secretary:

Darren Dyer, 5 Acorn Gardens, East Cowes, PO32 6TD
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Referee Appointments Secretary:

Calum McFarlane, 3 Hampshire Terrace, Newport, PO30 5RX
Mob: 07710 997132 (Email: calummcfarlane1998@gmail.com)

Minutes Secretary:

John Sivier, 19 Barton Road, Newport, PO30 2HJ
Mob: 07361 857834 Email: sivier582@btinternet.com)

Committee Members:

Roger Raggett, Graham Snow, Andrew Rann, Mark Allen and
Stewart Shepherd

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May 2018. All enquiries should be addressed to John Sivier.

HAMPSHIRE FA: LOCAL AREA REFEREES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Calum McFarlane

Vice Chairman: Sean Phillips

Hon. Secretary: David Jukes

Committee Members:

Richard McFarlane, Chris Cass,
Brian Le Breton (HFA) & Andy Moisey (HFA)

REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Ali Taylor

Secretary: Ben Orton

The Hampshire FA Benevolent Fund

Grant's are available from the Fund to help players, coaches, club officials & referees who are in urgent need of financial help following an injury.

If you need to make an application please carry out the following procedure:

1. The club secretary having ascertained the player / official is or may be suffering financial hardship through the injury, should apply to the HFA or to our local Area Benevolent Officer for an application form.
2. The application form must be completed by the applicant and endorsed by the club secretary of the club. All information asked for, must be given, and you should ensure that all income from employment & any amounts received from benefits is given. A doctor's certificate clearly stating the nature of the injury and probable period of incapacity must accompany each application. The trustees of the Fund reserve the right to make any necessary enquiry concerning an application. Your completed application form should be returned to the county office or to the local area officer whose contact details are below.
3. Every application is promptly considered by the trustees, in strict confidence, and grants are made as needed to assist applicants during their incapacity.

Isle of Wight Area Benevolent Officer.

If you need to make a claim please contact the Hampshire FA

Donations to the Fund are always welcome & should be sent to the Finance Director at the county office.

THE HARWOODS RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE CLUBS

(All of whom have signed up to RESPECT)

Season 2025/2026

BEMBRIDGE AND VECTIS – Stuart Harris, 14 Stonewood Gate, St. Helens, PO33 1FY.

Mob: 07834 363178 Email: harriss@binsteadpri.co.uk

2nd contact: Stuart Clark 07972 630303

Steyne Park, Bembridge.

Colours – Navy blue shirts, shorts & socks (home). Red shirts, shorts & socks (away).

BINSTEAD & COB – Stuart White, 10 Birch Gardens, Binstead, PO33 3XB

Mob: 07525 724222 Email: mripid36@hotmail.co.uk

2nd contact: James Connor 07921 662636

Binstead Recreation Ground, Coniston Avenue, Binstead.

Colours – Green shirts, shorts & socks.

BRADING TOWN – Julian Trundle, 17 Meaders Road, Ryde, PO33 1HR.

Mob: 07359 113763 Email: zippytrundle@outlook.com

2nd contact: Dan Partridge 07909 625310

Email danpartridge065310@gmail.com

Peter Henry Ground, Vicarage Lane, Brading, PO36 0AR

Colours – Red shirts, shorts & socks.

COWES SPORTS RESERVES – Pete Jeffery, 49 Oakfield Road, East Cowes, PO32 6DS

Tel: 719076 Mob: 07903 085785 Email: milfordoak49@gmail.com

2nd contact: Lisa Woodward 07917 043152

Zilch Waste Stadium at Westwood Park, Reynolds Road, Cowes. Whilst Newport IWFC are ground-sharing at Westwood, the reserves will play home matches at the 4G pitch at Cowes Enterprise College.

Colours – Blue & white striped shirts, blue shorts & socks.

EAST COWES SPORTS – Michael Cox, 27 Parklands Avenue, Cowes, PO31 7NH

Mob: 07552 126809 Email: eastcowessportsfc@hotmail.com

2nd Contact: Stephen Ebbs 07837 053035

GKN Sports ground, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes.

Colours – Pink shirts, black shorts & pink socks.

EAST COWES VICTORIA ATHLETIC RESERVES – Graham Snow, 71 Quarry View, Camp Hill, Newport, PO30 5PJ
Mob: 07794 858280 Email: eastcowesvics@hotmail.com
2nd Contact: Darren Dyer Mob: 07725 128701
Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes
Colours – Red/white stripes shirts, black shorts, black socks
Change Colours – Grey shirts, white shorts, grey socks.

HIGH PARK – Stuart Woodmore, 59 Slade Road, Oakfield, Ryde, PO33 1EG
Tel: 604573 Mob: 07815 436586 Email: woody19_2@msn.com
2nd contact: Jack Leggett 07814 637985
1st & 'A' sides: Wootton Rec. Reserves: Seaclose Park.
Colours – Black & white striped shirts, black shorts & black and white socks.

NEWCHURCH – Jason Brook, 4 North View, Harbours, Walk Lane, Newchurch, PO36 0LY
Mob: 07754 616141 Email: newchurchfc@yahoo.com
2nd contact: Keith Newhouse 07909 254953 Email: newhouse11@gmail.com
The Pavilion, Watery Lane, Newchurch.
Colours – Yellow shirts, black shorts & yellow socks.

NEWPORT RESERVES – Stewart Shepherd, 16 Wellesley Way, Newport, PO30 2GB
Mob: 07714 782507 Email: stewshep@live.com
2nd Contact: Steve Rackett 07432 674276
Seaclose Park, Newport.
Colours – Blue shirts, yellow shorts, & blue socks.

NITON COMMUNITY – Craig Ross, 37 Broadwood Lane, Newport, PO30 5NH
Mob: 07792 429751 Email: craigross101010@gmail.com
2nd Contact: Justin Curling 07737 786734
Springhead, Blackgang Road, Niton, PO38 2BW
Colours – 1st team: Red & black shirts, red shorts & socks.
Reserves: Grey & black shirts, black shorts & socks.

NORTHWOOD ST. JOHNS – Mark Allen, 17 Shooters Hill, Cowes, PO31 7BG
Mob: 07972 902704 Email: pebble_mark@hotmail.com
2nd Contact: Leigh Mackenzie 07875 366767
Cowes Community Club, Park Road, Cowes, PO31 7NP.
Colours – Yellow & black shirts, black shorts & yellow socks..

OAKFIELD – Ross Hammond, 22 Greenham Drive, Seaview, PO34 5LD.
Mob: 07800 709438 Email: ross.hammond@apsgroup.uk.com
2nd Contact: Geoff Dutch Mob: 07890 639993
1st and Reserves: Oakfield Recreation Ground, Slade Road, Oakfield, PO33 1EG
'A' side: Pell Lane, Ryde.
Colours – Blue & white shirts, blue shorts & socks.

OSBORNE COBURG – James Green, 42 Cromwell Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6GE

Mob: 07525 233665 Email: coburgsecretary@gmail.com

2nd Contact: Charlie Panayi 07545 956299.

Vectis Field, Victoria Recreation Ground, Newport, PO30 2HJ

Colours – 1st team, Blue & white shirts, blue shorts & white socks.

Reserves – Yellow & black shirts, black shorts & yellow socks.

Alternative colours for both sides: Dark blue shirts, shorts and socks.

PAN SPORTS – Katrina Ellson, 55 Robin Hood Street, Newport, PO30 2AW

Mob: 07842 837978 Email: bbydoll33@hotmail.co.uk

2nd Contact: Sam Williams 07549 144475.

Seaclose Recreation Ground.

Colours – Claret & blue shirts, claret shorts & blue socks.

RYDE SAINTS – Anthony Rugg, The Old Nursery, Atherfield Green, Ventnor, PO38 2LG

Mob: 07974 868118 Email: ant.rugg@hotmail.co.uk

2nd Contact: Jayden Frankling 07866 750544.

Smallbrook Stadium, Ashey Road, Ryde, PO33 4BH

Colours – 1st team: Royal blue shirts, navy blue shorts & royal blue socks.

Reserves: Navy blue shirts & shorts & green socks.

SANDOWN AND LAKE – Kyle Brookes, 4 Brinton Close, East Cowes, PO32 6GH

Mob: 07506 731473 Email: sandown.lake.secretary@gmail.com

2nd Contact: Rob Iley 07734 300960.

Fairway Sports Complex, The Bay School, Sandown.

Colours – Yellow shirts, black shorts & socks.

SEAVIEW – Amanda Jones, 67 Solent View Road, Seaview, PO34 5HH

Tel: 613672 Mob: 07768 635587 Email: mandyj345@gmail.com

2nd Contact: Roy College Tel: 611491 07505 488247

Seagrove Pavilion, Seaview Recreation Ground, off Seagrove Manor Road, Seaview, PO34 5AZ.

Colours – Home: Blue & red striped shirts, blue shorts and socks.

Away: Black & white striped shirts, black shorts & black and white socks.

SHANKLIN – Julie Woodhouse, 43A New Road, Lake, PO36 9JW

Tel: 406724 Mob: 07794 448265 Email: jsw56@hotmail.co.uk

2nd contact: Stephen Trowbridge 862543

The County Ground, Green Lane, Shanklin, PO37 7EU.

Colours – Blue shirts, white shorts & blue socks.

VENTNOR – John Sivier, 19 Barton Road, Newport PO30 2HJ
Mob 07361 857834 Email sivier582@btinternet.com
2nd contact: Richard Broadhead 07973 932652
Watcombe Bottom Sports Centre, Whitwell Road, Ventnor – 1st & Reserves.
Wroxall Recreation Ground – 'A' side.
Colours – 1st team & Reserves: Yellow & blue shirts, blue shorts & yellow socks.
'A' team: Yellow & blue shirts, yellow shorts & socks.

WEST WIGHT – John Sexton, 5 Golden Ridge, Freshwater. PO40 9LE
Tel: 754291 Mob: 07342 672088 Email: johnwwfc@tiscali.co.uk
2nd contact: Trish Sime 07808 963199
Camp Road, Freshwater, PO40 9HL - 1st & reserves.
Calbourne Recreation Ground, Calbourne – 'A' side.
Colours – White shirts, blue shorts & socks.

