

# SWINDON AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Estabilished 1891



## **OFFICIAL HANDBOOK / SEASON 2018-2019**

# Swindon and District Football League

## Formed in 1891



Affiliated to the Wiltshire County Football Association Limited

## OFFICIAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK 2018 – 2019

## Issued by the League to all Member Clubs

SECRETARIES RESIGNING FROM OFFICE ARE ASKED TO PASS THE HANDBOOK TO THEIR SUCCESSORS

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

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#### Swindon and District Football League Privacy Policy

We at the Swindon and District Football League, take your privacy very seriously.

This Privacy Notice sets out how we use and look after the personal information we collect from you. As the organisation (League) who is responsible for, and controls the processing of your personal data, we are the data controller, and sometimes the data processor, and will take reasonable care to keep your information secure and to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of it.

We may update this Privacy Notice from time to time, and will inform you to any changes in how we handle your personal data.

#### Information we may collect from you.

Personal data means any information about an individual from which that individual can be identified.

We may collect, use, store and transfer some personal data of our participants, and other League members. The data we collect from participants may include:

Name, date of birth and gender

Contact information, such as home address, email address, and telephone numbers.

We may hold some health data or other special category data of some of our participants or members for the purposes of their health, well being and welfare, and safeguarding. Where we hold this data it will be with the explicit consent of the participant, or if applicable the participants parent or guardian..

Where we need to collect personal data to fulfil League responsibilities and you do not provide that data, we may not be able honour or administer your participation in football.

#### How is your personal data collected?

A participant may give us their personal data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email, in person, via our website or otherwise. This will typically be provided by their clubs Secretary by inputting participant details into Whole Game System. Other participants, such as referees, may input their own data into Whole Game System.

#### How the League uses your personal data

We will use personal information only for the purposes for which we have been provided such with such information.

The reason we need participants' and members' personal data is to be able to run the football league and arrange matches; to administer registration, and provide the league services you are signing up to when you register with the League as a club or participant. Our lawful basis for processing this personal data is that we have a contractual obligation to anyone as a participant or member to provide the services they are registering for.

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Purpose/ Processing Activity	Lawful Basis for processing under Article 6 of the GDPR.							
To respond to your inquiry	Contractual							
To administer the league	Contractual							



To send information to you	Contractual
For research purposes	Why you no longer want to participate in the league?
To publish your views or comments on the Leagues social media	Legitimate interest – if a member does not want to do this they can object to this processing by contacting us via the details in the Contact Us section below
Sending out League information and update	Performance of a contract
Sharing data with other leagues, County Associations and other Competition providers for entry in events	Performance of a contract
Publishing club and league contact details in our annual handbook and social media	For the purpose of administering league and cups. This data is deleted each season and renewed with your with your annual consent.
processing registration forms	Performance of a contract
organising matches	Performance of a contract
to check compliance with our League criteria to participate in the League	Performance of a contract and Legitimate Interests. Our Legitimate Interests are that we need to ensure that participants meet the appropriate criteria to ensure that the matches that are organised are fair.
sharing data with referees	Performance of a contract
sharing data with the club you are a member of, county football associations and the FA	Performance of a contract
sharing data with committee members to provide information about league activities, registration renewals or invitation to social events	The League has a legitimate interest to maintain participant correspondence for league community purposes.
sharing data with third party service or facility providers	The League has a legitimate interest to run the organisation efficiently and as it sees fit. Provision of some third party services is for the benefit of the League and participants.
sharing anonymised data with a funding partner as condition of grant funding e.g. Local Authority	The League has a legitimate interest to run the organisation efficiently and as it sees fit. Application for funding is a purpose that benefits the League and participants.
publishing match and league results	Consent. We will only publish personal data in a public domain, including images and names, if we have your consent for us to do so. In the case of children under the age of 13 then only with written consent of parent/guardian



sending out marketing information such as newsletters and information about promotions and offers from sponsors	Consent. We will only send direct marketing if you are an existing member, participant or other associated individual and you have not previously objected to this marketing, or, you have actively provided your consent.
to ensure we understand possible health risks	Consent. We will only process details on anyone medical history with their consent.

#### Sharing your personal data

A club enters participant and / or member details onto Whole Game System, which is administered by the FA. We also pass your information to the County FA for affiliation purposes. Referees will also add their details on the whole Game System.

We may share personal data with County FA, suppliers and sub-contractors such as, coaches or match organisers. We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat in accordance of the law. These third-party service providers will only process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

We may disclose personal information to third parties to comply with a legal obligation; or to protect the rights, property, or safety of our participants, members or affiliates, or others.

The League's data processing may require personal data to be transferred outside of the UK. Where the League does transfer personal data overseas it is with the sufficient appropriate safeguards in place to ensure the security of that personal data.

