

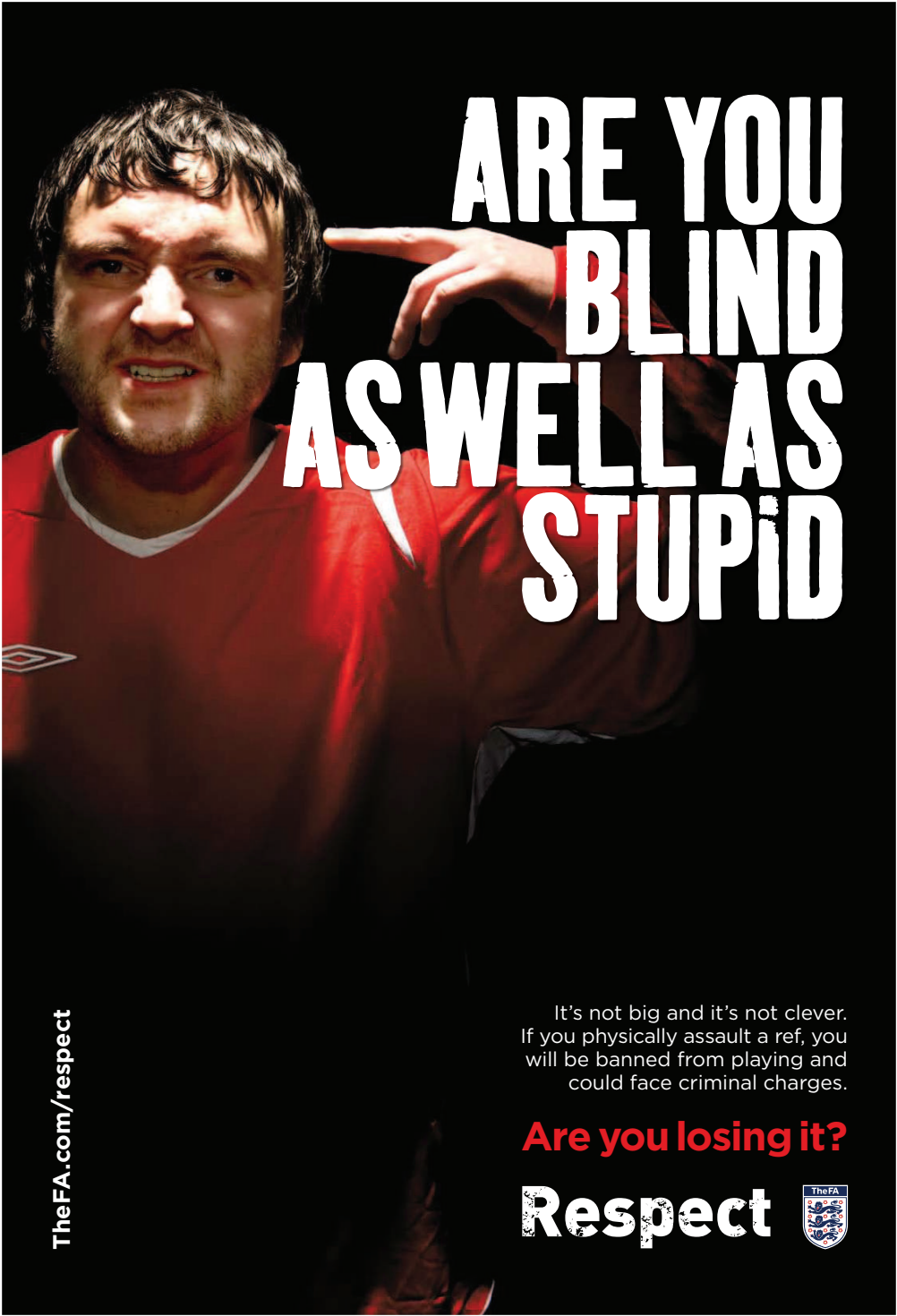


# Swindon and District Football League

Official Handbook / Season 2016-2017

**CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL**





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Formed in 1891



Affiliated to the Wiltshire County  
Football Association Limited

OFFICIAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK  
2016 – 2017

Issued by the League to all Member Clubs

**Registered Office:**  
39 Delamere Drive, Swindon SN3 4XD



### **Celebrating 125 years in Grass Roots Football**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1891 at the Eagle Tavern in Fleet Street the Swindon and District Football Club Cup Competition was founded for players over 20 and living within 5 miles of their clubs HQ, that were within a 12 mile radius of Swindon. The Final was played at Croft on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1892, with a Swindon Town Reserve 7-1 victory over Stratton Rovers.

In 1894 with applications to compete from Swindon Town Reserves, Cricklade (winners), East Swindon United (runners up), Purton, Swindon Victoria, Swindon Young Men's Club, Stratton Young Men's Friendly Association, Swindon Rovers, St. Johns, and West Swindon Club, it was conducted on a league basis. In 1897 a full set of rules were introduced by local referees, which put the League on a sound footing.

The League in its history, has faced many challenges, but with the participation of the club secretaries, their players, and body of helpers in the background has, and continues to play their important part to ensure the continuation of grass root football in the Swindon and District area. Bad weather, poor facilities, and match postponements and cancellations have always been at the heart of football problems. A lot of our Member Clubs today still rely on the Borough Council to supply their pitches but the under investment by our council, together with the reduced pitch maintenance, and increased running costs, often means some clubs are unable to complete their fixtures, and stretches their finances to the limit. Players are not always able to enjoy regular football due to the postponements in the winter, and sadly give up the game.

A 3 G pitch was successfully trialled last year to ensure our Cup semi-finals were not delayed, and with more becoming available will probably be the future.

A Pyramid procedure is now in place giving opportunities of promotion to the County League for one team finishing in the top three of the Premiership.

Although the National game at grass roots has seen a decline we are proud to see our league grow for the third successive season, with 7 new teams applying. Our links with the County Football Association have never been stronger, and the dedicated league officers are committed to sustaining football in the area. We have agreed a League Development Plan and will apply for FA Charter Standard once the criteria of 60% of member clubs achieving CS standard is met. Let us celebrate the fact that the league is 125 years old, threatened with so many changes afoot the history of grass roots needs retaining and strengthening. So carry on enjoying your football, and build on the foundations laid in 1891.

John Luckhurst

Hon. General Secretary ,Swindon and District Football League



## SDFL Management Committee Details

<p><u>League Chairman and Representative on Wiltshire Football Association Council</u>  <b>JERRY WELCH (1993)</b>          43 Conan Doyle Walk,          Swindon          SN3 6JB          01793 520718          jwelchwelch@hotmail.com</p>	<p><u>League President and Fixtures Secretary</u>  <b>PETER MILDENHALL (1987)</b>          45 Avonmead,          Haydon Wick          Swindon          SN25 3NJ          01793 726855</p>
<p><u>Treasurer and Cup Secretary</u>  <b>PETER CEJER (2010)</b>          07798 707999          pcejerc@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>League Vice President</u>  <b>STEVE EVERITT (1992)</b>          195, Ferndale Road,          Swindon,          SN2 1BY</p>
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<p><u>Results/Registration Secretary and Representative on Wiltshire Football Association Council</u>  <b>COLIN TEWKESBURY (2008)</b>          95 Downton Road,          Swindon          SN2 5JX          01793 724586          Col.Sal@talktalk.net</p>	<p><u>Referees Secretary</u>  <b>BOB WARMAN (1995)</b>          Woodside No 6, Lydiard Residential Park,          Hook Street, Wootton Bassett          SN4 8EF          01793 854219          mrwarman007@btinternet.com</p>
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Please refrain from ringing League Officers after 8.00pm



## Useful Contacts

<p><b><u>Wilts FA Chief Executive Officer</u></b></p> <p><b>KIRSTY FRIOR</b>  <b>C.E.O.</b>          Units 2 &amp; 3 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Swindon SN3 5HY          01793 486047          Kirsty.Frior@wiltshirefa.com</p>	<p><b><u>Wilts FA Discipline Administrator</u></b></p> <p><b>PAT MAXIM</b>  <b>Discipline Administrator,</b>          Wilts County FA,          Units 2 &amp; 3 Dorcan Business Village,          Murdock Road, Swindon SN3 5HY          01793 486047          discipline@wiltshirefa.com</p>
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<p><b><u>OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS</u></b></p>	<p><u>Write your own contacts here...</u></p>



## Club Details

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Royal Blue Shirts, shorts and socks.  
 Away: Red  
 Pitch: Chiseldon Recreation Ground SN4 0LP

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 Away: Blue & White Stripes shirts  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

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 Home: Claret & Blue  
 Away:  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

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 Tel:  
 Email:  
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 Home:  
 Away:  
 Pitch: MOD Lyneham

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 Home: Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts & Yellow Socks  
 Pitch: Grange Drive Community Centre, Stratton SN3 4JY

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 Home: Black & Red Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks  
 Away:  
 Pitch: Elcot Lane, Marlborough, SN8 2BG

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Black & Red stripes, black shorts, red socks  
 Away: Yellow & Blue shirts, Blue shorts & socks.  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

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 Manager: Ryan Wright  
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 Email:  
 Club Colours:  
 Home: Yellow shirts, green shorts, yellow socks.  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Red & Black shirts, Black Shorts & Socks  
 Pitch: Croft Sports Centre

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 Away: Navy blue shirts, blue shorts & socks.  
 Pitch: St. Josephs College.