WHITECROFT & BARTON SPORTS – Callum Capon, 27 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, PO30 1DJ
Mob: 07925 589201 Email: wandbsportsfc@gmail.com
2nd Contact: Gareth True 07850 604478
Sandy Lane, Whitecroft, PO30 3EA.
Colours – Red shirts, shorts & socks.

WOMAN'S CLUBS

SHANKLIN LADIES – Mrs J. Woodhouse, 43a New Road, Lake, PO36 9JW
Tel: 406724 or Mob: 07794 448265 Email: jsw56@hotmail.co.uk
County Ground, Shanklin.
Colours – Blue and white shirts, blue shorts & blue and white socks.

WIGHT EAGLES LADIES – Laura Walker, 83 Vectis Road, East
Cowes, PO32 6HG
Mob: 07463 717884 Email: wighteaglesfcmarketing@gmail.com

ISLE OF WIGHT YOUTH LEAGUE

Secretary – Joe McCormack, 12 Cambridge Road, East Cowes, PO32
6AH
Mob: 07974426434 Email: joemac77@hotmail.co.uk

ADULT DISABILITY FOOTBALL

John's Club Disability Football – John Phillips, 62 High Street,
Shanklin, PO27 6JN
Tel: 01983 864215 Mob: 07702 340193 E-mail: johnphillipsmbe@gmail.
com, johnivorphillips@live.co.uk
Oakfield Football Club, 5, Slade Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1EG
Colours – Team 1 – Pink Shirts, shorts and socks, Team 2 Green
Shirts, shorts and socks.

Brading Town Pan Disability

Julian Trundle, 17 Meaders Road, Ryde PO33 1HR
Mob: 07359 113763 Email: zippytrundle@outlook.com
2nd Contact: Will Dallimer Mob: 07712 297622 Email:
wightcoastbuildingservices@gmail.com
Peter Henry Ground, Vicarage Lane, Brading, PO36 0AR.
Colours – Red shirts, shorts & socks.ail.co.uk

THE “SIN BIN” PROCESS

Sin bins apply only to a first yellow card issued for dissent. If a player receives a second yellow card he is dismissed from the field of play.

Process explained:

1. A player will be issued a yellow card and sent to the sin bin for dissent by word or action.
2. In a 90 minute game a player will be temporarily dismissed for 10 minutes of actual playing time as determined by the referee.
3. A player who receives a second yellow card, or a red card, whilst in the sin bin will be sent off. He will not be able to return to the game and cannot be substituted.
4. The sin bin is the technical area or the area on the touchline with their team coach or technical staff.
5. Players can only re-enter the game during a stopped in play.
6. A player in the sin bin cannot be substituted until the sin bin period has ended.
7. If a player's sin bin period is not completed by the end of the first half, it will continue into the second half or extra time.
8. The player can participate in any penalty shoot out.

Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association

RULES

1. This Divisional FA is one of six divisions allowed under Hampshire FA membership Rule 3 and shall be called the Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association (DFA) and shall be affiliated to the Hampshire FA. This DFA shall observe the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and those of the Hampshire FA, which shall be deemed as part of these Rules. All matches played within this Divisional Football Association's defined area shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

1B. The objectives of the DFA shall be to:

- (a) ensure affiliated football is available for players of all ages, race and gender through our associated leagues and cup competitions in accordance with the FA and Hampshire FA Rules and directives.
- (b) work with our clubs, local partners and providers as necessary through the Football Development sub group in order to develop and improve facilities.
- (c) maintain/improve sponsorship of our cup competitions.
- (d) work with the Hampshire FA to ensure that every match has a registered referee.
- (e) have a succession plan in place for the current season through the Succession Planning Committee.

2. AREA

The area of this DFA shall be that portion of Hampshire as bounded by the Isle of Wight in accordance with Hampshire FA Membership Rule 3.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) (i) All elected members to the DFA Council as laid down in these rules.
- (ii) All clubs affiliated to the Hampshire FA who have grounds or recognised headquarters within the area defined in Rule 2 shall be members of this DFA subject to the approval of the DFA Council. In addition, all clubs affiliated to any other County Association, but competing in a Sanctioned Competition under the jurisdiction of this DFA shall, subject to the approval of the DFA Council, be members. Such clubs shall pay a membership fee as laid down in Rule 10. A maximum club membership fee will be applied if the DFA is not providing a competition for a member club/team. In addition all Leagues sanctioned by

Hampshire FA who operate within the area defined in Rule 2 shall be members of this DFA.

- (iii) Clubs, Leagues and elected DFA Council members may only be members of one Hampshire FA Divisional Football Association. In the event that a league has clubs from more than one Divisional Football Association, the League shall be a member of the Divisional Football Association that has the majority of its member clubs.
- (iv) For the avoidance of any doubt a Member Club's headquarters shall be the ground on which they play their home matches unless they have an official HQ i.e. Registered Club House.
- (b) The DFA shall keep a register of all Leagues and Clubs entitled to be members within its defined area.
- (c) Development competitions are the only exemptions to Rule 3 (a) (i) above. For the avoidance of doubt development competitions are considered to be faith based competitions, a new competition that has not been in membership with a County FA or a competition where the majority of players do not play affiliated football elsewhere.

Development competitions are exempt from Divisional FA Membership for a term of between one and three seasons to be considered by the Hampshire FA Football Regulation Committee. When the development competition is established, membership of the Divisional FA will apply in accordance with Rule 3 (a) (i) with the agreement of the Hampshire FA Football Regulation Committee.

4. OFFICERS

The Officers of this DFA shall be the President, the Chair, the Deputy Chair, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Minutes Secretary and the Cup Competitions Secretary.

5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION & ELECTION

- (a) This DFA shall be governed and its affairs managed by a Council consisting of:
 - (i) The Officers.
 - (ii) Life Vice Presidents.
 - (iii) Benevolent Officer (subject to HFA Board approval).
 - (iv) Deputy Benevolent Officer (subject to HFA Board approval).
 - (v) All members of the Hampshire FA Board and Football Management Board and any Hampshire FA Life Vice Presidents or Honorary Life Members who reside in the Division.

- (vi) Up to two representatives from each sanctioned 11-a-side and Mini Soccer Competition within the area who must be a member of that competition.
- (vii) One representative from the Referees Society within the area.
- (viii) One representative from Member Clubs competing in competitions outside the area.
- (ix) One representative from senior clubs (step 6 and above) within the area.
- (x) One representative from intermediate clubs (step 7) within the area.
- (xi) One representative from Regional Feeder League within the area (Hampshire Premier FL-Premier Division).
- (xii) One representative from Women's Clubs within the area.
- (xiii) One representative from Disability clubs within the area.
- (xiv) One representative from Walking football clubs within the area.
- (xv) One representative from each appropriate Schools FA.
- (xvi) One representative from the Local Area Referees Committee.

Such persons, If approved by the DFA Council, shall serve for a one year term from the end of the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall be eligible for re-appointment. In addition, the DFA Council shall have the power to co-opt on a yearly basis and any co-opted member shall have full powers of membership. Elected representatives shall not be members of any other Hampshire FA Division.

- (b) In addition to the above, the DFA Council shall have the power to co-opt up to two other members who may have specialist knowledge to assist the Council. All such co-opted members credentials shall be vetted by the full DFA Council and shall be subject to re-appointment annually.
- (c) Any elected or nominated member of DFA Council absenting themselves from three successive meetings, failing a satisfactory explanation in writing, shall be considered to have resigned and the DFA Council shall have the power to fill any such vacancy that may occur during the year.
- (d) The DFA Council shall have the power at their discretion to fill any office in this DFA that may become vacant and also any vacancy that may occur on a Committee during the year and appoint Sub-Committee(s) as it sees fit.

- (e) Five members of the DFA Council will form a quorum for the transaction of business for this DFA and three members will form the quorum for the transaction of any business delegated to a Committee and/or a Sub-Committee of this DFA.
- (f) All correspondence shall be addressed to the Secretary of this DFA and not to any other individual unless so directed.

6 ELECTIONS

- (a) The following will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting: The President; Chair; Deputy Chair; Secretary; Treasurer, Minutes Secretary and Cup Competitions Secretary.
- (b) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers shall be nominated in writing by two members of this DFA to the Secretary not later than 31 March in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The following will be elected annually by the DFA Council as per Hampshire FA Membership Rule 3 (1): Area Benevolent Officer and a deputy (to be approved by the Hampshire FA Board of Directors).
- (d) Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members who were appointed by the Divisional FA prior to season 21/22.

Life Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all DFA Council and general meetings.

Life Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the DFA Council shall from time to time prescribe. Life Vice-presidents are eligible to be elected as Honorary Life Members at any time and may make applications to the DFA Secretary in writing. Honorary Life Members would receive invites to all general meetings but would not receive invitations to DFA Council meetings or hold voting rights at DFA Council meetings.

Any Life Vice-President who has been elected an Honorary Life Member may revert back to the position of Life Vice-President at any time by advising the DFA Secretary in writing.

Any person who has served in the position of President, Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, on retirement from this post, at the discretion of the DFA, may be elected to the position of Honorary Life Member unless the same person is elected to another post within the DFA.

- (e) The DFA Secretary shall send to the Member Clubs competing in Competitions outside of the area and to Senior, Intermediate, Disability, Walking Football and Women's Clubs a nomination form for the election of the Council representatives. Such nomination forms shall be submitted to the DFA Secretary by such date as the Officers shall prescribe each year and must be signed by the Chair and Secretary of the Club nominating them. Any person nominated must be a member of the Club nominating them.
- (f) If there is more than one candidate nominated for either of the categories, the DFA Secretary shall forthwith, after the time fixed for the close of nominations, send a voting paper containing the names of all those nominated in that category. Completed voting papers must be returned to the DFA Secretary by such time as the Officers shall decide and shall be opened by such person or persons as the Officers shall decide. The prescribed number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes in each category shall be declared elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The Secretary shall send at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting a form of nomination to each body within the area entitled to representative(s) on the DFA Council with a notice that the body desiring to nominate a candidate or candidates, for a seat on the DFA Council must return the nomination form signed by the Chair and Secretary within seven days.
- (h) The Secretary shall ensure that notice of all minutes, of all meetings are forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Hampshire FA in accordance with usual circulation timescales.