#### Protection of your personal data

We are committed to protecting your privacy and we have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. However the nature of the internet is such that the data may in some circumstances flow over networks without full security measures and could be accessible to unauthorised persons.

#### **Data Retention**

We keep personal data on our participants, members and website users while they continue to be a participant or are otherwise actively involved with the League or any of our social media services. We will delete this data at the end of each season that an individual has ended their membership or has left or otherwise ended their registration, or sooner if specifically requested and we are able to do so. We may need to retain some personal data for longer for legal or regulatory purposes. The personal data that is stored on Whole Game System is subject to the FA's privacy policy so we advise you review that policy together with this notice. If anyone would like their personal data to be deleted from Whole Game System then please contact the County FA.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal data (so that it can no longer be associated with you) for research or statistical purposes in which case we may use this information indefinitely without further notice to you.

#### Cookies

When you visit our website we may collect process and use informing about you which may not personally identify you but which may be helpful for improving the information of the website. Such information may be collected through "traffic data" and may entail the use of "cookies", "IP addresses" or other numeric codes used to identify your computer. You can delete cookies or configure your computer to reject them, although this may disable the website's ability to manage individual sessions.



#### Third party links

The website may contain links to other sites. Please be aware that we are not responsible for the privacy practices of these sites. We encourage our users to be aware when they leave this website and to read the privacy statements applicable on those sites. This privacy policy boes not apply to information collected on third party sites.

#### Your rights

All date subjects have a right to:

Request access to you personal data.

**Request rectification** of the personal data that we hold about you.

Request erasure of your personal data where there is good reason for us continuing to process it.

**Object to processing** of your processing data for direct marketing, or where we are processing on the grounds of a legitimate interest or that interest is overridden by your rights and freedoms.

**Request restriction** of processing of your personal data while we establish the data's accuracy, or verify an overriding interest to object to processing; where our use of the data has been unlawful but you do not want us to erase it; where you need us to hold the data to establish, exercise or defend legal claims.

**Request the transfer** of your personal data to you or to a third party, in a structured commonly used, machine readable format.

Withdraw consent at any time where we are relying on consent to process your personal data.

**Complain** at any time to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues (www.ico.org.uk)

If participants have any questions about this Privacy Notice then please contact League Secretary.



Details



# **SDFL Management Committee Details**

League Chairman and Representative on Wiltshire Football Association Council JERRY WELCH (1993) 43 Conan Doyle Walk, Swindon SN3 6JB 01793 520718 jwelchwelch@hotmail.com	League President and Fixtures Secretary <b>PETER MILDENHALL (1987)</b> 45 Avonmead, Haydon Wick Swindon SN25 3NY 01793 726855
League Vice Presidents	League Secretary
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5, Alvescott Road, SN3 11BL	39 Delamere Drive
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Committee member BOB WARMAN (1995) Woodside No 6, Hook Street Wootton Bassett 07484 619817 mwarman007@btinternet.com	FOR REFEREE CONTACT INFORMATION ALWAYS REFER TO FULL TIME http://full- time.thefa.com/Index.do?leagueid=27 99344

Please refrain from ringing League Officers after 8.00pm



# **County FA Contacts**

Wilts FA Chief Executive Officer	Wilts FA Discipline & Investigations Officer
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Useful contacts:	



## **Club Details**

#### Ashton Keynes

Secretary & Manager: Address Postcode Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours : Pitch:

#### Ashton Keynes Reserves

Secretary & Manager: Address Postcode Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

#### Bakers Arms

Secretary & Manager: Address Postcode Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

#### Bassett Bulldogs

Secretary Address: Postcode: Tel: Email: Manager: Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch: Richard Sutton 1 Kent End Field, Ashton Keynes SN6 6FB 01285 861244 07411 966849 akfc.mens@gmail.com White and Black Blue Bradstone Sports Field, Ashton Keynes, SN6 6PH

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Secretary: Address Postcode Tel: Email: Manager: Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

#### **Chiseldon**

Secretary: Address: Postcode Tel: Email: Manager: Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

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#### FC Dorcan

Secretary & Manager:
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Away colours:
Pitch:

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CS Nalgo

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#### Kintbury Rangers Reserves

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#### Lower Stratton

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#### Marlborough Town Reserves

Secretary: Address: Postcode Tel: Email: Manager: Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

#### Moredon

Secretary & Manager Address: Postcode Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch: Nicholas Wason 26, Dunn Crescent Kintbury RG17 9UH 01488 657605 07833468044 brit70013@yahoo.co.uk Andrew Bright 07765412373 andybright46@btinternet.com orange shirts, black shorts Dark blue The Recreation Ground, Inkpen Rd, RG17 9TU

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Paul Stevens 32 Augustus Close, Tadpole Garden Village Swindon SN25 2RD 07794 026768 paulstevens2345@yahoo.co.uk Black & Red stripes. Yellow & Blue stripes. Parish Council