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 Home: Blue shirts, Blue Shorts & socks.  
 Away: Red shirts. Black shorts. and Red socks  
 Pitch: Hilldrop Lane, Ramsbury, SN8 2RB

**Spectrum**

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Green & White Shirts, White Shorts & Green Socks  
 Away: Red & Black  
 Pitch: CS Nalgo Sports Ground, Cricklade Road SN2 7AP

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 Club Colours:  
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 Away: Blue & White  
 Pitch: Pinehurst Academy

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Black and blue  
 Away:  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

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 Manager: Magnus Painter  
 Tel: 07919 308211  
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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Orange & Black  
 Away: Blue  
 Pitch: Meadowcroft, Addison Crescent, Stratton, SN2 7JX

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Burgundy  
 Away:  
 Pitch: Swindon Borough Council

**Swindon Centurians**

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 Club Colours:  
 Home: Black & Red Striped Shirts, red shorts & socks  
 Away: White shirts, red shorts & socks  
 Pitch: CS Nalگو Sports Ground

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Club Colours:  
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Away: Blue .  
Pitch: South Marston, Old Vicarage Lane

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Club Colours:  
Home: Blue shirts, blue shorts & socks  
Away:  
Pitch: Swindon Borough Council



## Clubs Season Checklist

<i>Costs/dates for guidance only.</i>			Y/N
	Register with Wilts FA - Affiliation fee		
	Attend Wilts FA AGM in Melksham (... or send apologies)		
By AGM	Annual SDFL subscription fee ( ... fee waived 2015-16)	£25	
By AGM	(Optional) Enter Swindon Advertiser Cup	£25	
	Attend SDFL AGM - fines for non-attendance		
	(Optional) Enter Wilts FA Junior Cup - entry fee £15		
	(advised) Arrange £200 sponsorship		
	(advised) Buy kit £250 + change shirts & 3 match balls £75 & 10 Sports Soccer cheap balls £30. Check the Internet for prices.		
	(advised) Collect membership from players -15@£10 = £150		
	Register players with SDFL - £1 per player		
15-Aug	Insure players/team & advise SDFL Secretary (approx. cost)	£80	
	(advised) Buy a First Aid kit		
	Arrange Home Venue – compare with £56/game with the Council		
	Enter George Thomas Trophy, for 1st Round Swindon Advertiser Cup Losers		
31-Dec	Registration Deadline for Cup Semi & Final eligibility		
29-Feb	Player Registration & Transfer Deadline		
31-May	Advise League Secretary of intention to continue		

## First Aid

The League advises all clubs to have at least one trained First Aider within their club, and that this person/s be on hand on all match days. The Wiltshire FA periodically runs courses to become qualified in First Aid treatment. See contact details earlier in this handbook.

All clubs must have a basic First Aid Kit, which can be purchased for less than £40.



## Referees

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JOZEF	CABALA		07472 590095
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MARK	PARIS-HAINES	330228	07804 038507
CHRIS	HARRIS	853736	07738 675363
SAM	HUNT		07982 140171
JAMES	LAVIS		07983 482884
ANDREW	LINCOLN	832142	07469 759585
BART	LUDWICKI		07740 166922
PAUL	MARCH	(01672) 288952	07795 778001
JEREMY	MOYSE	750966	07852 155852
BRIAN	BENNETT-MURDOCK	336629	07789 261393
RORY	PEACEY	513790	07824 961836
MITCH	TERRY	850859	07546 925586
FRANKIE	REID	978705	07446 886510
COLIN	TEWKESBURY	724586	07817 708824
KEITH	WHITE	354766	07564 660818
ELLIOT	WINSKIL	782911	07794 720623
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APPOINTMENTS			
BOB	WARMAN	854219	07586 049117

It is preferred to text the referee match confirmation by Thursday evening



## SDFL Match Checklist

	Home Club	Away Club		Fines	
<b>Before</b>	p		Council pitches to be booked by 12 noon on the Thursday before your match ( 01793 464133		
	(		<b>10(D)</b> Contact opposition secretary and advise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kick off time</li> <li>• location of pitch</li> <li>• club colours (home team changes kit if there is a clash)</li> </ul>	£10 fine	
	(		Contact Referee Secretary for name and number of referee ( 01793 854219		
	(		Contact Referee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• confirm: location, time of kick off and costs</li> </ul>		
<b>Match Day</b>	p		In bad weather, meet the groundsman and your assigned Referee for pitch inspection. You may also check the pitch availability online at: <a href="http://www.swindon.gov.uk">http://www.swindon.gov.uk</a>		
	(		In the event of a postponement contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the opposition</li> <li>• your assigned Referee or the Referee Secretary</li> <li>• the Fixture Secretary. ( 01793 726855</li> </ul>		
	£		Always split the cost of the referee fees with your opposition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pay the referee his/her fees before the start of the match/or immediately after</li> </ul>		
	p	p	Complete team sheets with the names of your players & substitutes <b>WRITTEN IN FULL</b> before the match starts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• swap yellow copy with your opposition</li> <li>• give the pink copy to your referee</li> </ul>		
<b>Post-Match</b>	p	p	<b>11(A)</b> You must complete the remainder of the team sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark referee for performance</li> <li>• Mark your opposition for sportsmanship</li> <li>• Identify the scorers</li> </ul>	£10 fine	
	by 7pm	(	(	<b>11(B)</b> Contact the Results Secretary by 7pm and confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the result (07867 991982</li> <li>• full name of goal scorers</li> <li>• brief overview of the game for the match report for the local paper</li> </ul>	£10 fine
		+	+	<b>11(A)</b> You <b>MUST</b> post your team sheet (White copy) to the Registrations Secretary within 3 days of the match played	£10 fine
<b>Player Registration</b>	p	p	<b>8.</b> All players must be registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the form must be completed in full</li> <li>• a player must not play until you receive your registration receipt from the Registration Secretary</li> <li>• all registrations must be <b>accompanied by a SAE</b></li> <li>• <b>8(B)</b>, any registration must be with the Registration Secretary by Thursday 6pm</li> <li>• Players are registered subject to discipline</li> </ul>	£1 fee  <b>forfeit game</b>  £10 fine	



## **SDFL Website**

Our website will be updated over the weekend with the Saturday's fixtures, **BUT** only if you communicate your results, and scorers promptly to the Results Secretary. League tables and top scorers are updated automatically so it's in every team's interest for details to be communicated promptly.

If you have any photographs of your team in action or write-ups that you would like to share, please send them by email to the Results Secretary. Please seek approval from individuals before you send any photographs.



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Your match may be filmed by local media company Your Sport Swindon.



info@yoursportswindon.co.uk

### **Suspended players**

Names of suspended players will be posted on the Home page.

### **Transfer Forms**

Forms can be printed from the Home page.

All details in the handbook will be available on the web, including a copy of the handbook. If there are any communications they will invariably appear on the web site first. Please check for notices regularly.

You will find the league under the GRASSROOTS, YOUR LEAGUE ONLINE references. Once you have found the address, remember to save it as a shortcut or favourite for ease of future access.

You will find our website directly at this address:

<http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?leagueid=2799344>

Although this isn't an easy address to remember, the site is hosted by the Football Association and saves us the effort and cost of running our own site. If you can't find the site go to the FA's web site:

[www.thefa.com](http://www.thefa.com)

The website is also linked from the Wiltshire FA Website:

[www.wiltshirefa.com](http://www.wiltshirefa.com)



Keep track of your finances after every match

Write these in Pencil with a working rubber - you can always fix small errors that way

It's up to you what you record, but it WILL help you, especially if you keep track of who hasn't paid, it's easy to remind them from this document

If you keep the Balance up to date you will quickly see yourself when enough is enough

Date	Match or Item	IN	OUT	Match fees owed (£5?)	Balance	Owed	Comments
04-Aug	Pitch		£65		-£65		
04-Aug	Home vs spectrum	£45	Ref £10	Tom, Bugsy	-£30	£10	
05-Aug	Kit wash - laundry		£8.00		-£38		
11-Aug	Away vs nalgo	£50	Ref £11	Bugsy(now x2)	£1		tom paid for last week
17-Aug	Pitch		£65		-£66		
18-Aug	Home vs Smiths	£45	Ref £10		-£31		
20-Aug	Player Fine		£10		-£41		paid to Wilts for Bill
	<b>Total In</b>		<b>Total Out</b>				

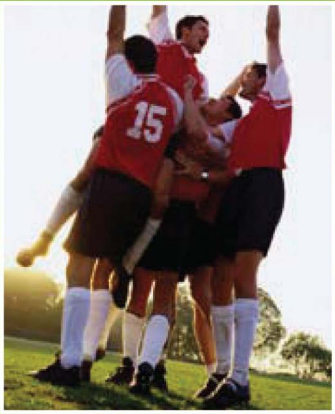
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## Cup Fixtures

### **SWINDON EVENING ADVERTISER CUP**

Founded 1900

President  
**CRAIG LYUS**

**2015-2016 Winners**  
**Tawny Owl**

First Round (20 teams)	1st October 2016
Second Round (4 teams +6 byes)	5th November 2016
Quarter Final	4th February 2017
Semi Final	4th March 2017
Final	6th May 2017 (tbc)

Teams knocked out in the first round of the Swindon Evening Advertiser Cup will be invited to enter the George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup.

### **THE GEORGE THOMAS MEMORIAL / DON ROGERS CUP**

Formerly the Swindon Junior Cup

Founded 1908

President  
**JIM THORN**

**2015-2016 Winners**  
**Bassett Bulldogs**

First Round (4 teams + 6 byes)	5th November 2017
Quarter Final	4th February 2017
Semi Final	4th March 2017
Final	6th May 2017 (tbc)

The Final of both cup competitions shall be played on a ground and a date chosen by the Management Committee. The proposed date depends on the availability of our chosen venue and is subject to change but will try and avoid the May Bank Holiday.



## Pitch Hire

Pitches can be booked at Swindon Borough Council Leisure Services booking office, Waterside Park, Darby Close, Cheney Manor Trading Estate, Swindon SN2 2PN  
01793 464133/ 464584

All pitches must be paid for by 12 noon on the Thursday prior to your Saturday fixture, with credit card over the phone the preferred payment option. If the payment is not received by then it will be deemed by the Council that the booking has not been made and therefore the fixture cannot go ahead.

Borough Council will no longer chase payments and bookings, as there is no longer a dedicated resource at Waterside Park.

### The League will:

- Submit forms to the Borough Council on Monday morning on who used what pitch and changing room so this can be cross referenced with bookings and payments.