7 GENERAL DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DFA COUNCIL

- (a) The DFA Council shall manage the affairs of the DFA and their decisions shall be final subject to the right of appeal to the Hampshire FA (see Rule 11).
- (b) The DFA Council shall meet on a minimum of three dates fixed by them at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Officers shall have the power to call Special General Meetings as may be deemed necessary.
- (c) The discussions, statements of members, evidence of witnesses and other matters brought before the DFA Council and Committees is deemed privileged and the DFA Council shall have the power to censure or suspend from the DFA Council any member proved to be guilty of a breach of this rule.
- (d) Each member of the DFA Council shall be entitled to attend all DFA Council meetings and have one vote thereat but no member shall

be allowed to vote on any matter directly appertaining to himself or herself that they represent or where there may be a conflict of interest (this principle shall apply to the procedure of any Committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

- (e) The Officers of this DFA shall have the power to cancel any meeting if they consider the business for such meeting to be insufficient, or for any other adequate reason.
- (f) The DFA Council shall have the powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of this DFA, including any matter not provided for by these Rules and in such events be guided in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Hampshire FA.
- (g) At their meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, the DFA Council shall make their nominations to fill the Offices of President, Chair, Deputy Chair, General Secretary, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary to be put forward to the Annual General Meeting together with any other nominations.
- (h) The DFA Council shall have the power to appoint such Committee's or Commission's as may be deemed necessary and may delegate all or any of its powers to such Committee's or Commission's of the DFA Council and to deal with breaches of Football Regulations referred to them by the Hampshire FA and with all breaches of the Rules of this DFA.
- (i) At the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the DFA Council shall;
 - Complete the election of Officers and DFA Council Members in accordance with Rule 6.
 - Appoint Committees in accordance with Rule 8.
 - Appoint for each Sanctioned Competition within the area, a DFA Council Member (who shall not be an existing officer/member of the league) to attend its Management Committee meetings for the purpose of giving guidance and instruction.
 - Appoint an Area Benevolent Officer and Deputy (to be approved by the Hampshire FA Board of Directors).
- (j) This DFA shall be responsible to the Hampshire FA for the adherence to the following:
 - (i) The DFA shall use its powers to control and conduct their own approved Cup Competitions and be responsible for ensuring

that all sanctioned Competitions and affiliated Clubs within their area conform to the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Hampshire FA.

- (ii) This DFA shall act in partnership with and actively assist the Hampshire FA in its efforts to achieve the principle objectives and other aims set out in the current version of their county plan.
- (k) The DFA 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.

For all alleged breaches of a DFA Rule the DFA shall issue a formal written charge to the individual or organisation/body concerned. The individual or organisation/body charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply an individual or organisation/body may:

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

Where the individual or organisation/body charged fails to respond within seven days, the DFA shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the individual or organisation/body as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the individual or organisation/body (whether in writing or at a hearing), the DFA shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty.

With the exception of Teams playing at Regional Feeder League or the F.A Women's Super League and FA Women's Championship of the national League System, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the DFA must

ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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

8 STANDING COMMITTEES

The following shall be Standing Committee's of this DFA and elected annually (upon recommendation of the DFA Succession Planning Committee) by the DFA Council excepting the Succession Planning Committee whose additional members of the DFA Council shall be appointed by the Divisional Football Association Officers and the divisional representative to the Hampshire FA Selective Panel.

- (a) Cup Competitions Committee consisting of the DFA Officers.
- (b) Finance Committee consisting of the DFA Officers and 3 Members of the DFA Council (one of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League).
- (c) Rules Revision Committee consisting of the DFA Officers and three members of the DFA Council (one of whom shall be a representative of the Youth league).
- (d) Succession Planning Committee consisting of the DFA Chair, the DFA member appointed by the Hampshire FA Board of Directors to the County FA Selection Panel who shall chair this committee and additional members of the DFA Council one of which will act as secretary for the committee (one of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League).
- (e) Emergency Committee consisting of the DFA Officers, and 4 members of DFA Council (one of whom shall be a representative of the Youth League) with the power to deal with any matter that the Secretary may deem urgent or that may be referred to them by the DFA Council.
- (f) The Divisional FA may nominate a representative to their Local Area Referees Committee on an annual basis in accordance with Hampshire FA Membership Rule 5 B2(a)(viii)
- (g) If the DFA so decides sub groups can be formed, if it is agreed that they will fulfil a requirement of the DFA.
- (h) Representative Football Committee consisting of the DFA Officers, three Members of Council and the respective team managers.

9 MEMBER CLUBS

- (a) No Club shall be accepted into membership until they have paid their affiliation fee to the County Football Association and to obtain membership they must quote the number and date of the official receipt issued by the Secretary of that County Association. Each Club shall keep a Member's Register, Cash Register, Minute Book and Players' appearance Record, all may be held electronically if considered appropriate.
- (b) Clubs shall not allow matches to be played on their grounds in which the Clubs engaged are not in membership with a county Association, unless previous consent of the Hampshire FA has been obtained. Clubs whose grounds are used by other Clubs for matches of any kind shall notify the DFA Secretary of such arrangements when made and at least seven days before the date of the match (that effects a DFA cup competition) whenever possible. Affiliated Clubs, Officials, Players and Registered Referees shall not take part in any match in which an unaffiliated Club is playing or which has not been sanctioned by this DFA (for a DFA cup competition) and/or the Hampshire FA.
- (c) The registered Secretary (or in his/her absence any other nominated officer) of a Club is the only official recognised by this DFA for the purpose of correspondence, which must be in his/her name. The Secretary of this DFA shall not be required to communicate with any other official on club matters. Official correspondence from this DFA requiring a reply must be acknowledged within 14 days of receipt (unless otherwise specified) and in default, the Club shall be fined a minimum sum of £15 and/or other such penalty as the Council may decide.
- (d) All Member Clubs must, if required to do so, place their ground and facilities at the disposal of the DFA Council at least once per season.
- (e) If the conduct of any member or member Club in membership with this DFA is considered to be objectionable in any fixture under it's jurisdiction or in connection therewith, the DFA Council will have the full power to fine, suspend or expel such Club or member from the DFA or deal with the matter as they may decide.
- (f) The DFA, through the DFA Council, if and when required shall be empowered to require the Member Clubs (who paid a membership fee to this association at the start of the current season) to contribute by subscription or otherwise, such sums of money to the funds of the DFA in order to defray any losses incurred in the running of the DFA affairs.
- (g) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Any Club failing to do so will be

fined a maximum of £50. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in their membership of the DFA being withdrawn and may result in an application of the Football Debt Recovery being applied through the Hampshire FA until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

- (h) The business of the Divisional Football Association as determined by the DFA Council may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
- (i) All member clubs and service clubs competing in competitions under the jurisdictions of this DFA shall place their players at the disposal of the DFA Council for all representative matches. A player selected to play for the DFA shall not play for his Club on the date of the match for which he/she was selected without permission of the DFA Council. Any player failing to comply with this Rule will be adjudged by the DFA Council and charged in accordance with Rule 7, and any club or official who may be deemed to have encouraged or instigated such a player to commit a breach of instruction or rule shall be deemed of a similar breach.
- (j) This DFA shall have the powers to select and use on any dates, the grounds of its member Clubs that it deems fit for the playing of Representative Matches and the semi-final and final ties of its cup competitions and those of its sanctioned competitions.

10 MEMBERSHIP FEES

- (a) On or before the 16th June in each year, each Club through its Sanctioned Competition, shall pay a membership fee to this DFA as per the following schedule of fees. (These fees only apply if a competition is being provided by this DFA, as per Rule 3(a)(ii):
 - i) Clubs of Intermediate Status and above £9.00
 - ii) Clubs of Junior Status £9.00
 - iii) Clubs of Youth Status £1.00
 - iv) Additional teams of Intermediate Status and above £9.00
 - v) Additional Junior Status £9.00
 - vi) Additional Youth Teams: not applicable to this DFA.
 - vii) Faith, Walking Football and Disability Teams up to a maximum of £5 (per team): not applicable to this DFA.

A maximum club membership fee of £1 will be applied, if the DFA is not providing a competition for a member club. No additional team fee can be applied if the DFA is not providing a competition for a team.

For the avoidance of doubt, Veteran's and Women's teams shall count as Junior status.

Each club affiliated to the Hampshire FA but playing in a sanctioned competition outside this Division shall pay a membership fee to the DFA as per the schedule of fees in this Rule (10A)

- (b) A maximum club membership fee of £1 will be applied, if the DFA is not providing a competition for member clubs.
- (c) All Clubs affiliated to other County Football Associations, who are playing in a sanctioned competition within this Division shall pay a membership fee to this DFA as per following schedule fees:
 - i) Clubs of Intermediate Status and above £9.00
 - ii) Clubs of Junior Status £9.00
 - iii) Clubs of Youth Status £1.00
 - iv) Additional teams of Intermediate Status and above £9.00
 - v) Additional Junior Status £2.00
 - vi) Additional Youth Teams not applicable to this DFA
 - vii) Faith, Walking Football and Disability Teams up to a maximum of £5 (per team) not applicable to this DFA

A maximum club membership fee of £1 will be applied, if the DFA is not providing a competition for a member club. No additional team fee can be applied if the DFA is not providing a competition for a team.

For the avoidance of doubt, Veteran's and Women's teams shall count as Junior Status.

- (d) Any Club, which registers after the 16th June shall be fined £15.00.
- (e) Member Clubs shall not be allowed to take part in any Sanctioned Competition until the membership fee has been paid. Sanctioned Competitions shall satisfy themselves that their Clubs are properly affiliated to the appropriate County Football Association.

11 APPEALS

A member club within 14 days of receipt by them of written notification of any decision of the Council of this DFA may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars, in duplicate, accompanied by a fee determined from time to time by the Hampshire FA, such appeal being addressed to the Secretary of the Hampshire FA for the adjudication of the Board of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned. No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at

an Annual or Special General Meeting unless it is on the grounds of unconstitutional conduct. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful, the fee shall be forfeited or returned to the Club in whole or in part at the discretion of the Board of Appeal, who shall also decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne.

A copy of the appeal must be sent to the Secretary of this DFA and the operation of the decision made by Council shall not be suspended pending the result of the appeal unless the Board of Appeal of the Council of the Hampshire FA, through its Officers, orders such suspension.