#### North Swindon WMC

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#### Priory Vale

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#### **Ramsbury**

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#### **Ruby Removals**

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#### Spectrum

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#### Sportz Central

Secretary: Address: Postcode Tel: Email: Manager: Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

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#### Swindon Spitfires

Secretary: Address: Postcode Tel: Email: Manager Tel: Email: Home colours: Away colours: Pitch:

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Supermarine SN3 4SY



#### <u>Village Inn</u>

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#### Wheatsheaf

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Parish Council

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## SDFL MATCH CHECK LIST

	Home Club	Away Club		SCOR
Before			SBC/Parish Council pitches to be booked by 12 noon on the Thursday before your match	
			Contact opposition secretary and advise kick off time location of pitch club colours (home team changes if there is a clash)	see fines tariff
			Look on Full Time / or contact Referee Secretary for name and number of referee 07852 155852 refs@swindondistrictfootballleague.co.uk	
			Contact Referee by Thursday before the match <ul> <li>confirm: location, time of kick off and their costs. Ask for their post code if you want some idea of travel cost?</li> </ul>	see fines tariff
			If ground location or kick off time changes before match day, home club must: <ul> <li>inform their opponents</li> <li>inform the referee</li> <li>inform the Referee Secretary 07852 155852 refs@swindondistrictfootballleague.co.uk</li> </ul>	see fines tariff
Match Day			In bad weather, meet the groundsman (not for SBC / Parish Council pitches) and your assigned Referee for pitch inspection. With SBC/Parish Council pitches you will be advised by them the day before the match if the pitch is unplayable.	
	D		In the event of a postponement contact • the opposition • your assigned Referee and the Referee Secretary • the Fixture Secretary. 01793 726855	see fines tariff
	0		<ul> <li>Always split the cost of the referee fees with your opposition</li> <li>home team pay the referee his/her fees before the start of the match.</li> </ul>	see fines tariff



		Complete team aboats with the names of your players of	,ı
	0	Complete team sheets with the names of your players & substitutes <u>WRITTEN IN FULL</u> before the match starts • swap yellow copy with your opposition • give the pink copy to your referee (optional).	
Post-Match	0	You must complete the remainder of the team sheet <ul> <li>Mark referee for performance</li> <li>Mark your opposition for sportsmanship</li> <li>Identify the scorers</li> </ul>	see fines tariff
by 7pm		<ul> <li>Text Full Time with your result and contact the Results</li> <li>Secretary by 7pm and confirm <ul> <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 and league website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	see fines tariff
		You can email an image of your team sheet to sdflresults@gmail.com but you <u>MUST</u> post your team sheet (White Copy) to the Registration Secretary.within 3 days of the match played	see fines tariff
		IMPORTANT You can avoid the charges in the right hand column by good communication. Phone, text, and email the League officers concerned. Phone, and text the referees. If there is a no show by the referee or a late cancellation by the referee please let the league officers know. Always get a copy of your team sheet to the Results Secretary within 3 days of the match. If you know weeks in advance your players are going to be away together preventing you from fulfilling a fixture please let the Fixture Secretary know?	
Player Registration		<ul> <li>All players must be registered</li> <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 <u>accompanied by a SAE</u></li> <li>any registration must be with the Registration Secretary by Thursday 6pm</li> <li>Players are registered subject to discipline</li> </ul>	see fees tariff see fines tariff



#### SDFL Social Media

Please communicate your results by SMS.

Whatsapp your team sheets to Results Secretary, and only included goalscorers will compete for the golden boot awards. League tables are updated automatically so it is in every team's interest for details to be communicated promptly.

You will always receive written correspondence from the Hon. General Secretary by email or text, but notices may appear at any time on our twitter, facebook and websites, so please keep following for up to date information. We would like to see photographs of your team in action or any write-ups that you would like to share, please forward to our social media or email to social media secretary. Please seek approval from individuals before you send any photographs. (League Privacy Policy)

Follow us on twitter@sdflswindon (also use this to mention the league in your club tweets)

Like and / or follow our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SwindonDistrictFootballLeague/

Follow us on Instagram @sdflleague

Please can you use the hashtag #sdflswindon so our Social Media Secretary can interact with any league related tweets

#### Full Time

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

#### Website

www.swindondistrictfootballleague.co.uk

Your match may be filmed by the local media company Your Sport Swindon, and you can search for any highlights by going to :-

www.yoursportsswindon.co.uk or on Twitter @YSswindon

Results, fixtures and tables - will be shown on Full Time and our website

Referee information- Name of your match referee and contact details will be posted on Full Time

Suspended players- Names of suspended players will be posted on Full Time

<u>Transfer Forms</u>- Forms can be printed from the Full Time Home page.

You will find the Full Time website at this address:

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

The site is hosted by the Football Association www.thefa.com

The website is also linked from the Wiltshire FA Website www.wiltshirefa.com

The County FA Disciplines are handled through Whole Game System (WGS alerts)

You can request for disciplines to be sent by post instead, but this method must be requested at the time of your County Affiliation.