### The Council will:

- Ensure that the grass cutting, line marking and all other pitch maintenance and re-instatement work are carried out in accordance with our standards of service
- Provide and erect permanent adult goal posts at the start of the playing season
- Provide sufficient nets and corner flags
- Provide keys / key-codes to enable secure access to the facility
- No longer provide a Duty Groundsman

### The Club will:

- Be responsible for and return any keys issued to the facility
- Erect nets and corner flags and remove at the end of the game, with all net pegs intact.
- Brush out the changing rooms immediately after use and turn off all water / lighting etc
- Ensure that the changing rooms are kept locked and secure at all times during the match period, and compound locked securely, before leaving the site.
- That the ground and changing rooms are vacated no later than 1 hour after the completion of the match.

A valid receipt and proof of official club position or letter from the club secretary will be required before a refund or re-booking is issued. Before arriving to play, team secretaries should be fully aware of Swindon Borough Council's terms and conditions of pitch hire and make sure all team members and officials comply fully with them.

Useful pitch hire contact details:

Swindon Supermarine 01793 828778, Croft Sports Centre 01793 526622  
Stratton Parish Council, 01793 823761, Beversbrook 01249 814191, RWBSA 01793 853880

### Kick Off Times

All Saturday League Fixtures KO at 2:30pm, Cup Fixtures at 2:00pm.

Except for November, December & January - League Fixtures: 2.00pm, Cup Fixtures: 1:30pm.  
Clubs are reminded of Rule 10(B) "A participating Club, held responsible for a fixture failing to commence at the appointed time will be fined £2 for every 5 minutes excess or part thereof."

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

### Midweek Fixtures

Midweek fixtures are subject to arrangement by the Fixture Secretary with the agreement of the two clubs concerned. Both Club Secretaries must notify the Hon. Referee's Secretary at least 14 days prior to the fixture.



## SWINDON & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM SHEET

*"Use block capitals when completing this TEAM SHEET"*

Date  Kick-off time

League or Cup match

Home team

Away team

1. Complete Match Details

No.	Players Full Name	Goals
1		
2		
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8		
9	CARLOS TEVEZ	
10	MICHAEL OWEN	
11		

2. Players FULL name. Make sure they are registered ...

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No.	Substitutes 3 from 5	Tick if played	Goals
12	PETER CROUCH	✓	2
13			
14			
15			
16			

3. Substitutes, Goals and Marks

Signed by Club Official:

Printed by Club Official:

Name of your Club:  F.C.

Print Referees Name:

Mark own goals

Club Marks 0-10

Ref Marks 0-10

£

*\*Any Referee Marks under 4 must be accompanied by a letter of explanation for low marking\**

Top copy to Hon. Registrations Secretary (by 5.00pm on Wednesday after match).  
 Middle copy to your opponents.  
 Bottom copy to be handed to Referee prior to kick-off.

**\*\*If team sheets are not exchanged prior to kick-off the League will not consider any appeals/protests from Clubs.\*\***

Additional **TEAM SHEETS** may be obtained from the Leagues Hon. Registrations Secretary.





## Registered Players

A player cannot play if you do not have a receipt from the Registration Secretary.

- The deadline for registrations is the last day in February.
- Get registration details to the league by Thursday 6pm if you want them to play that weekend.
- Please check players have not played in Senior competitions, this prevents them playing in **ANY** Cup matches.
- Players must be registered by 31-December to play in cup semi-finals onwards.
- To play in cup semi-finals onwards players must have **PLAYED** in 4 games.
- The web site shows when players have been registered, under 'players' season totals..
- Quite simply you will forfeit the game and the points if a player is not correctly registered.

Player – Full Name	Date Of Birth	Date of Receipt and Confirmation from Registration Secretary
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Player – Full Name (continued)	Date Of Birth	Date of Receipt and Confirmation from Registration Secretary
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**Clubs are reminded of the following Registration Deadlines**

**31-December : Registration Deadline for Cup Semi & Final eligibility**

**29-February : Player Registration & Transfer Deadline**



## Season Record

Keep track of your matches here. Write these in Pencil with a working rubber so you can always fix small errors. This WILL help you record the opposition, home or away, and results for all competitions, including your friendly matches

Record the name of the referee for each match.

Opposition	H/A	Result	Referee
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Opposition	H/A	Result	Referee
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Friendly			
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## **Man of the Match**

Keep track of your Man of the Match for each game here. Write these in Pencil with a working rubber so you can always fix small errors.

<b>Match</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Player</b>
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## Discipline Record

1. All members of the club shall conduct themselves so that the affairs and reputation of the club are carried out in accordance with:
  - a. The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association, and the County Football Association'
  - b. The Rules and Regulations of the Competitions in which the club competes
  - c. The Club's own Codes of Conduct and Policies.
  
2. Keep track of your bookings and suspensions here. Write these in Pencil with a working rubber so you can always fix small errors. This WILL help you record the player, the match opponents, the match date when the booking occurred, and the suspension details.
  
3. Keep track of fine payments here.
  - a. Players MUST pay their own fines direct to the WFA.
  - b. All fines must be paid within 10 days.

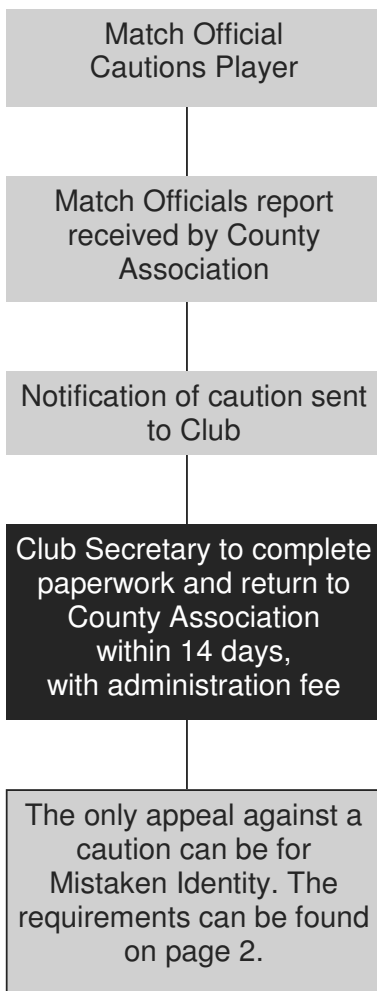
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Player	Match	Date	Booking / Suspension details
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## Discipline Flowchart - Cautions

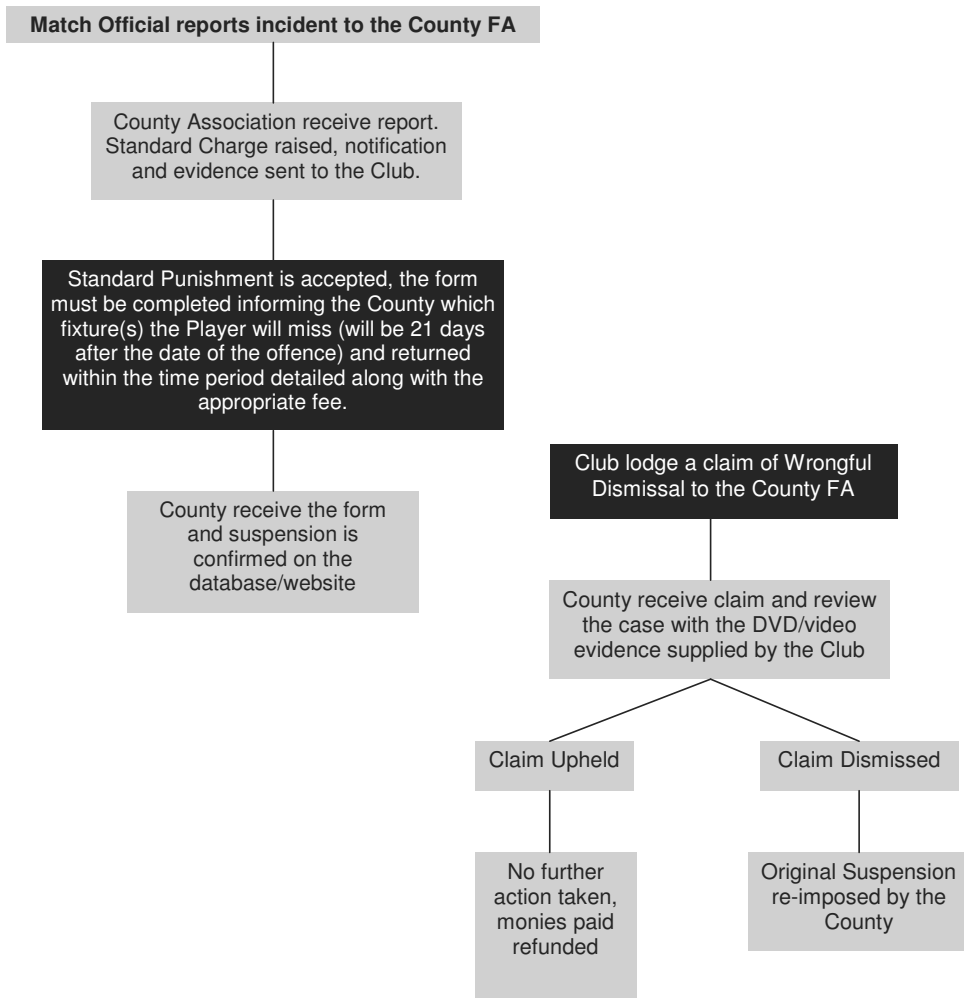


If a Player receives 5/10/15 cautions (within the relevant time period) they will be suspended for either one, two or three matches respectively.  
Non-receipt of paperwork is not a defence if a Player plays under suspension.  
It is your duty to notify your County Football Association if you do not receive correspondence relating to an incident following a fixture.