12 OWNERSHIP OF TROPHIES

- (a) Officers of this DFA shall be Trustees of all monies and property of this DFA. Association Cups or Trophies shall be competed for annually and shall not become the property of any Club. If a competition is discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the DFA may decide. At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runner-up if the funds of this DFA permit.

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

“We A.....and

B, the Chair and Secretary of

.....FC, members of and representing the Club,

having been declared winners of the
Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by this DFA, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to this DFA's Secretary on or before 1 March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to this DFA the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair”

- (b) If the Cup or Trophy is returned, and in the opinion of the DFA is not in the same condition as it was presented, the club shall be notified immediately and the club shall be fined and be charged for its refurbishment and/or repair in total. A club failing to return a Cup or Trophy on or before 31st of March shall be fined the sum of £15 plus £1 per day after that date until returned to the DFA Secretary.
- (c) A Club failing to return a Cup or Trophy suitably engraved shall be fined the sum of £15 (where the requirement for it to have been done so).

13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of this DFA shall be held no later than the 15th of June in any year. At this meeting, the following business shall be transacted
 - (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
 - (iii) Adoption of Standing Orders.
 - (iv) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 - (v) Election of Officers (recommendations made by the Succession Planning Committee).
 - (vi) Appointment of Auditors/Accounts Verifier
 - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which due notice has been given).
- (b) A copy of the agenda, verified balance sheet and proposed alterations to Rules shall be forwarded to each member club and DFA Council Member at least seven days prior to the Meeting.
- (c) A signed copy of the verified balance sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Hampshire FA within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Each Member club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of any meeting.
- (e) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of this DFA during the season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded.
- (f) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands or voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 2 of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman decides.
- (g) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one member.
- (h) DFA Officers and Council members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- (i) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given in writing

may be fined up to a maximum of £20. This rule will only apply to clubs that are competing in a Divisional Football Association competition.

14 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Upon the written application of two members of DFA Council or two member clubs, stating reasons for same, the DFA Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. At least seven days notice shall be given of any meeting under this Rule together with an agenda of the business to be conducted at such meeting.
- (b) Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at Special General Meetings.
- (c) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands or voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least two of the delegates qualified to vote or the chair decides.
- (d) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one member.
- (e) DFA officers and council members shall be entitled to attend and vote at a special general meeting.
- (f) Proposed alterations to the Rules to be considered at a Special General Meeting shall be circulated with the notice of the Meeting and proposed amendments may be made and voted on at the meeting.
- (g) With the exception of any change to players' qualifications, which may not take effect until the commencement of the following season, any alterations or additions decided upon shall become operative once the approval of the Hampshire FA has been given.
- (h) Any continuing member club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given in writing may be fined up to a maximum of £20. This rule will only apply to clubs that are competing in a Divisional Football Association competition.

15 ALTERATIONS TO RULES

- (a) Alterations to Rules of The Football Association and the Hampshire FA, so far as they affect this DFA shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, this DFA's Rules as and when they are approved at a meeting of such Football Association.
- (b) Except as provided in Clause (a) of this Rule, no alterations shall be made in the Rules of this DFA except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

- (c) Notice of Proposed Alterations to Rules must reach the Secretary by the 31 January each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the DFA Council, shall be circulated to DFA Council Members and member clubs and any amendments thereto must reach the Secretary by the 28/29th February in each year.

A copy of the proposed alterations to the Rules shall be submitted to the Hampshire FA by 31 March for their approval before being presented to members of this DFA.

- (d) No alterations shall be made to any Rule unless the majority of members present and for the time being entitled to vote that are present in person vote in favour.
- (e) The Hampshire FA will consider any necessary changes to the Divisional FA Standard Code of Rules at its meeting of the Football Regulation Committee held in April in each year and any changes will be communicated to the DFA Secretary by the Chief Executive or his appointed deputy by the 1st of May in any year.

16 TRAVELLING EXPENSES

Travel and any other reasonable out of pocket expenditure incurred by DFA Council Members whilst engaged in the business of and/or representing this DFA may be reimbursed by this DFA. Claims shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for consideration.

17 SERVICE TO FOOTBALL AWARDS

Annually, subject to the availability of funds, this DFA may make awards to persons who have given at least 20 years service to local football. Nominations, together with full details, shall be forwarded via the member organisations (Local Leagues, Local Referees' Societies and Local Area Referees' Committee) to this DFA's Secretary on or before 31 January each year. The DFA Officers sub committee will consider each recommendation and the awards will be made at the Annual General Meeting or other appropriate function.

18 RULES BINDING ON CLUBS AND DFA COUNCIL MEMBERS

Each member club shall have deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agrees to abide by the decisions of the DFA Council subject to rule 11. All member clubs must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

All DFA Officers/Council members shall ensure that they sign the designated respect code of conduct each season in accordance with Hampshire FA membership Rule 7 (D).

19 STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders of this DFA will be based upon those adopted

by the Hampshire FA, amended as necessary to meet the specific requirements of this DFA.

20 FINANCE

- (a) The DFA Council shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of this Association will be lodged.
- (b) All expenditure in excess of £1000 shall be approved by the DFA Council. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the DFA Council.
- (c) The financial year of this DFA will end on 31 March.
- (d) The books, or a certified balance sheet of this DFA shall be prepared and shall be audited by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

21 INSURANCE

The DFA shall hold Public Liability Insurance and Officers Indemnity Insurance in its own right.

22 THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION / HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the Rules of the Football Association and Hampshire Football Association.

No DFA council meeting/AGM/SGM shall take place on the same day as any meeting of Hampshire FA Board of Directors, Football Management Board or standing committee without the consent of the Hampshire FA chief executive or their nominated deputy.

23 DISSOLUTION

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the DFA shall only be proposed at a General Meeting with prior approval of the Hampshire FA and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.
- (b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the Officers of the DFA shall be responsible for the winding up of assets and liabilities of the DFA.
- (c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the DFA shall be transferred to the Hampshire FA who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game.

IMPORTANT ADVICE NOTES FOR CLUBS

CLUBS MUST NOT:

1. • Play matches against unaffiliated clubs.
 - Take part in competition elsewhere without first ascertaining that sanction has been obtained from the Hampshire FA or the County Association in whose area the competition operates.
 - Play matches against clubs from other areas without first obtaining approval from both the Isle of Wight Divisional FA and the Hampshire FA at least 21 days before the date of the match.
 - Play matches against foreign opposition (home or away) without first obtaining approval from the Isle of Wight Divisional FA, the Hampshire FA and the FA at least six weeks before the date of the match. AND THAT
 - It is illegal to play matches or take collections for Charity purposes without first obtaining the sanction of the Hampshire FA.

TRANSFERS SATURDAY LEAGUE: RULE 18 (H)

In accordance with FA Rule C2 clubs **MUST** give seven days notice of approach when they wish to transfer a player in from another club either in the Island League, Wessex League or any other league.

Clubs are advised to insist on a written notice of approach being made.

IOWDFA HANDBOOK

The DFA will continue to produce paper copies of our handbook. Clubs are required to purchase at least two copies each season. A digital copy of the handbook is available on our website.

**RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITIONS
SEASON 2025/2026**

1. The following Rules shall apply, except where specified, to all Isle of Wight Divisional Football Association Cup Competitions, which shall be played annually.

- (a) The Harwoods DACIA Senior (Gold) Cup
- (b) The Challenge Cup
- (c) The 1st Irish Rifles Memorial Cup
- (e) The Ken Morris Junior A Cup sponsored by the Harwoods Renault Saturday League
- (f) The U.N.I.S.O.N. Junior B Cup

2. The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Divisional FA Council of the Association who shall have power to delegate to a Cup Competitions Committee, with power to act. The Divisional Football Association shall appoint a Cup Competition Secretary who shall conduct the business of all the respective Cup Competitions.

The quorum for the transaction of business shall be as provided in the Divisional Football Association and all decisions of the Divisional FA Council or Cup Competitions Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with the Divisional Football Association Rule 11.

Any changes or alterations to these rules must comply with the requirements of the Divisional FA Rule 15.

The Business of the competition, as determined by the Divisional FA Council or Cup Competition Committee, may be transacted by email and or Full-Time.

3. In these Rules the word “Council” shall be construed as meaning “the Divisional FA Council or the Divisional FA Cup Competition Committee”.

4. If any member of Council is an Official, Member or Shareholder of a Club concerning which there is a protest, dispute or question, such member shall not be eligible to vote when such protest, dispute or question is being resolved.

5. To the winners of the Competition they shall be presented a Cup which shall be held by that Club for the current season and shall not become the property of any Club. The Divisional Football Association Officers for the time being shall be regarded as legal holders of the Cups.

6. The Divisional Football Association shall insure the cups as appropriate and arrange safe custody of same as determined by Council. The club winning the competition shall be wholly responsible for the cup for the days held, and shall sign a written document to this effect to be handed to the Hon Divisional FA Secretary on receipt of the cup. The Cup shall be returned to the Hon. Divisional FA Secretary within 28 days. Failure to return the Cup in like good order and condition by the due date will result in the Club being fined in accordance with Divisional FA Rule 12. The Association shall have the Cup inscribed with the name of the winning club and the season of winning.

7. In addition to the Cup, up to a maximum of 17 medals or other suitable awards shall be presented to the winning Club and, funds permitting, also to the losing finalists. When a player taking part in a final tie of a Competition is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct, the award to which he may be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of the Council.

8. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

(a) Applications together with the appropriate fee to enter the Cup Competitions where appropriate must be received by 16th of June in each year.

Fees: (a) The Senior (Gold) Cup £20

(b) The Challenge Cup £15

(c) The Memorial Cup £13

(e) The Junior A Cup £13

(f) The Junior B Cup £13

(b) Divisional FAs to insert their own eligibility criteria subject to sanction from Hampshire FA.

(1) The Senior (Gold) Cup. The competition shall be open to the first teams of the Isle of Wight clubs competing in the pyramid structure and the Isle of Wight Division 1 teams. The three Wessex League clubs together with the winners of Isle of Wight Division 1 in the previous season are exempt until the Quarter final. When they may be seeded, this seeding to apply for this round only.