Keep track of your finances after every match

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

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

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# **Swindon Advertiser**



## **Cup Fixtures**

### SWINDON EVENING ADVERTISER CUP

Founded 1900

#### President CRAIG LYUS

#### 2017-2018 Winners Bakers Arms

First Round	20th October 2018					
Second Round	17th November 2018					
Quarter Final	19th January 2019					
Semi Final	16th March 2019					
Final	4h May 2019					

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

#### 2017-2018 Winners Dorcan

First Round	17th November 2018					
Quarter Final	19th January 2019					
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## Pitch Hire

Pitches can be booked at SBC/Parish Council. 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 SBC/Parish 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 reinstatement 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, Central Swindon North Parish Council 01793 466499, 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.



## **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.

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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.

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## Man of the Match

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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 occured, 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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Meetings



## **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:

15th August 2018 19th September 17th October 14th November 19th December 16th January 2019 20th February 20th March 17th April 15th May

#### Agenda:

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

## **Discipline Meetings**

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

# **SDFL Sub-Committees**

Finance:Hon Treasurer & General SecretaryCups:Cup Secretary & Fixture SecretaryDiscipline: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 13th June 2019 @ 7:15pm Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon

Clubs are reminded of rule 8 (H) "Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



#### STANDARD CODE OF RULES

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football (the "Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below, and The FA Women's Pyramid excluding FA Women's Super League and FA Women's Championship.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

#### DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

**"Affiliated Association**" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

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

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the [Swindon and District Football] League.

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

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

**"Deposit"** means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

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

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

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

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

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

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



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

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

"**Player**" means any Contract Player,Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

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

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA] [the Wiltshire County Football Association Limited].

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

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

**"Secretary"** means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

**"SGM**" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

**"Team"** means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

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

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

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

#### GOVERNANCE RULES

#### **COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION**

- 2. (A) The Competition will be known as ["The Swindon & District Football League"] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
  - (B) This Competition shall consist of not more than [120] Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
  - (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be a 25 mile radius from the Town Hall, Swindon.
  - (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.
  - (E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.



- (F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

This competition and its clubs shall support the FA's Respect program. 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 valued the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing player, club officials and spectators. The League and its clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.

- (H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
  - (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
  - (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect,by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender,gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
  - (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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.

- (J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
- (M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one Team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division



are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

#### **CLUB NAME**

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

#### ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

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

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

If a new team application is received after the AGM in June and there are vacancies then the decision will be taken by the management committee. If there are no vacancies at this time then the team will go on a reserve list.

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

- (B) The annual subscription shall be in accordance with the fees tariff, payable on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year.
- (C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Each club shall within 14 days of election pay a deposit in accordance with the fees tariff 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 (if required) have been paid.
- (E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> June of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fine tariff.
- (F) In the event of clubs failing to comply with the above Rule E, clubs will be given a further 4 weeks (31<sup>st</sup> July) to provide the league of its County Affiliation number for the coming season. Failure to provide this could result in their league application being withdrawn after which their place could be taken by a team on the reserve list. In the event that affiliation is then completed within the extended deadline the League would consider paying back the fine to the Club.

#### MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

- 5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 5 members who shall all be elected at the AGM.
  - (B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 31<sup>st</sup> May in each year.



All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> April in each year.Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

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 (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

- (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.

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

#### POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

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

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 Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season)to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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

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

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

- (F) 60% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

The presentation of a cheque which is subsequently dishonoured by the Bank or Building Society, will incur a fine in accordance with the fines tariff, plus any associated bank charges accrued.

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

- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

#### PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

- (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Discipline Secretary of the Management Committee via email or other auditable means of communication only (verbal phone call is insufficient for these purposes).
  - (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match. 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 with the Discipline Secretary within 3 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protestor complaint shall not be withdrawn except by the person lodging such protest or complaint and with the approval of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved or potentially likely to be involved (e.g. cup competitions) shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

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.

- (i) The Management Committee shall also have the power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Discipline Secretary a sum of £5. Confirmation of receipt will be sent by auditable means of communication to the Discipline Secretary and the complainant. 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 protestor complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission from the Discipline officer, within 3 days of the Discipline officer receiving confirmation of the complaint / protest ad fee having been paid. All involved parties must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard. This should be to the Discipline Officer who will collate and present to the Committee at the next applicable meeting.
  - (i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
  - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response to the Discipline Secretary.
- (E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision



causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee as set out in fines tariff, which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

- (i) invite submissions by the parties involved;
- (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
- (iii) permit new evidence; or
- (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate

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

- (G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.
- (H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a subcommittee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld,and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

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

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds of members are present and entitled to vote:
  - a. To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
  - b. To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
  - c. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
  - d. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
  - e. Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
  - f. Appointment of auditors.
  - g. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14)
  - h. Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
  - i. Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Step 7 which shall be determined by The FA).
  - j. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
  - (B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.
  - (C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM

- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply* to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.
- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
- Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

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

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

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

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

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.

#### AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

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

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

The agreement shall be signed by:

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

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

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



#### CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

- 11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31<sup>st</sup> March each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
  - (B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
  - (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.
  - (D) 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.
    - (i) 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.
    - (ii) Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff, per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call that may be made under Rule 5(B).
    - (iii) Any Club infringing this Rule and not disbanding before the fixtures have commenced shall be liable to a fine of £10 per team.
  - (E) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose or Annual General Meeting, Clubs wishing with withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition will have £10 taken from their deposit.
  - (F) In the event of a Member Club, which is an un-incorporated association, withdrawing and/or disbanding, it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

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

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



Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clause (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

(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

- 13. (A) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.
  - (B) The divisional winners and runners-up trophies shall be presented to the winning clubs. The Management Committee will be responsible for having the winning clubs name and year engraved on the trophy, the cost of which will be invoiced to the winning clubs.

#### ALTERATION TO RULES

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

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 8 weeks prior and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 2 weeks prior. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### FINANCE

- 15. (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 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
  - (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
  - (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited* annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

#### INSURANCE

- 16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
  - (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.



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

#### DISSOLUTION

- 17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members presentand shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
  - (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
  - (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
    - (i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
    - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

#### MATCH RELATED RULES QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 18. (A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:
  - (i) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, which is submitted to the Competition [2] days prior to the Player playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match;

Or

(ii) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a subsequent match day until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition. A maximum of [2] Players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 18(A)(ii);

or

(iii) registered through WGS.

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

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

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



(B)

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

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

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.

- (ii) Each Club must have at least 11 Players registered 5 days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff and the points for that match, plus any subsequent matches being awarded to their opponents.
- (iii) Only a goalkeeper can be registered up to the day before the match if cleared by the League Registration Secretary, but can only be used as the position of a goalkeeper for the duration of the Competition. Sanctioning for use in Cup matches is only at the discretion of the League and Cup Committee.
- (C) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in Competition Matches, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.
- (D) A fee in accordance with the fees tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.

Clubs who return unused forms to the Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year will be eligible for a rebate. All registration forms reaching the Registration Secretary after 1<sup>s</sup> 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 to cover First Class postage and envelopes.

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

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

- (F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to:-
  - (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
  - (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer.
  - (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

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

- (G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.
  - (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).



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

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

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.

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 2 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.

- 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.
- (J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.
- (K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (*Registrations*) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player without a written contract changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played 6 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

A player who has played for a team in the Swindon and District Senior Division five times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(M) A Team shall not include more than 2 Players who has/have taken part in 2 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is defined as one in which each of the competing clubs play in step 7 or above in the FA NLS or registered as such with its County FA, or a team (other than youth team), attached to a club employing players under written contract.



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

(N)

- (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.
- (iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:
  - (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
  - (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
  - (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
- (O) The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education:-

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

- (i) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday leagues competitions).
- (ii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.
- (P) Each team will have a cap of 30 players, any of which can be deselected and new players registered. Deselected players' contact information (tel no) and with players consent, given to Registration Secretary to enable contact to be made with those club looking for players. Deselected players wishing to return to original club will need to be registered as a new player.

#### **CLUB COLOURS**

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

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

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

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

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeepers jersey) at least 7days before the Competition Match.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (C) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 2 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
- (D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



- (E) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals.Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a CompetitionMatch to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such actionis warranted by the circumstances.
  - (ii) Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.
  - (iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition *Referees Appointments* Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
  - (iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixture Secretary within 14 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [] persons, or car allowance at [] p per mile for transporting [] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.

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

- (v) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (vi) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.



- (vii) 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 in accordance with the fines tariff.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) The HOME team must pay all officials (Referees and any appointed assistants) their full fee at this time. Any club in breach of either exchanging team sheets or paying officials fees (Home team) BEFORE KICK OFF, may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff for each offence (potentially two fines for a home team). Issues around ensuring eligibility of players are the responsibility of teams to both check with their players and will be dealt with under the rules pertaining to that section. Referees will play no part in issues around eligibility
- (xi) Any Club, responsible for postponing a game more than seven days prior to the date of the match, shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff and must notify their opponents of the postponement. A second offence by a club under this clause will attract a fine in accordance with the fines tariff and each subsequent offence thereafter will attract an increase of £10 on the previous amount.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) Any Club, responsible for cancelling a game seven days or less prior to the date of the match, shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff, 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.
- (xiv) 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 in accordance with the fine tariff and each subsequent offence thereafter will attract an increase of £10 on the previous amount.
- (xv) 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.
- (xvi) The League shall have the power to set aside legitimate claims for compensation from opponents or Match Officials.
- (xvii) 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.



