

qualified independent source certifying the pitch dimensions.

The Board may require a Club to take such steps as the Board shall specify if they are not satisfied that an adequate standard of pitch is being maintained, including but not limited to the Board commissioning an independent report on the state of the pitch. The cost of the independent report to be borne by the Club concerned.

25. INSURANCE

25.1 PLAYERS

All Clubs shall be members of a player's personal accident insurance scheme at an appropriate level. Each Club shall submit to the Board a copy of the insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

25.2 PUBLIC LIABILITY

All Clubs must have appropriate Public Liability cover. Each Club shall submit to the Board a copy of the insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

26. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

27. PLAYER TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

28. PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM TO BE SIGNED BY EACH CLUB EACH PLAYING SEASON

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

29. PROVISION FOR FULL & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Clubs in membership of the Premier Division and Division One shall be Full Member Clubs. Clubs in membership of Division Two and members of the Reserve Section only, shall be Associate Member Clubs.

30. PROMOTION AGREEMENTS

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

31. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted:

The Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting confirmed and business arising therefrom dealt with.
Adoption of Standing Orders

Presentation and adoption of Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.

Confirm the constitution of the Divisions for the ensuing season.

Election of Officers, Vice Presidents, Management Committee and Auditor.

Alteration of Rules, if any (of which due notice has been given).

Confirm the dates for commencement and conclusion of the playing season.

Other business of which due notice has been given.

A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each club at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the FA within 7 days of its adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Each member club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all General Meetings. Each club's delegates shall be duly elected members of their Club. AN delegates shall be allowed to participate in discussion but Full Member Clubs shall be entitled to two votes each, provided they have two delegates in attendance and Associate Members Clubs shall be entitled to one vote each.

Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the League during the season being concluded, or who are not continuing membership, shall be entitled to attend, but shall only vote on matters relating to the season being concluded.

All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by at least one third of the delegates present or the Chairman so decides.

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

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two thirds of the member clubs, the Competition Secretary shall call a General Meeting. The Board may call a General Meeting at any time. At least seven days notice shall be given of all meetings under this rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meetings.

32. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Bye-Laws and Practices of the Football Association by a Management Committee comprising the Officers and a minimum of six members, who shall be independent of the member clubs, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Management Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Management Committee Members shall be nominated in writing by two members to the Competition Secretary not later than 30 April in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Each member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to attend all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to him. This principle shall apply to the procedure for any Committee. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The position of an Officer or Management Committee Member shall be vacated if:

- The Officer or Management Committee Member does not attend at least 60% of Management Committee meetings, subject to acceptance by the Management Committee of reasonable excuse for non-attendance;
- The Officer or Management Committee Member is guilty of any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.

The Management Committee may appoint an Emergency Committee and/or such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate all or any of their powers to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee.

Eight members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the League. The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur. A Member appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting, match or carry out a ground inspection may have his expenses refunded by the League.

33. COMPETITION OFFICERS

The Officers shall be the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretaries (as deemed necessary by the Management Committee), to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers shall be nominated in writing by two members to the Competition Secretary not later than 30 April in each year or by Management Committee minute. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

34. CUP COMPETITIONS 34.1

Challenge Trophy

34.1.1 The Competition shall be called the Challenge Trophy Competition and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knock-out competition, by all teams competing in the Premier, First and Second Divisions of the League in the current season.

Premier and Divisions One Clubs playing at home in this competition must conform with the ground grading requirements of that Division (currently as set out in Appendix 'A').

34.1.2 The entire management and control of the competition shall be vested in the Management Committee who shall have power to deal with any matter not specifically provided for in these rules.

34.1.3 All matches shall be of ninety minutes duration with extra time of thirty minutes to be played if necessary. If still undecided penalties (under conditions laid down by FIFA) to decide.

34.1.4 The matches, with exception of the final, to be played on the ground of the first drawn Club.

34.1.5 When a match is postponed or abandoned before the completion of ninety minutes with neither club being at fault, it must be played or replayed on the same ground. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time, with neither Club being at fault, it must be replayed on the ground of the Club second drawn.

Matches abandoned through the fault of either or both Clubs, shall be dealt with as the Management Committee determine, including the removal of the Club(s) from the competition.

34.1.6 The final tie shall be played on a neutral ground to be decided by the Management Committee. The charge for the use of the neutral ground and floodlights, if necessary, are as set out in the Fees Tariff.

34.1.7 All players taking part in this Competition must be registered with the Competition (Registration) Secretary on the appropriate form at least seven days prior to the match. The seven day qualification does not apply to matches prior to the semi-final (see 6.3).

All players taking part in the final tie must have played at least four Spartan South Midlands League/Cup, FA Cup/Vase and/or County Cup/Capital Counties Cup games for the Club during the current season. Clubs playing in the final shall, not less than fourteen days before the game is due to be played, send to the Competition (Registration) Secretary and the opposing Club, a list of players' names from whom the team will be selected and no objection to the qualification of any players listed shall be entertained unless notice to object, stating the reason, is given at least seven days before the match to the Competition (Registration) Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing Club. No player will be considered eligible unless his name is included in the list.