(2) The Challenge Cup. The competition shall be open to Isle of Wight Division 1 clubs and any reserve teams of the Isle of Wight clubs competing in the pyramid structure. Reserve teams of any of these clubs below Isle of Wight Division 1 are not eligible to enter.

(3) The Memorial Cup. The competition shall be open to all teams in Divisions 1 and 2 of the Isle of Wight Saturday League. Division 1 teams are exempt from rounds 1 and 2.

(4) The Junior A Cup. The competition shall be open to teams in Divisions 2 and Combination 1 of the Isle of Wight Saturday League.

(5) The Junior B Cup. The competition shall be open to teams in Combination 2 of the Isle of Wight Saturday League.

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

(a) A player is one who in all other respects eligible has 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 the match. For any player registered on the day of the match, a club official must email the competition with details of the registration 1 hour 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 on the day of the match.

(b) Whilst it shall be permissible for the constitution of a competing team to be changed during the progress of a Competition, no player shall play for more than one team in the same Competition during the same season.

(c) In the case of a postponed, drawn or replayed match only such players shall be allowed to play as were eligible at the time fixed for playing the round. A player who has been suspended may play in postponed, drawn or replayed ties after the term of suspension has expired.

(d) Protests about eligibility of players must be lodged with the Cup Competition Secretary in writing within three days, accompanied by a deposit of £25 for each protest, i.e. for each player concerned, which shall be retained or otherwise as the Council direct. Where a protest is sustained, or in the absence of a protest the Council discover that any rule has in their opinion, been violated by mutual arrangement or otherwise by any of the Clubs concerned, it shall be in the power of the Council to disqualify one or both from taking any further part in the Competition in accordance with Rule 9 (g) below.

In case of a frivolous protest, impose such further penalty as may be warranted by the circumstances reported.

(e) (i) A Club playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player and subsequently found guilty of the offence, shall be fined a sum in accordance with the fines tariff. The Council may take further action against the Club and/or players as it may decide.

(ii) In addition, a Club having played an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player and subsequently found guilty, shall if having won

the match in question, be removed from the Competition and their opponents reinstated into the next round of the Competition (the Divisional FA Council may only go back one round within the same competition.) In the event of the match in question having ended in a draw, the offending Club shall be removed from the Competition and the match awarded to their opponents.

(iii) In the event of both teams being in breach of this rule, both will be removed from the Competition.

In the event of a club being removed from a competition in respect of clause (ii) and (iii) above, after winning the Final Tie, the Council may award the trophy and player awards to the beaten finalists. The Council may also withhold trophy and player awards for the beaten finalists if removed from the Competition or found to have broken the Rules.

10. Divisional FAs to insert their own eligibility criteria subject to sanction from Hampshire FA.

(a) The Senior (Gold) Cup. Players must have played for their club in the current season before playing in the competition.

(b) The Challenge Cup. No eligibility restrictions.

(c) The Memorial Cup. Clubs must not play in any one match more than four players who have played in six Senior competition matches, collectively during the season, as defined in numbers 1–16 of the Hampshire FA precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

(d) The Jubilee Cup. No eligibility restrictions.

11. (a) The Junior A Cup. No player shall be eligible who has played more than five matches collectively in the Isle of Wight Division 1 or the IOW Challenge Cup.

Also no player shall be eligible who in the current season shall have played in any Senior Cup competition as defined in numbers 1–16 of the Hampshire FA precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

(b) The Junior B Cup. In this competition no player shall be eligible who has in the current season played more than three matches collectively in:

1. Isle of Wight Divisions 1, 2 & Combination 1.
2. The Hampshire Combination League & cups or
3. The Hampshire Premier League & cups or
4. The IOW Challenge Cup.

No player shall be eligible who in the current season has played in any Senior competition as defined in numbers 1–16 of the Hampshire FA precedence list or an equivalent league or competition in another county.

No player shall be eligible who, in the current season has already played in the IOW Junior A cup competition or the HFA Junior Vase cup competition (but not including the Junior Plate cup competition), unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played in any of the exclusions above. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant player last played and the day when the player intends to play again.

12. Not applicable to this DFA.

13. NUMBER OF PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTES

(a) Each team shall consist of not more than 11 players and it shall be the duty of the Referee to report to the Cup Competition Secretary Clubs whose teams do not consist of 11 players.

(b) A player who leaves the field of play for any reason shall not be eligible to take part in another match until that in which he commenced playing is completed.

(c) A player sent from the field of play by the Referee must immediately retire to the changing rooms and will not be permitted to remain within the vicinity of the playing area. It shall be the responsibility of the players' Club as to the conduct of that player thereafter.

(d) (i) **Senior Cup.** A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use five (5) substitute players in a match who may be selected from five (5) nominated substitute players.

(ii) **All other cups.** Repeat Substitutes. A club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the game, use three (3) substitute players in a match who may be selected from three (3) nominated substitute players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the nominated substitute players not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.

(e) **Youth Cup:** Not applicable to this DFA.

14. ALLOCATION OF GATE MONEY, PAYMENT OF FARES ETC.

(a) Any Club taking part in these Competitions that does not take gate money for its home games shall not be entitled to a refund of travelling expenses incurred by it if drawn away nor be liable to pay the travelling expenses of a visiting team if drawn at home. Nor shall they if drawn away to a gate taking Club be entitled to any share of the gate proceeds (except at the discretion of the home Club).

(b) The proceeds of matches where both Clubs are gate taking shall, after paying the fees and expenses of the match officials, the ground and other expenses of the match be equally divided between the competing teams. In cases where the receipts are not sufficient to cover the entire expenses of the match, the home team shall share the loss with the visiting team.

A full statement of accounts with a remittance in respect of fares and share of net proceeds shall be sent by the home Club to the visiting Club within 14 days after playing the tie with a copy of full statement of Accounts sent to the Secretary of the Association, failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. In the final tie the Association shall take the whole of the proceeds of the match.

[**Note 1:** This also to apply to our Senior cup semi-finals.]

[**Note 2:** In the Senior cup semi-finals and all cup finals except the Memorial Cup one quarter of the net gate receipts after deduction of all expenses pertaining to the staging of the match will be paid to the two competing clubs.]

(c) Notwithstanding the above, the expenses of the pitch, Referee and Assistant Referees shall be borne by the home Club in any ties before the Final. Travelling expenses are the responsibility of the visiting team. Final ties shall be played on grounds nominated by the Council.

[**Note:** Where the semi-final is played on the ground of the 1st drawn club, the match officials costs to be shared equally by the competing clubs]

15. DRAWING AND PLAYING OF TIES

(a) The ties in the Competition shall be drawn to be played on dates to be decided by the Divisional Football Association Council. Immediately after each draw the Cup Competition Secretary shall advise each competing Club of its opponents and the date and time at which the ties are to be played.

Unless circumstances require, no Club shall have more than one bye in any one season, but arrangements shall be made to ensure that four Clubs compete in the Semi-Final ties. Where a Club has had a bye in a previous round, the Council shall decide whether such Club or its opponents shall have choice of ground.

(b) In all rounds, the Club first drawn will be the home Club. Except in the Senior cup from the Quarter finals stage, where a club having suitable floodlights shall be the home club and the match shall be played on a suitable date midweek as agreed with the cup secretary. In the event of their ground not being available the tie will be played on the ground of their opponents. In the event of neither ground being available, the tie will be played on the ground of the first drawn Club the week immediately following or as directed by the Cup Competition Secretary.

(c) In the event of a match in the Competitions not being played because of the precedence list, it shall be played on the next following Saturday, unless on some other date arranged or authorised by the Cup Competition Secretary.

(d) In the event of a game being postponed because of the weather on two (2) occasions the tie may, if so directed by the Cup Competition Secretary, be reversed.

(e) If any Club shall refuse or fail to play a match in the Competitions on the date fixed for it (only an exceptional circumstance and the exigencies of the weather alone excepted) it shall be removed from the Competition, and in the Final Tie the Council shall have power to reinstate the Club beaten in the Semi-Final by the defaulting Club. Further, and in addition, a defaulting Club shall be liable to a penalty to be decided by Council.

(f) It shall be the duty of the home Club to notify the appointed match officials and the visiting Club at least three clear days prior to the playing of the match, of full particulars (including advising participants of footwear requirements if using a 3G pitch) of the location of, and access to the ground, and time of kick off. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

[Note 1: Will you please also confirm the colours of your shirt, shorts and socks.]

[Note 2: The match official(s) and visiting club to acknowledge receipt unless the original message was received personally over the phone.]

[Note 3: When you are playing on a ground with dugouts, all club personnel (maximum of seven, except Senior cup nine) must remain within the dugout at all times. No children in the dugout. Your Team Manager may from time to time convey tactical instructions to your team but must return to the dugout immediately afterwards. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.]

(g) Kick-Off times shall be 2.00pm, except for Final Ties, and evening fixtures that will be 6.00pm or later under floodlights if mutually agreed.

(h) Notice of postponement of any matches must be given without delay (by personal service/telephone) by the Club postponing, to the Cup Competition Secretary, the fixture secretary, the Referees Appointment Secretary, the results secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Referee (and Assistant Referees if appointed). The home club shall send an explanation of circumstances in writing to the Cup Competition Secretary within three days of the fixture, except when the ground has been declared unfit for play. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff and may be further dealt with by the Council who may inflict any penalties they deem suitable.

16. DRAWN TIES, EXTRA TIME. CHOICE OF GROUNDS AND DATES OF REPLAYS. POSTPONED AND ABANDONED GAMES

(a) Subject to hereinafter provided, in all rounds up to and including the final tie, in all Competitions, which result in a draw after 90 minutes play, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the rules of the Hampshire FA Limited.

(b) Not applicable to this competition.

(c) A match which is not played owing to reasons over which neither Club has control, or which is abandoned by the Referee during ordinary time for which neither Club is responsible, shall be played on the same ground on the next succeeding Saturday as the case may be, or some other date arranged and authorised by the Cup Competition Secretary. A match not played for other reasons will make Clubs liable to a fine and removal from the Competition.

(d) The Cup Competitions Committee shall review all abandoned matches and, in cases where it is advantageous to the Competition and does no injustice to any of the Clubs, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Cup Competitions Committee are satisfied that a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or their members, they shall be empowered to award the match to their opponents and/or take whatever action they deem necessary. In cases where the Cup Competitions Committee are satisfied that a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, they shall take such action they consider appropriate, including removing both teams from the Competition.