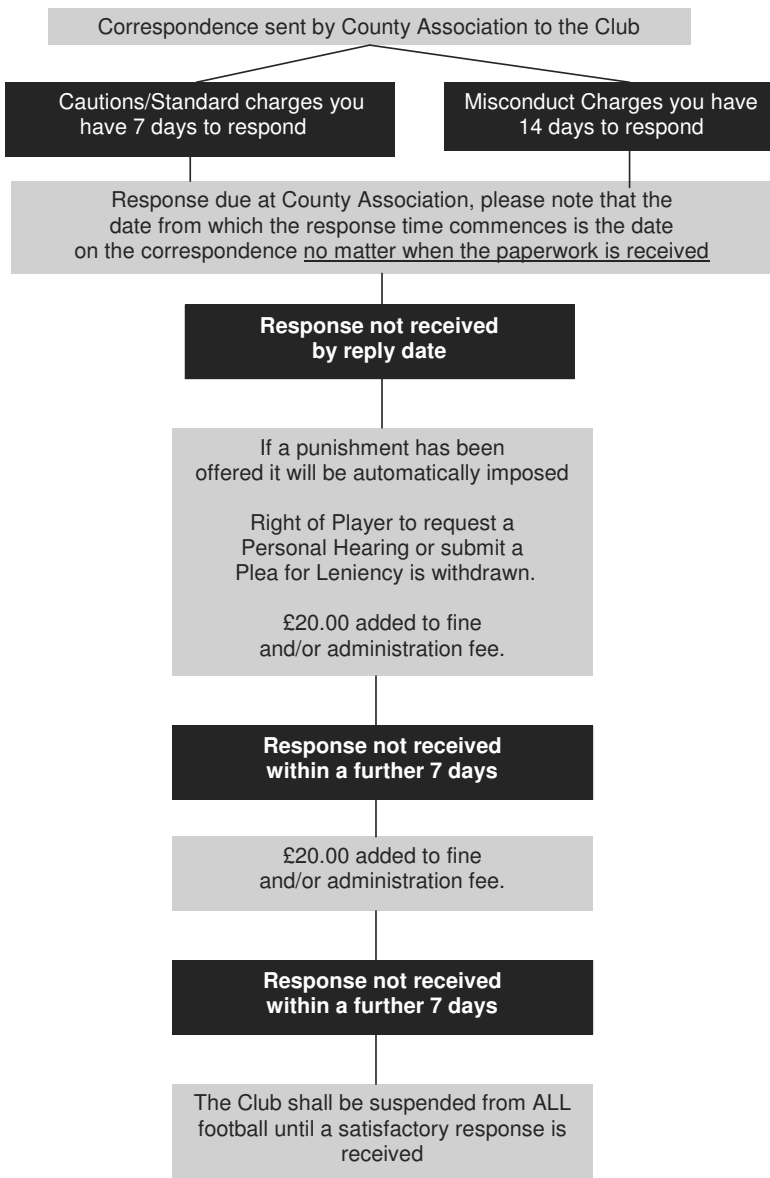
## Discipline Flowchart - Standard Charges



Any Claim of Wrongful Dismissal must be as per the procedures laid out in The Football Association Handbook, please go to page 9. Please note this is where the Club must show that the Match Official has made a **Serious and Obvious error**.

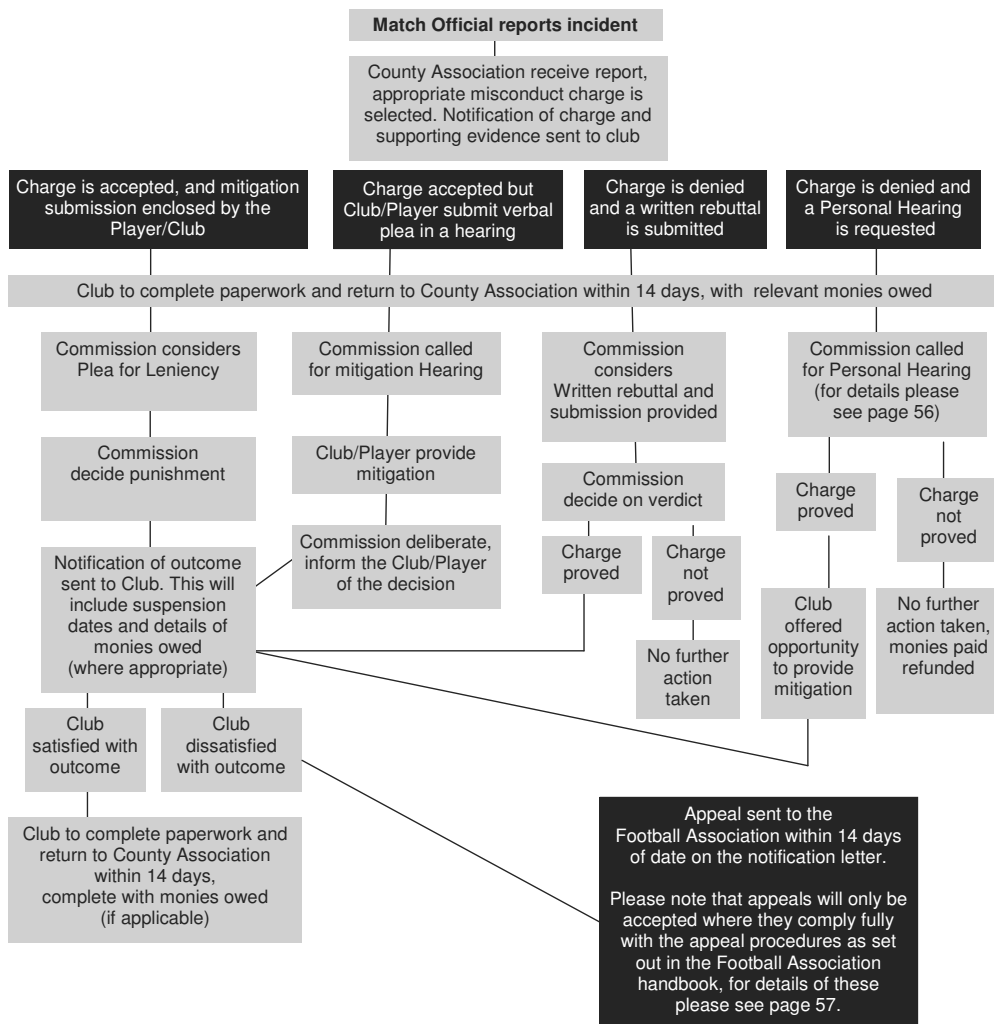


## Discipline Flowchart - Response Procedures





## Discipline Flowchart - Misconduct Charges





## SDFL Management Committee Meetings

Management Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the venue circulated in the Agenda.

### **Meeting Dates:**

17th August 2016  
21st September  
19th October  
16th November  
21st December  
18th January 2017  
15th February  
15th March  
19th April  
17th May

### **Agenda:**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Previous minutes
3. Matters arising
4. Hon General Secretary's Correspondence
5. Officers Reports
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Discipline
  - Fixtures
  - Registrations
  - Referees
  - Results
  - Cups
  - Website

## Discipline Meetings

All discipline meetings will be held at a venue agreed by the SDFL Discipline Committee.

## SDFL Sub-Committees

**Finance:** Hon Treasurer & General Secretary  
**Cups:** Cup Secretary & Fixture Secretary  
**Discipline:** Discipline Secretary, Fixture Secretary & Referees Secretary

The League President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Life-Vice President, Treasurer and the Secretary are ex-officio members of all Sub-Committees.

## SDFL Annual General Meeting

Thursday 15th June 2017 @ 7:15pm  
Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon

Clubs are reminded of rule 6 (H) "Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £10



## **Swindon and District Football League (SDFL) Rules**

These rules are based on the mandatory **Standard Code of Rules** developed by the Football Association for open age football. Clauses are included where they have historically been added by the SDFL. To assist Clubs and the Management Committee, clauses that have been added by the SDFL are annotated with any asterisk, additions from previous editions are prefixed by an exclamation mark. Where dates and fines are inserted these are specific to this Competition.

### **NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION**

1. (A) This Competition shall be designated The Swindon and District Football League and shall consist of not more than 120 Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority \*who shall be Member Clubs.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Wiltshire County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be \*those Clubs who have grounds or headquarters situated within a radius of 25 miles from the Town Hall, Swindon.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Wiltshire County Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, \*each not exceeding 16 in number.

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

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

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

**Inclusivity, and Non-discrimination**

(i) The Competition and each member Club must be permitted to promoting inclusivity, and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.

(ii) This Competition and each Member Club does not and must not [by its rules or regulations or] in any manner whatsoever unlawfully discriminate against any person within the meaning and the scope of the Equality Act 2010 or any law, enactment, order or regulation relating to discrimination (whether by age, gender, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise).

(iii) The Competition and each Member 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 a all members of the community, (irrespective of age, gender, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or ability or disability or otherwise).

(iv) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate sanctioning Association for investigation.



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

(C) All new clubs elected into the League must apply for Charter Standard through the Wiltshire FA CS team no later than their second year in the League..! (2016)

### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

2. \* Clubs in membership of the League on 1st April in any season are asked to advise the League Secretary by 31st May that they wish to continue for the next season.

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £15 per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

When Rule 12(B) is applied and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £25 per Team payable on or before the 30th June in each year.

(C) Each Club shall within 14 days of election pay a Deposit of £50 per Team that shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid and that the club has provided evidence that it has taken out insurance as part of a Players Personal Accident Scheme.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 30th June of its Wiltshire County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming season, failing which they shall be fined £10. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

### **OFFICERS**

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

\* The League may appoint, subject to the approval of Member Clubs, such Honorary Vice-Presidents, as it considers appropriate. The criteria for an Honorary Vice-President shall be: having served at least 20 years on the League, outstanding contribution to the League or financial support. They shall have no voting powers but will be entitled to attend all General Meetings including the Annual General Meeting. Their duties will include, representing the League at various functions and acting as independent facilitators on sub-committees, when required.

### **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

4. (A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and five members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Association from time to time.



(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 30th April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

\* At the discretion of the Committee, no person shall hold more than one position on the Management Committee.

\* At the discretion of the Committee, Officers who fail to attend at least 50% of Management Committee meetings or who fail to submit a written report in lieu of their non-attendance, during the current season, shall have to seek re-election for the following season, by nomination of two Member Clubs.

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

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

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

(E) All communications from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

## **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

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

\* The President, Chairman, Life-Vice president, General Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Wiltshire County Football Association having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6 (e)).