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

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [15] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

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

- (G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the onfield discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) The League shall require all players 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

- 21. (A) The (*Registration*) Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played (excluding Sundays), the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fine tariff
  - (B) Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the Result Secretary by 18:30 for Saturday matches and 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 comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
  - (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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



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

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

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

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

- (i) Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.
- *(ii)* Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:
  - (a) retention of otherwise relegated Team(s);or
  - (b) additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or
  - (c) election.
- (iii) 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) 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 1<sup>st</sup> position of the Premier Division of the Swindon & District League. If the Club finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the ground grading / entry criteria, then the club finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> position will be eligible for promotion. If the Club in 2<sup>nd</sup> position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the ground grading / entry criteria then Clubs down to 3<sup>rd</sup> position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate ground grading / entry criteria.

Clubs finishing below 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

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



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

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 the relevant section in 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.

- (C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted. Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home club to immediately advise the competition, the Referee Appointments Secretary, Result Secretary and the Fixture Secretary
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee and travel expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff. Match Officials will be paid their fees and expenses by the home Club before the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half the normal fee plus expense. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered. Clubs should report such occurrences to the Referee Appointments Secretary
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Where a club scores a Referee less than 40% of the maximum score, they must submit a report to the Referees Appointment Secretary with their reasons for the low score.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA on request
- (J) A representative of the home club must contact the referee to confirm the match, kick off and location, at the latest by 20:00hrs two days before the match. Contact should be made by SMS, email or similar means that provide an audit trail. Should there be no confirmation



from the referee, the club representative should ring the referee by 21:00hrs the same evening. The referee will confirm their full fee (including expenses) at this time to enable the home club to have such amount ready in full. Any Club responsible for failing to notify a referee of a change of location or time shall be liable to reimburse the Referee his full match fee and expenses should the referee attend at the location/time shown on full time. The Referee must submit any such claim to the Referee Appointments Secretary within three days of the match

- (K) The Management Committee may, if it consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs ask the Referee Appointments Secretary to appoint neutral Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where clubs ask for neutral assistant referees they are liable for those match fees plus expenses.
- (L) Where a club scores a Referee less than 40% of the maximum score, they must submit a report to the Referees Appointment Secretary with their reasons for the low score.
- (M) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (N) Match Officials shall have undertaken all mandatory training required by The FA/County FA or the Competition.
- (O) Referee should report (in line with these rules):
  - Where a club records an objection objects to the pitch or facilities before the match
  - Where kick off is delayed due to a club not having a change of colours or for any other reason
  - Where two suitable (as per LOTG) footballs are not provided
- (P) Subject to prevailing official Match Officials, at their absolute discretion may wear coloured shirts provided that:
  - (i) the alternative shirts must be plain and the colour must not clash with the colours of either clubs or goalkeepers
  - (ii) where neutral assistant referees are appointed by the Competition, the colour of the alternative shirts worn by the referee and assistant referees must be the same at a given match.
  - (iii) Subject to match officials complying with the above, clubs should not ask referees to wear bibs or change the colour of their kit.

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£15.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£25.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£50.00
7 (C), 7 (E),	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£5.00
7 (G)		
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£1.00
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£5.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£25 + 33p/mile
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£20 + 33p/mile
	CUP ENTRY FEE	£25.00

#### SCHEDULE A



FINES TARI	FF "where a fine is mentioned in the rules but not specified in t	able below = £10.00"
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE – <b>NO FINE, PLACED ON</b> RESERVE LIST	£N/A
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES – <b>NO FINE</b> AT PRESENT	£NIL
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£NIL
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£NIL
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT - NO FINE, NOT ACCEPTED IN LEAGUE	£NIL
4 (E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS	£10.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS – <b>NO FINE AT PRESENT.</b> (NOTED) NOT ACTIONED	£NIL
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – <b>DISCRETION OF</b> <b>THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	£TBC
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£50.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£10.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£10.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES - <b>NO FINE AT PRESENT</b>	£NIL
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	LOSS OF DEPOSIT ?
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	LOSS OF DEPOSIT ?
11 (D)(ii)	CEASES TO OPERATE DURING PLAYING SEASON	£10.00
16 (A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	CLUB SUSPENDED
16 (B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	CLUB SUSPENDED
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER – PLAYER CANNOT PLAY	£NIL
18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£10.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM- <b>PLAYER CANNOT PLAY</b>	£NIL



18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES - PLAYER CANNOT PLAY	£NIL
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES – <b>POINTS AWARDED</b>	£TBC
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER – POINTS AWARDED	£TBC
19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£10
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS         NO FINE AT PRESENT	£N/A
20 (A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£ <b>2 per</b> 5 min
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£10
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£1 per player
20 (E) ( <b>ix</b> )	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (more than 7 days notice)	£10
20 (E) ( <b>xi</b> )	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (less than 7 days notice)	£15
20 (E) ( <b>xii</b> )	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (on day of match)	£20
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10.00
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10.00
21 (C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£10.00
23 (D)	FAILURE TO CONFIRM FIXTURE <b>2</b> DAYS BEFORE MATCH	£5.00
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£5.00
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS FEES & EXPENSES BEFORE GAME	£10.00
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#### SCHEDULE A

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#### 24. CUP COMPETITIONS. As defined in SCOR with the following additions.

#### NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

(A). The Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition, the Trophy being the absolute property of the Swindon & District Football League and Cup Competitions and confined for annual competition to clubs who are members of the Swindon and District League.

The George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup Competition (the plate for the Swindon Advertiser Cup), being the absolute property of Mr. A Vockins and family, confined for annual completion to those clubs that fail to win their opening game in the Swindon Advertiser Competition.

#### ENTRY FEES

(B). The entry fee for the Swindon Advertiser Cup Competition is in accordance with the published Tariff.

The entry fee for the George Thomas/Don Rogers Cup Competition is in accordance with the published Tariff.

#### QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(C). 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.For clarity, a player can play for a senior club BEFORE the SDFL season starts.

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.

(vi) Semi-Final eligibility. Subject to the above conditions a player may compete from the Semi-Finals onwards

(a) If he has taken part in at least **4 Swindon & District Cup or League games** for his competing club during the current season.

(vii) Eligibility for postponed matches or replays

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

(viii) 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.

(ix) 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 in accordance with the published Tariff and match day expenses for the replay awarded against the defaulting team.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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

(D). If playing on a neutral ground the management Committee shall decide on the colours. The second team "drawn out of the hat" will change in clash of colours for the Final.

PLAYING SEASON, CONDITION OF PLAY, TIMES KICK OFF, SUBSTITUTES

- (E) (i) All matches must be played on the date fixed unless otherwise arranged by the Cups Secretary on behalf of the Management Committee.
  - (ii) Ground. The club first drawn shall have the choice of ground up to the Quarter Finals.
  - (iii) Duration

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.

If a match is unresolved at the expiration of extra time, the match shall be decided by the

taking of penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA conditions.

#### (iv) 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 in accordance with the published Tariff.

(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.

#### (v) 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 teams 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 in accordance with the published Tariff.

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
24 (A)	EVENING ADVERTISER CUP ENTRY FEE	£25.00
24	GEORGE THOMAS/DON ROGERS CUP ENTRÉE FEE	£00 <b>.00</b>

FINES TARIFF "where a fine is mentioned in the rules but not specified in table below = £10.00"				
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM		
NUMBER		FINE		
24 (C ix)	FIELDING INELIGIBLE PLAYERS	£25.00		
24 (E v)	FAILURE TO SUPPLY FOOTBALLS	£25.00		



## Roll of Honour 2017-18

## Winners

PREMIER DIVISION	Tawny Owl
DIVISION 1	Ruby Removals

SWINDON ADVERTISER CUP	Bakers Arms
GEORGE THOMAS MEMORIAL / DON ROGERS CUP	Dorcan

## Fairplay

LEAGUE AWARD	Chiseldon

## Referees

REFEREE OF THE SEASON	Steve Annetts
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## **SDFL Committee Award**

BEST CLUB SECRETARY	Tony Prinzi-
	Swindon Supermarine DV

## **Highest goalscorers**

PREMIER DIVISION	Jack Allen - Tawny Owl (36)
FIRST DIVISION	Darren Mobey - Ruby Removals (28)



# Final League Tables 2017-18

## **Premier Division**

	Ρ	W	D	L	GD	Pts
TAWNY OWL	22	19	1	2	96	58
FC DORCAN	22	18	1	3	33	55
BAKERS ARMS	22	15	3	4	33	48
ASHTON KEYNES	22	13	2	7	30	41
WHEATSHEAF	22	12	1	9	19	37
LOWER STRATTON	22	9	2	11	-4	29
STRATTON JUNIORS	22	8	4	10	-28	28
SWINDON SPITFIRES	22	8	3	11	-15	27
SUPERMARINE DV	22	7	1	14	-42	22
WROUGHTON RESERVES	22	5	5	12	-4	20
RAMSBURY	22	3	2	17	-49	11
SWINDON CENTURIANS SPECTRUM	22	2	1	19	-69	7

## **Division 1**

	Ρ	w	D	L	GD	Pts
RUBY REMOVALS	22	20	1	1	119	61
MARLBOROUGH RESERVES	22	17	1	4	50	52
HIGHWORTH TOWN DV	22	11	2	9	16	35
VILLAGE INN	22	11	1	10	-13	34
CHISELDON	22	10	3	9	15	33
NORTH SWINDON WMC	22	11	0	11	-15	33
SWINDON AFC	22	10	1	11	-10	31
REDHOUSE	22	8	4	10	5	28
HAYDON WICK	22	8	4	10	-26	28
NEW TOWN ALL STARS	22	8	2	12	-8	26
MOREDON	22	6	3	13	-46	21
BROCKHILLUNITED	22	1	0	21	-87	3