(e) A Club proved to have been responsible for a late start in a tie, without satisfactory reason shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff, which may be increased for further offences and, in the event of a tie being left unfinished either in ordinary time because of such late start or for any other reason stated in Law 5, the Council shall have power to allow the result at the time of the stoppage to stand, and to take such further action as they deem necessary.

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

17. CLUB COLOURS

Where two Clubs have the same or similar registered colours the away Club shall play in some different or distinctive colours. Any club not having a change of colours or delaying the kick off by not having a

change shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff. In the Final Tie both teams shall change to distinctive colours. The players shirts must be clearly numbered, and there shall be no change of numbers with the exception of a change of goalkeeper. [**Note 1:** Shirts must be numbered 1–11 with the substitutes wearing 12/13/14 or 15 except Senior cup 12/13/14/15/16 or 17. Failure to comply will mean a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. [**Note 2:** The goalkeeper must not wear black.] [**Note 3:** Please ensure that your captain wears a captain's armband. Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff]. The size of the numbers shall be approximately between 20cm and 35cm in height in accordance with FA Regulations relating to advertising. Failure to comply shall result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

18. PITCH MEASUREMENTS, ETC.

- (a) The grounds on which the Senior Competition matches are played shall be as near possible, Min. 90 metres (100 yards) max. 120 metres (130 yards) long and min. 45 metres (50 yards) max. 90 metres (100 yards) wide, and shall be surrounded by a fixed barrier or rope at least one metre away from the touchline. Any Club failing to comply with this rule shall be dealt with by the Cup Committee, who may inflict any penalties that they deem suitable. [**Note:** Fixed barrier or rope does not apply where both clubs in the tie are from IOW Division 1.]
- (b) Goal nets and corner flags must be used in all matches of these Competitions. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure the ground is marked out and to provide at least two suitable match balls for the match. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
- (d) It shall be the responsibility of the Home Club to provide separate dressing room accommodation for the home team, visiting team and match officials. Two Assistant Referee's flags and a whistle must also be available. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. [**Note:** The changing rooms for both teams and the referee must contain workable showers and toilets. Failure to comply will mean a fine in accordance with the fines tariff].
- (e) In the event that the Home Club has included in its pitch markings the Dugout/Technical Area, the following shall be strictly adhered to: Only the following shall be allowed to occupy the Dugouts, up to three named substitutes, and up to three nominated Club Officials, only the nominated coach/manager may convey tactical instructions to the players during the match and he/she must return to their position immediately after giving these instructions. He/she and other Officials must remain within the

confines of the technical area, and they must behave in a responsible manner. [**Note:** except for the Senior cup where five substitutes are named.]

(f) The Cup Competitions Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixture on the opponent's 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 (<http://3g.thefa.me.uk/>). 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.

19. MATCH RESULT/REPORT FORMS

(a) The qualifications of each team shall be vouched for by the Honorary Secretary or some other responsible Official of the Club he/she represents. At least 15 minutes prior to the official kick-off time of each match he/she shall name their team including substitutes on the official form supplied by the Association. A copy shall be given to the Honorary Secretary, or to a responsible official, of the opposing team and to the referee. Players shall be listed in capital letters and in shirt number order. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

(b) The Cup Competition Secretary must receive from both competing Clubs within three days of the completion of the match on a fully completed Result card (supplied by the Association), detailing the result of each match together with a list of the full names and surnames of the players taking part, together with the Referee markings and any other information required by the Competition. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. Result cards showing a Referees mark of 60 or less shall be accompanied by a detailed report on the Referees performance to the Cup Competition Secretary.

[**Note 1:** Since season 2023/24 the DFA has been using the whole game system and the match day app instead. Clubs failing to input the required information correctly and on time will be subject to the fines tariff as referred to in the rules.]

(c) The home team must text or telephone the result of the match to the results secretary before 5.30pm on the day of the match. Result of midweek matches must be text or telephoned within one hour of the match. Clubs failing to comply will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff.

20. OBJECTIONS RELATING TO GROUND. GOAL POSTS ETC.

Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts

or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Divisional FA Cup Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the competition match. A protest relating to an objection must be lodged in writing to the Cup Competition Secretary, within three days and accompanied by a deposit of £25 which shall be retained or otherwise as the Council direct.

21. WITHDRAWALS

Any Club withdrawing from any Cup Competition may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff and/or dealt with as Council may decide.

22. APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES ETC.

(a) The Referee shall be appointed by the IOW Local Association Referees Committee (LARC) from the official list of the Hampshire FA Ltd and must be of the level required to officiate in both teams normal Competitions.

(b) Assistant Referees shall be similarly appointed to Semi-Final and Final Ties of the Senior Cup. In all other Cups, Assistant Referees shall be similarly appointed (if available) to Semi-Final and Final Ties. In all rounds unless thought fit by the Council that Assistant Referees are required, each competing Club shall supply an Assistant Referee who shall be properly equipped with a suitable flag and act in accordance with the requirements of the Referee. Clubs failing to do so shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff.

(c) In the event of the appointed Referee failing to attend and where Assistant Referees are appointed, the Senior Assistant Referee shall officiate as Referee and another Assistant Referee agreed upon. Where Assistant Referees are not so appointed, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee in writing, and then the game shall be a Cup tie. The written agreement shall be handed to the substitute Referee before the match commences.

(d) Not applicable to this competition.

23. REFEREES FEES ETC.

Referees and Assistant Referees match fees inclusive of travelling expenses will be as follows.

Senior (Gold) Cup Preliminary Rounds

Referee £45. Assistant Referee £35.

Senior (Gold) Cup Quarter Final and Semi Final

Referee £55. Assistant Referee £45

All other cups

Referee £45. Assistant Referee £35

(a) The Home Club shall pay the officials their fee inclusive of travelling expenses before the match.

[**Note:** Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.]

Referees, Assistant Referees and 4th Officials appointed to Cup Finals will be presented with a suitable memento instead of match fees.

(b) Not applicable to this competition.

(c) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee inclusive of expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee inclusive of expenses. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

(d) Where the referee abandons a match, as well as notifying the Hampshire FA, where appropriate, he should send full circumstances leading to the abandonment to the secretary of the competition.

(e) Referee should be at the venue a minimum of 60 minutes before kick off time for Senior cup matches and all cup finals and a minimum of 30 minutes before kick off for all other cup matches.

24. FINES AND CHARGES

All fines and charges shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of imposition (unless otherwise ordered). Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule shall be subject to a further fine in accordance with the fines tariff. Further non-compliance shall result in their membership of this Association being suspended until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

25. CLAIMS FOR NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES ETC.

The Council shall not consider any claim by a Club for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with a postponement or non-fulfilment of a fixture until an attempt has been made by the Clubs concerned to mutually settle the dispute.

26. OTHER RULES

Where applicable and not inconsistent with the foregoing Rules of the Competition, the Rules of the Hampshire FA Ltd shall apply and be given effect to as if here inserted.

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
9E	Ineligible player	£50
14B	Match statement of accounts	£30
15E & 16C	Failure to play a match on the date fixed	£50
15F	Failure to provide details of a fixture	£25
15 note 3	Failure to comply with dugout rules	£25
15H	Failure to give notice of postponement	£25
16E	Late start	£25
17	Clash of colours	£25
17 note	No captain's armband	£20
17 note	Size of numbers	£20
18B	No goal nets or corner flags	£20
18C	Match balls	£20
18D note	Separate changing rooms	£25
19A	Failure to provide team sheet within 15 minutes	£20
19B	Failure to input information on time	£20
19C	Failure to provide result on time	£20
21	Withdrawal from a cup	£50
22B	Failure to provide club assistant referee	£20
23A note	Failure to pay match officials before the game	£30
23C	Failure to pay match officials where game is not played	£30
24	Failure to pay fine within 14 days	£30

IOWDFA CUP COMPETITIONS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. (a) The club hosting an IOWDFA Cup Final or semi-final shall provide sufficient staff to ensure that the game can be safely staged and managed. This will include staff on the entrance gate, security, safety stewards, bar and tea bar staff and members of the hosting club who are helping to organise the game.

All other members or players of the hosting club will be required to pay the appropriate entrance fee.

(b) The terms of the ground hire to be £100 and £80 for floodlighting..

(c) The host club shall be required to provide four match balls.

2. Twenty one passes (twenty five for Senior Cup games) shall be issued to clubs competing in the final or Senior cup semi-final to admit, 14 (16 Senior cup) players, Team Manager and assistants essential to the health and safety of the players and the club officials that must include the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. All others must pay.

3. In a cup match on an enclosed ground, a match official can ask to take one guest who will be admitted free.

Application so to do, must be made by email to the competition secretary at least 48 hours before the match.

4. In the Senior, Challenge, Junior A & Junior B cup finals, and the semi finals of the Senior cup, the DFA shall take the whole of the gate receipts. After payment of the expenses in staging the match, payment of match officials, the cost of floodlighting, the cost of advertising and printing, the clubs involved will receive one quarter of the net receipts of each final (or semi-final) in which they play.

5. In the Memorial cup final, the DFA shall take the whole of the gate receipts. After payment of expenses in staging the match, payment of match officials, the cost of floodlighting, the cost of advertising and printing and the cost of the medals, any balance will be donated to a registered charity nominated by the DFA.

6. Where possible the DFA will produce a programme for every cup final. The competing clubs must provide all the information asked for so that a comprehensive programme can be produced.

TIMES OF STARTING MATCHES

All League and cup matches will kick off at 2.00pm.

Where “double bankers” are fixtured, kick off times will be 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

Evening games will kick off at 6.00pm.

Where the home club has approved floodlights, the kick off time can be altered provided BOTH clubs agree.

The fixture secretary to be advised of the new kick off time.

Precedence of Competitions

The Senior (Gold) Cup

The Challenge Cup

League Division 1

The Memorial Cup

The Junior A Cup

League Division 2

League Combination 1

The Junior B Cup

League Combination 2

Ryde & District Cup

Match Officials’ “All-in Fees”

All-in fees have been fixed for the various competitions, details of which are included in the rules of that competition. Parking fees cannot be claimed for. Where 4th officials are appointed, they will receive the assistant referee fee.