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

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

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

\* The Management Committee shall, upon becoming aware of any breaches of the Rules, advise the offending Club in writing of the breach or breaches and, where appropriate, advise them of the fine pursuant to the fines tariff and the date of the meeting at which that fine will be confirmed. Where the fines tariff does not apply the Management Committee shall advise them of the date upon which the breach will be considered by the Management Committee. In



each case the Club shall have the right to make written representations to the Management Committee, to be received by the Management Committee at least 7 days prior to the Management Committee Meeting, or shall have the right to request a personal hearing. The Management Committee shall, in all cases, have the right to request the Club to submit a written report. If no report or request for personal hearing is received within the time limits set out above the case will be dealt with by the Management Committee on the due date in the absence thereof.

\* Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (Limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

With the exception of Rules 5(i), 6(h), 10(a), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rules a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given 7 days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:

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

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

The Maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Competition rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

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

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days.

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

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

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

\* If a Club is asked to submit a report in relation to any alleged violation of these Rules it may have a personal hearing, providing it notifies its intention of such within fourteen days of the date of notification from the League, or the case will be dealt with in its absence.

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

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

\* The presentation of a cheque, which is subsequently dishonoured by the Bank or Building Society, will incur a fine of £10 plus any associated bank charges accrued.





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

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

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

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds Members are present and entitled to vote:

- To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- To consider any business arising there-from.
- To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- Appointment of Auditors.
- Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season, and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.

Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

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

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, shall be sent to the Wiltshire County Football Association within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

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

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

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

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

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at an Annual General Meeting or any other General Meeting called in accordance with the Rules without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £10.

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



## **AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ (Chairman) and B \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ (Secretary) of the \_\_\_ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Swindon and District Football League Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16"

Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Wiltshire County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

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

## **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

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

(i) It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 12 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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

(B) \* Player's registration forms will be made available to Clubs by the Competition.

A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in other respects eligible, has:

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition Registration Form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary by 6pm on the Thursday prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing.

(ii) Signed a fully and correct completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Registration Secretary within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the match. The player shall not again play until the Club is in possession of the completed counterfoil. A maximum of 2 players may be registered in this way.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the Registration Secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the Registration Secretary.

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

(iv) \* Teams will not be allowed to participate in the League unless they have at least eleven players registered. Teams must register at least eleven players at least five days prior to their first match of the season. Failure to do so may result in a maximum fine of



£10 and the points for that match, plus any subsequent matches, being awarded to their opponents.

(C) A team shall not include more than two players who have taken part in any two or more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of 14 days has elapsed since they played.

For the purpose of this Competition a Senior Competition is one in which each of the competing teams is either the first team of a Senior Club, registered as such with its County Football Association, or a team (other than a Youth team) attached to a Club employing players under a written Contract.

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

(E) A fee of £1 shall be paid for each player registered.

\* Twenty Registration Forms shall be supplied by the League to each team upon receipt of £20, at the start of each season. Extra forms will be supplied by the Treasurer in pre-paid batches of 5 at £1 per form. Forms will only be sent to Clubs who provide an appropriately stamped addressed envelope.

\* Clubs who return unused forms to the Treasurer by 31st March each year will be eligible for a rebate of £1 per form.

\* All Registration Forms reaching the Registration Secretary after 1st September must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for the return of counterfoils and receipt. Failure to do so will result in a levy 12013 to cover First Class postage and envelopes.

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

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

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

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

(H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.



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

( Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an appeal to the Football Association. <sup>12012</sup> 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 exceed of 112 days suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence <sup>12012</sup> for the team playing in this competition. )

\* Except when specific approval has been given by the Management Committee a Club cannot sign or transfer more than one Player from another Club at any one time, unless a period of 14 days has elapsed between each signing.

(I) Subject to <sup>12012</sup> FA Rule C2(a) dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to shall submit a transfer form to the Registration Secretary accompanied by a fee of £5. Such transfer shall be referred by the Registration Secretary 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 Registration Secretary and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the Registration 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.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the last day of February except by special permission of the Management Committee.

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

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

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

(M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation-deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played 6 games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(N) A player who has played for a team in the Senior Division 5 times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.



- (O) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (ii) In addition the team may have 3 points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.
- (iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed
- (P) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.
- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teacher.
- (iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.
- (Q) (2016) Each team will have a cap of 25 players, any of which can be deselected and new players registered

### **CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME**

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th June who shall decide as to their suitability.  
Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.  
No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.  
Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the League shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 7 clear Days before the match.  
If in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £10.  
The Secretary of the League may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit. Shirts must be numbered.
- (B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must obtain permission from its affiliated County Association and from the Management Committee.

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

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencing and concluding date of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 4 weeks before the end of the Season, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.  
If mutually arranged at a meeting a list of fixtures must be forward to the Fixtures Secretary within seven days of the meeting. Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the Fixtures Secretary within fourteen days of their issue.  
Any Club failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable for a fine of £10 and the Management Committee or the Fixtures Secretary shall arrange that Club's fixtures.
- (B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.



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

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground, which will include the use of 3G pitches, and allow for alternative kick off times, to be agreed between the clubs and the League (2016)

\* Clubs shall not be allowed to compete in the League unless they are able to provide suitable changing and showering/washing facilities.

All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 70 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the Referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the AGM. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding £2 for every 5 minutes or part thereof or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

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

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

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

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must give by the Competition 5 clear days notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

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

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine £10.

(E) Home and away matches shall be played.

\* Where a match is re-arranged or cancelled after the officials have been appointed, it is the duty of the home Club to notify the officials of the cancellation of their appointments immediately. Clubs in default of this Rule shall be fined £10

\* If a home Club is held responsible for failing to inform its opponents of a change of venue from that published in the League's current Handbook or as amended by the League's current season Newsletter, thereby causing the fixture to be postponed on the day, it shall forfeit three points to its opponents, be fined £10, be liable to pay legitimate expenses claimed by its opponents and be liable for the appointed match official(s) full fee(s) and expenses.

\* Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

(Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account



for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.)

(i) \*Each Club shall be prepared to kick-off at the scheduled time unless a satisfactory explanation is offered. In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they may be fined £1 for each missing player. A minimum of seven players will constitute a team for a Competition match. Each team participating in a match shall represent the full available strength of each competing Club.

(ii) \*Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil an engagement to play a Competition match on the appointed date shall for each offence be liable to expulsion from the Competition and/or such other disciplinary action the Management Committee may determine, including the deduction of up to a maximum of three points from the offending Club's record, any expenses incurred by their opponents, and a fine.

(iii) \*In the event of a Club being in breach of the previous paragraph of this Rule then the Management Committee may award points to the Club not at fault as if the match had been played and the League table shall reflect the position as if the match had been played with the result awarded by the Management Committee.

(iv) \*The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with Rule 13(A)

(v) \*All Clubs are requested to have a mobile telephone or an email address operational at all times. These will be listed in the Competition Handbook unless a Club requests otherwise.

(vi) \*Each Club must hand the Team Sheet containing name(s) of players and nominated substitutes taking part in a match to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled time of kick-off. The player's numbers (in accordance with Rule (9A) and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Clubs in breach may be fined.

!(2015) Any club in breach may be fined £20.00 and the game awarded to their opponents.

(vii) \*Any Club, responsible for postponing a game more than seven days prior to the date of the match, shall be fined £10 and must notify their opponents of the postponement. A second offence by a club under this clause will attract a fine of £20 and each subsequent offence thereafter will attract an increase of £10 on the previous amount.

Clubs can only postpone a maximum of 2 games per season under this rule and then will have to forfeit the game and points to opponents.

(vii) \*Any Club, responsible for cancelling a game seven days or less prior to the date of the match, shall be fined £15, shall forfeit three points to their opponents and may be liable to a claim for compensation from their opponents. A second offence by a club under this clause will attract a fine of £25 and each subsequent offence thereafter will attract an increase of £10 on the previous amount.

(ix) \*Any Club responsible for failing to fulfil a fixture on the day of the match shall be fined £20, shall forfeit three points to their opponents and may be liable to a claim for compensation from their opponents and the Referee. A second offence by a club under this clause will attract a fine of £30 and each subsequent offence thereafter will attract an increase of £10 on the previous amount.

\*Opponents must lodge a written claim for compensation with the League within three days of the date of the match, accompanied by proof of expenditure within 14 days. This also applies to the Referee if he/she attended the ground.

\*The League shall have the power to set aside legitimate claims for compensation from opponents or Match Officials.

\*Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club (or notice of a Club being unable to fulfil any match must be given 48 hours prior to the match by





the Club) to the Fixtures Secretary, the Results Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

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. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding £10 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 14 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches in case where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club the Management Committee, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee is satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(F) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 substitute players.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than three minutes before the start of the match.

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

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

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

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

## **REPORTING RESULTS**

11. (A) The Registration Secretary must receive within three days (excluding Sundays) of the date played, the result of each Competition match on the prescribed form. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings





required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

\* Names on team sheets to be as per team sheet numbers worn - Rule 9(A)

(B) The Home Club shall telephone/notify the result of each home match to the Results Secretary by 18:30 for Saturday matches and by 21:00 for midweek matches, \* together with the scorer of each goal. In any FA or Affiliated Association Competition the home Club if two Clubs are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involves a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure.

Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5.

\* Where the Results Secretary has to contact a home Club, by whatever means available, to ascertain the result of a game, after 18:30 for Saturday matches and after 21:00 for midweek matches, that Club shall be fined £10.

\* If the Results Secretary has to obtain the result of a game from sources other than the responsible home Club, after 18:30 for Saturday matches and after 21:00 for midweek matches, the defaulting Club shall be fined £15.

\* The Team Sheet, correctly completed, and signed by a responsible member of the Club shall be exchanged with a responsible member of the opposing Club, and a copy (of both) submitted to the Referee (at the same time) before the start of the match.

\* Any Club found guilty of submitting an incomplete or incorrect or late Team Sheet (to the League) shall be fined up to a maximum of £10.

\* Referees should report teams to the Management Committee who fail to comply with that part of the Rule that applies to them.

\* A team responsible for failing to supply its appropriately completed Team Sheet for exchange to its opponents and/or the Referee before a match shall be fined £10.

\* In any event each team shall be responsible for supplying its opponents and the Referee with a written list of its participants (either on a Team Sheet or on a recognised standard sheet of paper or card), signed by a responsible member of its Club, before the start of the match. Failure to do so will result in the guilty Club being fined £10 for a breach of any part of this Rule.