## **History**

## **Premier Division**

1991/92 - GENESIS 1993/94 - OLD NICK 1995/96 - IVY LEAF 1997/98 - JACOBS LADDER 1999/00 - A.F.C DOLPHIN 2001/02 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C 2003/04 - ZURICH 2005/06 - SHIELD & DAGGER 2007/08 - RODBOURNE ARMS 2009/10 - QUEENSFIELD 2011/12 - FRATELLOS 2013/14 - FRATELLOS 2015/16 - TAWNY OWL 2017/18 - TAWNY OWL

## Division 1

1990/91 - GENESIS 1992/93 - W.H SMITH 1994/95 - NEW INN 1996/97 - WROUGHTON 1999/00 - SWINDON EAGLES 2001/02 - BULLDOG 2003/04 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C RESERVES 2004/05 - SHIELD AND DAGGER 2005/06 - THE MERLIN 2007/08 - BULLDOG 2009/10 - CRUMPLED HORN 2012/13 - OLD TOWN UNITED 2014/15 - KS MILTAX 2016/17 - SPORT4PINEHURST

## Swindon Advertiser Cup

- 1994/95 OLD NICK 1996/97 - FC VENUS 1998/99 - BLISS MENSWEAR 2000/01 - LIDEN 2002/03 - CUSTOM HOMES 2004/05 - ZURICH 2006/07 - FRATELLOS 2008/09 - QUEENSTOWN 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 Moves
- 2016/17 TAWNY OWL Ref: Mark Niemirski
- 2017/18 BAKERS ARMS Ref: Rory Peacey

1992/93 - MONKEY CLUB 1994/95 - OLD NICK 1996/97 - JACOBS LADDER 1998/99 - HUNT STREET CLUB 2000/01 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C 2002/03 - 147 CLUB 2004/05 - WINDMILL 2006/07 - QUEENSFIELD 2008/09 - FRATELLOS 2010/11 - QUEENSFIELD 2012/13 - FRATELLOS 2014/15 - AVTAR CONSTRUCTION 2016/17- TAWNY OWL

1991/92 - IVY LEAF 1993/94 - WHITE HART, LYNEHAM 1995/96 - MOONRAKERS 1997/98 - PRINCESS/COUNTY GROUND HTL 2000/01 - FUSION COLEVIEW 2002/03 - QUEENSTOWN 2006/07 - FRATELLOS 2008/09 - PINEHURST ATHLETIC 2010/12 - No Competiton 2013/14 - LOWER STRATTON 2015/16 - SWINDON SPITFIRES 2017/18 - RUBY REMOVALS

1995/96 - IVY LEAF 1997/98 - JACOBS LADDER 1999/00 - COUNTY GROUND A.F.C 2001/02 - WHEATSHEAF SPORTS 2003/04 - WINDMILL 2005/06 - ZURICH 2007/08 - RODBOURNE ARMS 2009/10 - OLD TOWN WANDERERS History



## Pyramid

2016/17- BASSETT BULLDOGS promoted to WILTS COUNTY LEAGUE

## George Thomas Memorial / Don Rogers Cup

1993/94 - PINEHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE 1994/95 - JOHN O'FI YNN 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 Murdoch 2014/15 - OLD TOWN UNITED Ref: Brian Bennett Murdoch 2015/16 - BASSETT BULLDOGS Ref: Colin Tewkesbury 2016/17 - WROUGHTON RESERVES Ref:Brian Bennett Murdoch 2017/18 - DORCAN Ref:Leigh Treadaway

## Chairman's Jubilee Cup

2003/04 - WINDMILL 2008/09 - RODBOURNE ARMS

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# WHAT DOES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CHARTER STANDARD MEAN TO THE SWINDON & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE?

- The League have in place a Development Plan (LDP) showcasing a clear set of actions that will make a practical difference to the operation of the league at grassroots, and the progress of their member clubs and players within it.
- Improved sustainability for the league
- The league will become more attractive to clubs as research shows Charter Standard Leagues grow their team numbers
- Greater investment from County FA and sponsors

The **Swindon & District Football League** with 60 % of its members attaining, or working towards, are heading towards their goal to achieve CS league status before the end of the year.

Once achieved we will then be working with the County FA to meet the requirement of ensuring 85% of clubs attain Charter Standard status and with the County FA want to start the process with all clubs helping all the way to achievement of Charter Standard Club Adult status.

If you want to discuss Charter Standard in more detail then please get in touch with the League Secretary sdflsecretary@outlook.com