GUIDANCE FOR MARKING REFEREES

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the Referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The Referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

Mark Range	Comment
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100-86	The Referee demonstrated very accurate decision-making and controlled the game very well using management and communication skills effectively to add value to the game.
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85-76	The Referee demonstrated accurate decision-making and controlled the game well using management and communication skills to contribute positively to the game.
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75-61	The Referee demonstrated reasonably accurate decision-making and despite some shortcomings generally controlled the game well.
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60 and below	The Referee demonstrated shortcomings in the accuracy of decision-making and control which affected the game.
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Notes

- Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 85-76 category a mark of 84 indicates a better performance than a mark of 77.
- While some Referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.
- When club officials are marking a Referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.
- When a mark of 60 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition. The purpose of this is to assist Referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible.

HOW TO DECIDE ON THE REFEREE'S MARK

The following questions focus on the key areas of a Referee's performance. They are intended as an "aide memoire"; are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however, worth considering them before committing yourself to a mark for the Referee.

CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING

- How well did the Referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognized correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?

- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the Referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the Referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the Referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the Referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?
- Did the Referee apply the use of the advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the Referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?
- Did the Referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the Referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

COMMUNICATION AND PLAYER MANAGEMENT

- How well did the Referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the Referee's Level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the Referee understand the players' problems on the day – e.g. difficult ground/weather conditions?
- Did the Referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the Referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the Referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the Referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the Referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the Referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the Referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the Referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was effective player management in evidence?
- Was the Referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace of the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the Referee negatively?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Always try to be objective when marking. You may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game.
- Judge the performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident.
- Don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players.

EXTRACT FROM THE HAMPSHIRE FA PRECEDENCE LIST LISTING COMPETITIONS NUMBERED 1–16

SATURDAY

1. FA Challenge Cup.
2. The FA Community Shield.
The Premier League.
3. The Football League – All Divisions & Cups.
4. FA Challenge Trophy.
5. FA Challenge Vase.
6. Saturday Senior Challenge Cup (Hampshire FA).
7. The Premier League – Professional U21 Development League.
Football Conference – All Divisions & Cups.
Isthmian League – All Divisions & Cups.
Southern League – All Divisions & Cups.
8. Russell-Cotes Cup – All Rounds (Hampshire FA).
9. Premier Cup (Combined Counties League).
League Cup (Wessex League).
The FA Inter League Cup.
10. Saturday Senior Invitation Challenge Cup – Final & Semi-Finals (Aldershot DFA).
Harwoods Dacia Senior (Gold) Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Isle of Wight DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (North Hants DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Portsmouth DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Southampton DFA).
11. Saturday Trophy – Final and Semi-Finals (Hampshire FA).
12. Combined Counties League – Premier Division.
Wessex League – Premier Division.
Hellenic League – Premier Division.
Western League – Premier Division.
13. Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Berks and Bucks FA).
Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Dorset FA).
Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Surrey FA).
Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Sussex FA).
Senior Cup – Final and Semi-Finals (Wiltshire FA).
14. Combined Counties League – Division 1.
Wessex League – Division 1.
Hellenic League – Division 1.
Western League – Division 1.
15. Saturday Trophy – Rounds (Hampshire FA).
16. Saturday Senior Invitation Challenge Cup – Rounds (Aldershot DFA)
Harwoods Dacia Senior (Gold) Cup – Rounds (Isle of Wight DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Rounds (North Hants DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Rounds (Portsmouth DFA).
Saturday Senior Cup – Rounds (Southampton DFA).

**RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT
SATURDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SEASON 2025/2026**

1. DEFINITIONS

1A. In these Rules:

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

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

“Club” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

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

“Competition” means the Harwoods Renault Saturday League.

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

“Contract Player” means any player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

“Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in

a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

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

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

“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 Hampshire 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 Meeting” means meetings held electronically.

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

1B. Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and the other way round.

GOVERNANCE RULES

2. COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION

2A. The Competition will be known as The Harwoods Renault Saturday League. 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.

2B. This Competition shall consist of not more than 42 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

2C. The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be the Isle of Wight.

2D. 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.

2E. 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.

2F. 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.

2G.

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.

2H. 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 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.

2I. 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.

2J. 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.

2K. 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.

2L. 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.

2M. Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club 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 via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

3. CLUB NAME

3A. 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.

4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4A. Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) from the same club must be made in writing to the Secretary by 24th of April 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.

[Note: New clubs wishing to apply to join the League will not be considered for entry unless they have a club member trained as a qualified referee to be used when no registered referee is available. This same condition applies to existing clubs wishing to enter reserve, A or B teams.]

Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or a 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.

4B. The Annual Subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club payable at a date agreed at the AGM or set by the competition. NOTE: By 1st August in each year.

4C. 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.

4D. A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription, Team Registration Fee and Deposit, if required, have been paid by the 1st of August each year.

4E. Clubs must ensure that all its teams in participating in the competition are recorded as affiliated on the club portal for the forthcoming playing by the following date 26th of June. Clubs must advise the competition secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its officers and any other information required by the competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines tariff.

5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5A. The Management Committee shall comprise the officers of the competition and the Referee appointment Secretary and a minimum of one member but no more than 6 members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The IOWDFA Chairman and the Cup Competition Secretary shall be ex-officio members.

5B. Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing, not later than the first Monday in April 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 the first Monday in April 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.

5C. 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.

5D. 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.

5E. 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

6A. 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 Football Association or affiliated Association.

6B. Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

6C. 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 apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

6D. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

6E. 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 6J, 8H and 9, for all alleged breaches of 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 Secretary 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 Secretary 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 level 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.

6F. 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.

6G. 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.

6H. The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.

6I. 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.

6J. 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 the 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.

6K. 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.

6L. 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).

6M. The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

7A.

1. All questions of eligibility, qualifications 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.

7B. Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 14 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

7C. 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

7D. 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.

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.

7E. The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

7F. A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the secretary, within 14 days of the management committee providing written notification of the decision, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld.

The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority.

7G. No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

7H. 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 Managing 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

8A. The AGM shall be held not later than the 2nd Friday in May each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 15 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 League 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.

8B. A copy of the duly audited 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.

8C. A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.

8D. 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.

8E. 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.

8F. 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.

8G. No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.

8H.

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 had the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.

8I. Officers of the competition and Management Committee Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot cast a vote on behalf of a club (see Rule 8G).

8J. 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.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

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

9B. The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

9C. 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.

9D. Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

9E. Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

9F. Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot vote on behalf of a club (see Rule 8G).

10. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10A. 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 confirm 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, 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 [] County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition.

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

11A. 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.

11B. The Management Committee shall have the 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.

11C. Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6.1, 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.

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

12A. At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (1) remove a member of the Management Committee from office; (2) 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.

12B. At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

12C. Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of 12.A and/or 12.B of this Rule.

13. TROPHY

13A. The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

"We A _____ and B _____, the Chair and Secretary of _____ FC, members

of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 31st March. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair." Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

13B. At the close of each Competition, awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit. [**Note:** 17 will be awarded to the winners and runners up.]

14. ALTERATION TO RULES

14A. Alterations for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the playing season to these rules shall not take effect until the following playing season, except in exceptional circumstances and approved by sanctioning authority or the FA.

14B. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st of January in each year. The proposals together with any proposals by the Management Committee shall be circulated to the clubs by 14th of February and any amendments shall be submitted to the Secretary by 28th / 29th of February. The proposals and proposed amendments to these proposals shall be circulated to the Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting, are in favour.

14C. 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.

15. FINANCE

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

15B. All expenditure in excess of £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee.

15C. The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st March.

15D. The accounting records, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

16. INSURANCE

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

16B. 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.

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

17. DISSOLUTION

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

17B. 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.

17C. 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.

MATCH RELATED RULES

18. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18A. 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 1 hour 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 the possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner.

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.

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.

2. Not applicable to this Competition.

18B.

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.
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 20 players registered on WGS 14 days before the start of the 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.

18C. A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) shall be permitted to register for a Club but

will be suspended from football activities if the player does not comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

18D. A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Team for each player registered. NOTE: Registration fee per team must be paid on or before 1st of August each year.

18E. 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.

18F. 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 18P.
3. Submit a signed registration form as per Rule 18A.2 (not applicable to this competition) or submit a registration through The Player Registration System that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

18G.

1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions Rules 18G.2 and 18G.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 with or intending to be registered with.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated 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 18G.3 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 18G3 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 case 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.)

18H. 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 two days after receipt of such transfer.

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

[Note 1: It would help the league secretary if the seven days notice of approach (as per Hampshire FA membership Rule 22) was copied to him at the same time as sent to the club.]

[Note 2: Clubs should be aware however that the transfer is not valid until it is completed through the Player Registration System and £20 is received by the league].

18I. A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 28/29 February except by special permission of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will consider a registration from a youth player reaching the age of 16 after the 28/29 February until the end of the playing season.

18J. Registrations are valid for one playing season only.

18K. 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 50% Competition matches for that team in the current playing season.

18L.

1. No club in either **Division 2** or **Combination 1** shall name on the team sheet more than 4 players in any match who have played in 6 games or more during the current season in the following competitions:
 - a) IOW Division 1 and Challenge Cup **and**
 - b) IOW Senior Cup rounds **and**
 - c) Any other competition above (b) as shown in the Hampshire FA precedence list.
2. No club in **Combination 2** shall name on the team sheet more than 4 players in any match who have each played in 6 games or more during the current season in the following competitions:
 - a) IOW Divisions 1, 2, Combination 1 or Challenge Cup.
3. A player cannot play in Combination 2 who during the current season has played in IOW Senior cup rounds or any other competitions above IOW Senior cup rounds as shown in the Hampshire FA precedence list. Unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played in any of the exclusions above. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant player last played and the day when the player intends to play again.
Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

18M.