\* A team will be entitled to refuse to take part in a match until its opponents have provided it with a list of its proposed participants, signed by a responsible member of its opponents Club, before the start of the match.

\* A team failing to provide its opponents with a list of its participants thus causing the match to be abandoned shall be fined £20, forfeit the points for the match to its opponents and be responsible for all the match day expenses, as reported to the Management Committee.

\* The Referee shall apply to the Management Committee for payment of his full fee and expenses, which the League shall recover from the guilty party/parties.

\* If it is proved that neither team, on the day of the match, provided appropriately completed Team Sheets or a written list of its participants for exchange before the match, whether it takes place or not (except through a legitimate postponement), the match shall be declared null and void and shall not be replayed. Both Clubs shall be fined £50 and share the match day expenses. This will not apply where ground conditions, on the day, prevent the game from taking place.

\* Team Sheets must be exchanged (and a copy given to the Referee) and submitted (to the League) for any match abandoned for any reason.

\* Each Club shall submit the full completed copy of the Team Sheet for the game he/she is responsible for, to the Registration Secretary of the League, by first post (in an envelope showing a postmark within 5 days of the match). When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of (40) or less, a detailed report must



be sent to the Referee Secretary within five days of the match by first class post. Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine of (£5 for each offence).

### **DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points, team rankings will be decided by:

- (i) deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee
- (ii) This is to conform with the standard Code of Rules.

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

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

- (a) Retention of otherwise relegated team(s)
- (b) Additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below
- (c) Election

(iii) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its 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.

(iv) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

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

### **REFEREES**

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

\* 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 the Groundsman or the Referee. Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Referee Secretary, Result Secretary and the Fixture Secretary.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee, \* and be entitled to receive such fees as outlined in Rule 13(E).

\* Should the Clubs fail to agree upon a Referee, thus preventing the game being played, the appropriate Fixture Secretary must be informed, in writing, by both Clubs within three days of the date of the match and the reasons clearly stated therein. Failure to comply will result in the



Club(s) being dealt with under League Rule 5(H). The Fixture Secretary shall refer all cases to the Management Committee who will determine which Club(s) is/are in default. Club(s) thus determined to be in default of not mutually agreeing upon a Referee shall pay the ground expenses, the Referee's fee and travelling expenses for the rearranged fixture, the date of which shall be determined by the appropriate Fixture Secretary.

\* Where clubs ask for assistant referees they are liable for those match fees plus expenses.

(C) The Management Committee may, if it consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5 being imposed on the defaulting team. In the event of the Match Official appointed for a match or becoming unable to complete the match it shall be completed under control of the substitute match Official. Any substitute agreed for a match shall be considered a Match Official for the purposes of that match. In the event that a Club causes a match to be abandoned in relation to the operation of this Rule then that Club shall be charged with failing to fulfil a Fixture.

(i) Match Officials should be present at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of kick-off. The appointed Referee may be required to visit the ground earlier if requested to do so by the home Club. In cases where it is found necessary to stop play owing to the weather or other cause, the Referee must wait a reasonable length of time before deciding on abandonment.

(ii) Referees must report on the relevant form all cases where teams commence a match late or without eleven players on the field of play.

\* The appointed or agreed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the original or substitute pitch upon which their game is due to take place and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

Both Home and Away clubs will be responsible for paying the Match Official their portion of the fees and match expenses set by the Swindon & District Football League on the day of the match in their dressing room, within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match (including matches abandoned for any reason). Any Match Official who has travelled to the match will be entitled to claim travelling expenses and half their match fee from the home Club.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee of £18 – Referee, £15 Assistant Referee and travel expenses as per Wiltshire FA guidelines for mileage.

Both the Home and Away clubs must offer to pay the Officials their fees or expenses before the match. \* Where this is not possible, the fees must be paid as soon as possible after a game finishes. Failure to comply, without good reason, will result in a fine of £10.

\* Competing teams shall share the Match Officials fees and expenses. A team guilty of failing to pay the Match Official on the day of a match, without good reason, shall be fined £25.

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



\* The home Club must notify the appropriate Referee Appointments Secretary if its fixture is to be played on a ground different to that listed in the League Handbook. Any Club responsible for failing to so notify the Referee Appointments Secretary shall be liable to reimburse the Referee his full match fee and expenses.

\* The Referee must submit any such claim to the Referee Appointments Secretary within three days of the date of the match.

\* Where a match official postpones a game and then officiates in another in the Competition on the same day he can only claim the fee for the game that starts.

\* Expenses for the second or subsequent games are calculated from one ground to the other.

\* Where a match is abandoned by a match official due to unacceptable behaviour, the club(s) deemed responsible shall pay the match officials fee and expenses.

!2015 The home club must contact the Referees Appointment Secretary on the night before the fixture to confirm they have contacted the referee for the fixture. Failure to do so may result in a £5.00 fine, or dealt with, as the Management Committee shall determine.

!2015 The home Club must notify the referee and the Referee Appointments Secretary if its fixture is to be played on a ground different to that listed in the League Handbook. Any Club responsible for failing to do so, shall be liable to reimburse the Referee his full match fee and expenses

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

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided.

!2015 These marks are used by the WFA Committee to assess referee's promotions and their suitability for Cup Finals. The absence of their performance marks puts these SDFL referees at a disadvantage over the other League Competitions Failure to comply with this Rule may result in a £5.00 fine, or dealt with, as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The County Association.

(J) The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the !2013 Referees Secretary within two days of the match.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

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

### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

14. (A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

!2015 All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 31st May.

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\* A Club which for any reason ceases to operate at any time during the Playing Season may have its playing record expunged, from the date of the withdrawal no further payment shall become due to them. From the date of the withdrawal, the Club shall cease to be a member of the Competition.

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

(i) Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call that may be made under Rule 5(B).

(ii) Any Club infringing this Rule and not disbanding before the fixtures have commenced shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

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

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than two weeks after the AGM nor later than four weeks before the start of the Season or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than June 21st, the League shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.

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

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

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

!(2016)(E) **Pyramid – Swindon and District League Promotion to the Wiltshire County League**

In order to be considered for promotion to the Wiltshire County League, a Club must finish in 1st position of the Premier Division of the Swindon & District League. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the ground grading / entry criteria, then the club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the Club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the ground grading / entry criteria then Clubs down to 3rd position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate ground grading / entry criteria.

Clubs finishing below 3rd position will not be considered for promotion. Only one Club is allowed to be promoted to the Wiltshire County League in any one season.

Promotion to the Wiltshire Senior League is not mandatory for any Club finishing in a promotion position.

Please complete an Expression of Interest form and send it to the Hon. General Secretary of the Wiltshire Senior League with a copy to the Hon. General Secretary of the Swindon and District League by 15th April to be considered for promotion. On receipt of a completed Form, the Hon. General Secretaries of the Wiltshire Senior League and your current District League will contact you to arrange an inspection of your ground and advise on any necessary improvements to facilities required in order to gain promotion.



## **PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

15. (A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

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

(C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £5. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

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

(i) All parties must have received 7 days notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £5 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

## **BOARD OF APPEAL**

16. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Wiltshire County Football Association, including a fee of £20, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the cost of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

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

## **EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS.**

### **MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS**

- 17 (A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall



have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and vote. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

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

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

### **TROPHY: LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS.**

18. (A) If a Competition were discontinued for any reason a Trophy or other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

\* The League shall present to the Winners and Runners Up of all divisions in the Competition 16 souvenirs, for the players. Additional souvenirs cannot be presented except by consent of the Management Committee, and then at the expense of the requesting Club. In addition, a Competition championship trophy and runners-up souvenirs will be presented as and when the Management Committee determine. The trophies are the property of the Swindon & District Football League and may never be won outright. The recipient Club shall be responsible for engraving their details on the trophy before return.

(B) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Trophy: -

"We, A, \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ (Chairman) and B \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ (Secretary) of the \_\_\_\_ Football Club, 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 1st 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.

\* Any Club not returning the Competition Trophy by the due date, in poor condition or without being engraved will be fined £100.

\* The Management Committee, at its discretion, shall be empowered to seek the return of a Competition Trophy before the agreed date, providing 7 days notice is given to the Club holding such Trophy. Failure to respond to such request, without reasonable excuse, will result in a fine of £20.

\* The League shall insure against loss or damage to the Trophy whilst in the possession of the designated League Official.

Failure to comply will result in a fine as determined by the Management Committee.





(C) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the Winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

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

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

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

Each Member Club shall be empowered to send 2 delegates to all Special General Meetings.

Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £10.

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

No Committee Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters appertaining to such member, or to the club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interests.

### **ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

20. Alterations for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following <sup>(2016)</sup> playing season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st January in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 8 weeks prior to the meeting and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote, **and voting** are in favour.

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

### **FINANCE**

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

(B) All expenditure in excess of £100 must be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

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

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





## **INSURANCE**

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000).

All Clubs shall be members of a Player's personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

\* Each Club shall submit to the General Secretary a copy of their Insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.

## **23 DISSOLUTION**

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

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

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

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition 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 Association.

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



## **Swindon Advertiser Cup**

### **NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION**

1. (A) The Competition shall be called the Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition, the Trophy (or Cup) being the absolute property of the Swindon & District Football League and Cup Competitions and confined for annual competition to clubs forming the Premier and First Divisions of the Swindon & District Football League ("The League").

The Competition shall be controlled by the Management Committee of the Swindon & District Football League ("The Management Committee") who shall appoint a sub-committee to organise it.

### **ENTRY FEE**

2. (A) The entry fee shall be £25 payable on or before 1st June each year.

### **OFFICERS**

3. (A) The responsible Officer shall be the Cups Secretary who shall be elected at the League's AGM.

### **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

4. (A) The Management Committee shall delegate powers to a Cups sub-committee to organise the Competition and report back.

### **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

5. (A) Eligibility. To be eligible to play at each stage of this competition a player
  - (i) Must be registered for the competing club in the Swindon & District Football League on or **before 31st December** each season.
  - (ii) Must have been registered at least **72 hours prior to the original date** fixed for the round.
  - (iii) Must not have **played for another club** in any other Cup Competition controlled by the Swindon and District Football League during the current season.
  - (iv) Must not have played in any Competition (Cup or League) **SENIOR** to this (other than a County FA Junior Cup Competition), after the start of the current season, prior to playing in any game in the Competition.

Please Note: **Wiltshire Premier League & Hellenic** are the main local senior competitions. Lower Wiltshire Divisions are equivalent to SDFL.

Clubs should advise players about eligibility for cup matches as soon as they sign on. The League will remind signatories to exclusions on registration forms.

- (v) To have played a game, players must have taken part in a match. Being named as substitute and not having played, does not count.
- (B) Semi-Final eligibility. Subject to the above conditions a player may compete from the Semi - Finals onwards
    - (i) If he has taken part in at least **4 Swindon & District Cup or League games** for his competing club during the current season.



(C) Eligibility for postponed matches or replays

- (i) In the case of postponed or replayed matches only players who were eligible to play on the date originally fixed for the tie shall be eligible to play.
- (ii) Players also excluded will be those who were under suspension by the County FA, through suspension in any competition, when the original tie was due to have taken place.

(D) Where a team can prove to the satisfaction of the Management Committee that it has not been able to, or will not be able to, compete in at least 50% of its League fixtures up to the date of the Semi-Final, due to circumstances beyond its control, only players registered before 31st December each season and have played in at least two games in Competitions controlled by the Swindon & District Football League for that team, will be eligible to play in the Semi-Final.

(E) If the Management Committee has any doubts as to the qualification of any player competing in the Competition, it shall have the power to call upon such player or the Club for which he has played, to prove to the Management Committee's satisfaction that he is properly qualified according to the Rules and, failing such satisfactory proof, the Management Committee shall deal with the matter as it thinks fit.

(F) Players in Full-time Education. Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

- (i) Players must be over 16 years of age to be eligible to participate in any Competition under the control of the Swindon and District Football League.
- (ii) The Head Teacher of the relevant school/college/place of further education should be consulted about the availability of players under the age of 16.
- (iii) A player, under 18 years of age, in full-time education shall not be eligible to play in any Competition under the control of the Swindon and District Football League if he is selected to play football for his School/College or School/College FA Representative team on the same day.

(G) Any winning teams proven to have fielded ineligible players without reasonable excuse shall be eliminated from the Competition and the tie awarded to their opponents, otherwise a replay shall be ordered with a fine of £25 and match day expenses for the replay awarded against the defaulting team.

(H) Where a losing team is awarded a game and is also found guilty of playing an ineligible player, without good reason, it shall be eliminated.

(I) The losing team shall not be unduly disadvantaged by the date of the replay. The same principle shall apply to any team involved in a drawn game that requires a replay.

## **CLUB COLOURS**

6. (A) When the registered colours of shirts, shorts or socks of two competing Club are alike or similar the visiting Club shall change the relevant item to a colour which does not clash with the corresponding item of the home Club. Neck and cuff trim colours on shirts shall not be regarded as a basic colour for the purpose of this Rule. If playing on a neutral ground the management Committee shall decide on the colours. 2013 The second team "drawn out of the hat" will change in clash of colours for the Final.



(B) No Club shall be permitted to register or play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfit worn by the match officials (i.e. black or dark blue).

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

7. (A) All matches must be played on the date fixed unless otherwise arranged by the Cups Secretary on behalf of the Management Committee.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Association Board.

(C) **Cancellations.** Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil an engagement to play a Competition match on the appointed date shall for each offence be liable to expulsion from the Competition and/or such other disciplinary action the Management Committee may determine, any expenses incurred by their opponents, and a fine. The match official(s) who shall be entitled to a full match fee and expenses if (s)he/they attended the ground in good faith.

### **(D) Abandoned Matches.**

(i) A Club (registered players, club officials), or its accessories and associates (e.g. spectators and supporters and their accessories or associates), held responsible for causing a match to be abandoned shall be eliminated from the Competition.

(ii) If both Clubs or their accessories or associates are held responsible for causing a match to be abandoned they shall be eliminated from the Competition.

(iii) The Management Committee shall review all other abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.

(iv) If games are abandoned other than by the deliberate actions of the teams, the Committee will decide whether a result will stand or be replayed.

(E) **Ground.** The club first drawn shall have the choice of ground up to Quarter Finals.

### **(F) Duration**

(i) All games must be at least 90 minutes duration (45 minutes each way) accept as provided for in the clause "Abandoned Matches".

(ii) In the event of a **MATCH BEING DRAWN AT THE END OF 90 MINUTES AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES (15 minutes each way) MUST BE PLAYED.** This applies to ALL matches not just replays.

(iii) In the event of a draw at the expiration of extra-time, the game shall be replayed on the opponents ground (unless both clubs agree on an alternative), on the following week.

(iv) If a Replay or the Final is unresolved at the expiration of extra time, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA conditions.

(v) A game cannot be less than 90 minutes unless the game is intentionally abandoned or the committee decides that it would be totally unfair to order a replay if the score was such that there was little possibility of a team recovering from the score at the time of the abandonment.

### **(G) Late Starts**

(i) Times of kick-off shall appear in the League's Handbook.

(ii) Either team in a Cup match held responsible for a match failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined £1 for the first five minutes and £1 for any subsequent or portion of five minutes up to a maximum of £5.

(iii) Clubs shall note the time of kick-off on the Team Sheet.

**(H) Match Expenses**

- (i) The cost of staging each tie up to the Final will be borne equally by both competing Clubs, unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee, and must be settled on or before the day of the match.
- (ii) Any club found guilty of failing to reimburse its opponents with its share of the cost of staging the match, on or before the day of the match, may be fined up to a maximum of £5.
- (iii) Where the Management Committee directs that the League will pay all or part of the expenses for staging any match, up to the Final, the competing clubs must submit an application to the League, together with legitimate proof of expenditure incurred, within a time limit specified by the Management Committee.

**(I) The Final**

- (i) The Final tie shall be played on a ground chosen by the Management Committee and competing clubs shall bear their own travelling expenses.
- (ii) Both competing team shall provide two footballs suitable for match play. Failure to do so, or if the match official deems one or more unsuitable, the defaulting club(s) shall be fined £25.

**(J) Substitutes**

- (i) A club may, at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the permission granted by the Football Association, use three from five substitutes in any match in this Competition.
- (ii) The Referee shall be informed of the names of no more than five substitutes before the start of the match.

**RESULTS**

8. (A) The Registration Secretary must receive within three days (excluding Sundays) of the date played, the result of each Competition match on the prescribed form. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.
- (B) The Home Club shall be responsible for notifying the, result of each match to the Results Secretary by 18:30 for Saturday matches and by 21:00 for midweek matches. Together with the times of all goals scored in the match, and the scorer of each goal. In any FA or Affiliated Association Competition the home Club if two are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involve a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5.
- (C) Where the Results Secretary has to contact a home Club, by whatever means available, to ascertain the result of a game, after 18:30 for Saturday matches and after 21:00 for midweek matches, that Club shall be fined £10.
- (D) If the Results Secretary has to obtain the result of a game from sources other than the responsible home Club, after 18:30 for Saturday matches and after 21:00 for midweek matches, the defaulting Club shall be fined £15.



(E) The Team Sheet, correctly completed, and signed by a responsible member of the Club shall be exchanged with a responsible member of the opposing Club, and a copy (of both) submitted to the Referee (at the same time) before the start of the match. Any Club found guilty of submitting an incomplete or incorrect or late Team Sheet (to the League) shall be fined up to a maximum of £10.

(F) Referees should report teams to the Management Committee who fail to comply with that part of the Rule that applies to them.

(G) A team responsible for failing to supply its appropriately completed Team Sheet for exchange to its opponents and/or the Referee before a match shall be fined £10.

(H) In any event each team shall be responsible for supplying its opponents and the Referee with a written list of its participants (either on a Team Sheet or on a recognised standard sheet of paper or card), signed by a responsible member of its Club, before the start of the match.

! (2015) Any clubs in breach may be fined £20.00 and the game awarded to their opponents.

(I) A team will be entitled to refuse to take part in a match until its opponents have provided it with a list of its proposed participants, signed by a responsible member of its opponents club, before the start of the match.

(J) A team failing to provide its opponents with a list of its participants thus causing the match to be abandoned shall be fined £20 forfeit the tie to its opponents and be responsible for all the match day expenses, as reported to the Management Committee.

(K) Team Sheets must be exchanged (and a copy given to the Referee) and submitted (to the League) for any match abandoned for any reason.

(L) The Referee (Match Official) shall send the Team Sheets for the games he/she is responsible for, to the Registration Secretary of the League, so as to be received by the said League Officer within 5 days of the date of the match. Registered Referees can be reported to their County FA if they fail to comply with this part of the Rule, without good reason.

(M) Wherever this is necessary because of non-payment of match fee or expenses the Referee shall apply to the Management Committee for payment of his full fee and expenses, which the League shall recover from the guilty party/parties.

## **REFEREES**

9. (A) When available, registered Referees shall be appointed by the League, to all games. They shall be entitled to a fee and expenses equivalent to that allowed in the Wiltshire County Football Association Junior Cup Competition.

(B) The Home Club must offer to pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match. Where this is not possible, the fees must be paid as soon as possible after a game finishes. Failure to comply, without good reason, will result in a fine of £10.

(C) In the Final, the Match Officials may receive a suitable souvenir in lieu of a fee but shall be entitled to expenses equivalent to that allowed in the Wiltshire County Football Association Junior Cup Competition and paid for by the League.

### **(D) Appointment of Officials**

(i) In the event of the non-appearance or non-availability of a registered Referee (up to the Semi-Final), the Clubs shall agree on a replacement.



(ii) A Match Official thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have full powers, status and authority of a Registered Referee and be entitled to receive such fees as outlined in this Rule.