Subject to Rule 18M.2, any:

1. 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 Fine Tariff).
2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out in Rule 18M.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 18M.1 above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):
 - a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or

- b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
- c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

18N. The following Clause applies to competitions involving players in full time secondary education:-

1. Priority must be given at all times to activities of 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 League Competitions).
3. To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

18O. PLEASE NOTE THAT: Special restrictions will apply between 1st March to the end of the season i.e. during the period quoted, no club shall include in any of its teams more than three players who have played in the current season in 10 or more matches in a higher graded competition including Southern or Wessex League, Premier or Division 1.

18P. 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.

19. CLUB COLOURS

19A. Every Team must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the Secretary by 1st May and the Competition Secretary shall decide as to their suitability.

19B. Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the playing season must obtain permission from the Competition Secretary in advance of making that change.

19C. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other players and the match officials.

19D. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

19E. 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 colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least 3 days before the Competition match.

19F. If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. Should a team delay the

scheduled time of kick off for a competition match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

19G. Shirts must be all numbered and no two shirts shall have the same number. Failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fine Tariff.

[Note: Please ensure they are numbered 1–11 with the substitutes 12/13/14 or 15].

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

20A. 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 facilities are suitable for Competition matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition matches on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches – <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register>. All football turf pitches 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 Regional NLS Feeder Leagues all Competition matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All other Competition matches shall have a 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.

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.

[Notes: (1) The home club should mark the field of play in accordance with the Laws of the Game and provide suitable dressing and washing accommodation for the visiting teams and match officials on the ground. All accommodation must be securely locked.

(2) In all home league matches you must provide showers within their changing room for the referee (match officials).

Failure to do so will result in a fine of not less than £15.

(3) When you are playing on a ground with dugouts, all club personal (maximum of seven) must remain within the dugout at all times. No children in the dugout. Your Team Manager may from time to time convey tactical instructions to your team but he must return to the dugout immediately afterwards.

Failure to comply will result in a fine not less than £15.

(4) You must display the warning notices, as supplied by the league, during match days.

Failure to do so will result in a fine of not less than £15 on each occasion it is reported.

(5) You must exchange a correctly completed team sheet with your opponents, with a copy to the referee at least **15** minutes before KO. Players should be listed in capital letters and in shirt order number. You must use the current version of the team sheets provided. Failure to comply 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 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 with the laws of the game.

20B. 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 match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

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

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition five clear day's notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed.)

20C. 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 Official(s) and an Officer of the opposing Club at least three 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 3 days prior to the playing of the competition match. If either is not so 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.

[Note: It is recommended that you contact the referee by phone to ensure his availability for the game.]

20D. In accordance with the laws of the game, the minimum number of players which will constitute a team for a competition match is 7.

20E.

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 opponents (without the awarding of goals). OR
- b) order the competition match to be rescheduled . The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled competition match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):
 - i) impose a fine(in accordance with the Fines tariff).
 - ii) deduct points from the defaulting club.
 - iii) 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, and A Team.

[Note: When a club cancels a 1st team Hampshire FA or IOWDFA Cup match due to being unable to raise a side, their reserve shall not play a league game on that day.]

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 Fixtures Secretary, the Referees Appointments Secretary and 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.

[Note: (1) please see Rule 23D where your ground is unfit for play. (2) Where the game is called off on the day of the match will you please ensure you contact your opponents and the referee by phone to ensure that the message is received. (3) The results secretary must also be told please to ensure our website is up to date. (4) This to include Hampshire and IOW Cup matches.] Failure to comply with any of these will result in a fine of not less than £15.

4. In the event of a competition match not being played or being abandoned owing to causes over which neither club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two clubs and approved by the competition. Failing such agreement and notification to the competition within 5 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 be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.

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.
6. Where a competition match has been abandoned for any reason both clubs must, within 24 hours, give notice to the competition secretary. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

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 18M above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

20F. 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 3 substitute players of whom not more than 3 may be used. A player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

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 **15** minutes before the start of the Competition match and a player not so named may not take part in that Competition match.

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

[Note: When your substitutes are warming up they must wear tops that distinguish themselves from both teams. Please do not let them use footballs whilst doing so.]

20G. The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

20H. The teams taking part in a Competition match shall identify a team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their team mates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

[Note: Prior to the match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'RESPECT' handshake and to the opposing team and officials after the match.]

Where a suspension imposed in relation to a football debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a club by the FA or affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the club does not provide confirmation from the FA or affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the competition secretary by 12.00 noon 1 day before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).

21. REPORTING RESULTS

21A. The Competitions Registration Secretary must receive within 3 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 Fine Tariff.

21B. The Home Club shall use telephone/SMS/email FA full time/FA match day as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each match to the Results Secretary by one hour of end of the match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

21C. 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.

[Note 1: Since season 2023/24 the League has been using the whole game system and the match day app instead. Clubs failing to input the required information correctly and on time will be subject to the fines tariff as referred to in the rules.]

[Note 2: When your club plays in a Hampshire Cup Competition you must: (1) take action as in Rule 21(b) above and additionally SMS the result to the Fixture Secretary and (2) send our Registration Secretary a copy of the result card at the same time as you send the result card to the HFA i.e. within 48 hours of the end of the match. Failure to do either will result in a fine of not less than £15.]

22. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22A. Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by the following criteria, in the order of priority in which they appear: (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 by that team and the team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).
2. In the event of two or more teams being equal, the team which has scored the most goals during the playing season shall be placed highest.

3. In the event of two or more teams being equal, the team that has won the most matches during the playing season shall be placed highest.
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 Management Committee.

[Note: From season 25/26 it has been agreed that item 4 will take priority over items 1–3. Where the head to head is equal then item 5 will be used.]

22B. Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first 2 Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 teams in each Division except as provided for below, subject to the provisions of Rule 2.2.

1. Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.
2. Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled on any of the following ways:
 - (a) retention of otherwise relegated teams, or
 - (b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below, or
 - (c) election.
3. The last 2 teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22B.1 above.
4. When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.
5. Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

22C. In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22.B, a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows. Not applicable to this competition.

22D. In the event of a team withdrawing from a 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 22D a completed fixture shall include any Competition match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

22E. Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions Division 1 Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the Hampshire Premier League Competition at their AGM. Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the 3rd or 4th placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions.

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

The bottom two Clubs in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the Isle of Wight Saturday League Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.

REGIONAL NLS FEEDER LEAGUES ONLY: The bottom [] Clubs in the [] 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 allocated to the highest division in either [] Competition or the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.

Two Clubs will be promoted to the Hampshire Premier League Competition from the Isle of Wight Division 1 Competition, providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or 3rd placed Club and has the necessary grading criteria.

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

If only two Clubs are eligible or wish for promotion, the bottom Hampshire Premier League Clubs in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated. If only one Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the Hampshire Premier League Competition will be relegated.

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

In the event of an Island based Hampshire Premier League Competition Club not being placed in the bottom two 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 17 only one Club will be relegated at the end of the Playing Season.

In the event of an Island based Hampshire Premier 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

23A. 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. Where assistant referees are requested by the league, the clubs will share the cost of the officials.

23B.

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 should not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition.

23C. 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.

23D. Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: 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.

For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

23E. 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.

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

23F. 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 half fee. 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.

23G. A Referee not keeping their 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.

23H. 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.

23I. 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.

23J. Not applicable to this competition.

23K. Match officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

23L. Match officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of the FA and/or Sanctioning Authority adopted by the Competition.

NOTE: Where the referee abandons a match, as well as notifying the Hampshire FA, where appropriate, he should send full particulars leading to the abandonment to the Secretary of the Competition.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4A	Club entry fee	£30
4B	Club/Team annual subscription	£20
4C	Deposit	£100
7C 7E 7F 7G 7H	Protest/Appeal Fees	NOTE: £25 (Protest fee) £50 (appeals to Hampshire FA)
18D	Player registration fee per team	£40
18H	Transfer Fee	£20
23E	Referee Fee	£45
23E	Assistant Referee Fee	£35

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2G	Failure to affiliate	£20
2I	Failure to comply with FA initiatives	£20
2K	Unauthorised entry of teams into competitions	£20
3	Failure to obtain consent for a change of club name	£20
4C	Failure to pay a deposit	£20
4E	Failure to ensure Teams are recorded as affiliated in the club portal	£20

FINES TARIFF (continued)		
5E	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated officers	£20
6I	Failure to comply with an instruction of the management committee	£50
6J	Failure to pay a fine within required timeframe	£50
8H	Failure to be represented at AGM	£25
9E	Failure to be represented at SGM	£25
10	Failure to submit the required written agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£15
11A	Failure to provide notice of withdrawal before deadline	£20
11B	Failure to commence/complete fixtures	£100
13A	Failure to submit the required written agreement regarding the trophy	£20
16C	Failure to have the required insurance	£25
18A	Failure to correctly register a player	£25
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18F	Registering or playing for multiple clubs, or inaccurate completion of a registration form	£50
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18L	Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in senior competitions matches	£50
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SCHEDULE A

Fees Tariff

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RULES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT HARWOODS-RENAULT SATURDAY LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

1. The cup to be played for under the rules of the Football Association and shall be called the Division..... League Cup and shall not become the property of the club.
2. The entire control and management of the competition shall be invested in the League Management Committee.
3. The competition may be run annually at the discretion of the League Management Committee. Application to enter the competition must be made to the league by a date to be decided by the Management Committee and must be accompanied by an entry fee of £10.
4. The competition shall be open to Saturday League Division... teams only.
5. Qualification of players, including the completion of team sheets – as per Saturday League Rules.
6. Eligibility of players – as per Saturday League Division Rules. The competition shall be played in two groups drawn by The Management Committee with each team playing two home and two away games. The winner of each group shall contest the final. The ties shall be played on dates decided by The League Management Committee.

No extra time in the final. Game to be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as per HFA rule 38.
7. Team colours, substitutes, match results, referees and assistant Referees – as per Saturday League Rules.
8. Where the semi-final is played on the ground of the first drawn club, the match fees of the match officials as shown in the fees tariff to be shared equally between the two competing clubs.
9. Kick off times – as per the designated league kick off time.
10. Medals will be awarded to the two teams contesting the final (15 each team) and to the match officials.
11. Trophy arrangements – as per League Rule 13(a).
12. All matters of dispute shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee whose decision will be final.

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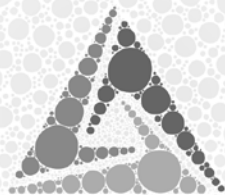
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