(iii) Should the Clubs fail to agree upon a Referee, thus preventing the game being played, the Cups Secretary must be informed, in writing, by both clubs, within three days of the date of the match and the reasons clearly stated therein. Failure to comply will result in the Club(s) being fined £10. The Cups Secretary shall refer all cases to the Management Committee who will determine which Club(s) is/are in default. The Club(s) thus determined to be in default of not mutually agreeing upon a Referee shall pay the ground expenses, the Referee's fee and travelling expenses for the rearranged match, the date of which shall be determined by the Cups Secretary.

(iv) The Management Committee may, if it considers it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match.

(v) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed, each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee who shall be at least 16 years of age. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5 being imposed on the defaulting Team.

(vi) The appointed or agreed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the original or substitute pitch upon which their game is due to take place and the decision shall be final subject to either, in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(vii) Appointed or agreed Referees shall not have authority to judge the fitness of pitches or substitute pitches other than those connected with the fixture they are responsible for.

## **PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

10. (A) All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee of the Swindon & District Football League.

(B) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

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

(D) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 15.

(E) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Cups Secretary a sum of £5. 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.

(F) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to attend and make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received seven days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information, which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

(G) If the Management Committee should subsequently discover that any Rule or spirit of any Rule has been violated by mutual arrangement or otherwise, by two Clubs, it shall be in the power of the Management Committee to disqualify one or both Clubs from further competing in the ties or order the match to be replayed without any Protest having been laid by any club.

## **TROPHIES**

11. (A) The Competition shall only provide 16 suitable souvenirs to each of the finalists of this Competition. A suitable souvenir may be presented to a Club Official of each of the finalists.

(B) The Competition Trophy must be insured by the holders for loss or damage and written confirmation must be supplied to the Cups Secretary that this has been done. Before any trophy is awarded, a Cups Agreement form must be completed. The holders of the Trophy shall return the same to the Cups Secretary not later than 1st March each year. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £100; a further fine will be imposed if the trophy is not returned by 8th March. On return of a League or Cup Trophy a receipt of return will be issued.

(C) The Management Committee, at its discretion, shall be entitled to recall the Trophy at any time providing at least 7 days written notice is given to the Holders.

(D) The League shall insure against loss or damage to the Trophy whilst in the possession of the Cups Secretary.

## **ALTERATION TO RULES**

12. (A) Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting of the League or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

(B) Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the League shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the League by 1st May in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 7th May and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the General Secretary by 21st May. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

(C) A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

(D) A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the League or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.





(E) Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

### **RULES BINDING ON CLUBS**

13. (A) Each participating Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 15. Each participating Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

14. (A) All other matters not covered in these Rules will be dealt with by the Management Committee of the Swindon & District Football League who shall have full powers to act by way of fine (not to exceed £25 for each incident) and/or in any other way they deem appropriate and proportional, subject to the provisions in Rule 15.

### **APPEALS BOARD**

15. (A) Within 1(2015) 7 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or Competition official, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Wiltshire County Football Association, including a fee in accordance with the Wiltshire County Football Association Ltd Schedule of Charges, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.



## **George Thomas Memorial / Don Rogers Cup**

This Cup competition is intended to form the "Plate" for the Swindon Advertiser competition. As such all rules bar the first two should be identical to those of that competition. For simplicity, only those rules specific to this competition are detailed here.

### **NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION**

1. (A) The Competition shall be called the George Thomas Memorial / Don Rogers Cup Competition, the Trophy (or Cup) being the absolute property of Mr. A. Vockins and family and confined for annual competition to clubs forming the second and third Divisions of the Swindon & District Football League ("the League").

Should the number of Divisions in the League fall below 3 then the Competition will be open to those clubs that fail to win their opening game in the Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition, except those that are eliminated from that Competition for disciplinary reasons.

By right, all clubs eliminated from their first game in the Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition (except those that are eliminated from that Competition for disciplinary reasons) must be invited into this Competition as a result of implementing the clause regarding the number of Divisions in the League

The Competition shall be controlled by the Management Committee of the Swindon & District Football League ("the Management Committee") who shall appoint a sub-committee to organise it.

### **ENTRY FEE**

- 2 (A) There is no entry fee for this competition



## Roll of Honour 2015-16

### Winners

PREMIER DIVISION	<b>Tawny Owl</b>
DIVISION 1	<b>Swindon Spitfires</b>
SWINDON ADVERTISER CUP	<b>Tawny Owl</b>
GEORGE THOMAS MEMORIAL / DON ROGERS CUP	<b>Bassett Bulldogs</b>

### Fairplay

LEAGUE AWARD	<b>R &amp; D United</b>
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### Club Linesman (or Club)

TREVOR BOFFIN TROPHY	<b>Chiseldon</b>
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### Referees

COLIN TAYLOR AWARD - HIGHEST MARK CLASS 7	<b>Colin Tewkesbury</b>
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### SDFL Committee Award

BEST CLUB SECRETARY	<b>Paul Stevens - Moredon</b>
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## Final League Tables 2015-16

### Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
TAWNY OWL	16	16	0	0	75	48
AVTAR	16	11	1	4	35	34
SHIELD & DAGGER	16	10	2	4	15	32
VILLAGE INN	15	8	1	6	-5	25
KS MILTAX	16	6	1	9	-17	19
SPECTRUM	16	5	1	10	-23	16
OLD TOWN UNITED	16	5	0	11	-22	15
DJC MARLBOROUGH	16	5	0	11	-31	15
LOWER STRATTON	15	2	0	13	-27	6

### Division 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
SWINDON SPITFIRES	20	16	1	3	71	49
SWINDON CENTURIANS	20	14	6	0	58	48
BASSETT BULLDOGS	20	12	2	6	22	38
RAMSBURY	20	10	1	9	-9	31
NORTH SWINDON	20	10	1	9	-25	31
MOREDON	20	9	3	8	2	30
CHISELDON	20	8	1	11	-4	25
SPORT4SWINDON	20	6	5	9	-1	23
CORE CONSTRUCTION	20	7	2	11	-16	23
MORRIS STREET	20	6	2	12	10	20
R & D UNITED	20	0	0	20	-108	0
WHEATIE WANDERERS	0	0	0	0	0	0



## History

### Premier Division

1991/92 - GENESIS	1992/93 - MONKEY CLUB
1993/94 - OLD NICK	1994/95 - OLD NICK
1995/96 - IVY LEAF	1996/97 - JACOBS LADDER
1997/98 - JACOBS LADDER	1998/99 - HUNT STREET CLUB
1999/00 - A.F.C DOLPHIN	2000/01 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C
2001/02 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C	2002/03 - 147 CLUB
2003/04 - ZURICH	2004/05 - WINDMILL
2005/06 - SHIELD & DAGGER	2006/07 - QUEENSFIELD
2007/08 - RODBOURNE ARMS	2008/09 - FRATELLOS
2009/10 - QUEENSFIELD	2010/11 - QUEENSFIELD
2011/12 - FRATELLOS	2012/13 - FRATELLOS
2013/14 - FRATELLOS	2014/15 - AVTAR CONSTRUCTION
2015/16 - TAWNY OWL	

### Division 1

1990/91 - GENESIS	1991/92 - IVY LEAF
1992/93 - W.H SMITH	1993/94 - WHITE HART, LYNEHAM
1994/95 - NEW INN	1995/96 - MOONRAKERS
1996/97 - WROUGHTON	1997/98 - PRINCESS HOTEL / COUNTY GROUND HOTEL
1999/00 - SWINDON EAGLES	2000/01 - FUSION COLEVIEW
2001/02 - BULLDOG	2002/03 - QUEENSTOWN
2003/04 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C RESERVES	2004/05 - SHIELD AND DAGGER
2005/06 - THE MERLIN	2006/07 - FRATELLOS
2007/08 - BULLDOG	2008/09 - PINEHURST ATHLETIC
2009/10 - CRUMPLED HORN	2010/12 - No Competiton
2012/13 - OLD TOWN UNITED	2013/14 - LOWER STRATTON
2014/15 - KS MILTAX	2015/16 - SWINDON SPITFIRES

### Swindon Advertiser Cup

1994/95 - OLD NICK	1995/96 - IVY LEAF
1996/97 - FC VENUS	1997/98 - JACOBS LADDER
1998/99 - BLISS MENSWEAR	1999/00 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C
2000/01 - LIDEN	2001/02 - WHEATSHEAF SPORTS
2002/03 - CUSTOM HOMES	2003/04 - WINDMILL
2004/05 - ZURICH	2005/06 - ZURICH
2006/07 - FRATELLOS	2007/08 - RODBOURNE ARMS
2008/09 - QUEENSTOWN	2009/10 - OLD TOWN WANDERERS
2010/11 - QUEENSFIELD UNITED	
2011/12 - QUEENSFIELD UNITED Ref: Kevin Small	
2012/13 - FRATELLOS Ref: Mark Willis	
2013/14 - FRATELLOS Ref: Chris Harris	
2014/15 - AVTAR CONSTRUCTION Ref: Martin Ealey	
2015/16 - TAWNY OWL Ref: Jeremy Moyes	



## George Thomas Memorial / Don Rogers Cup

1993/94 - PINEHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE	1994/95 - JOHN O'FLYNN
1995/96 - JACOBS LADDER	1996/97 - WROUGHTON
1997/98 - BLISS MENSWEAR	1998/99 - SWINDON EAGLES
1999/00 - ARTOIS ATHLETIC	2000/01 - QUEENSTOWN
2001/02 - BULLDOG	2002/03 - THE REGENT
2003/04 - WROUGHTON	2004/05 - RIDGEWAY
2005/06 - LIDEN FC	2006/07 - RODBOURNE ARMS
2007/08 - SOUTH SWINDON	2008/09 - MOONRAKERS
2009/10 - QUEENSTOWN	2010/11 - SWINDON AUTO ENGINE TUNE
2011/12 - SPECTRUM Ref: Graham Dancer	
2012/13 - FERNDALE WORKING MENS CLUB Ref: Adrian Povey	
2013/14 - LOWER STRATTON Ref: Brian Bennett Murdock	
2014/15 - OLD TOWN UNITED Ref: Brian Bennett Murdock	
2015/16 - BASSETT BULLDOGS Ref: Colin Tewkesbury	

## Chairman's Jubilee Cup

2003/04 - WINDMILL
2008/09 - RODBOURNE ARMS



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