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# ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties Football League

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the United Counties Football League will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 at 8pm at Yaxley Football Club.

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John Weeks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Weeks'.

Chairman

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# ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties Football League

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016**  
**Location: Lutterworth Athletic Football Club**  
**Start 8pm End 8.43pm**

- In Attendance:** Member Clubs, Directors, Board Members and Guests as listed in the League Register
- Apologies:** Ken Ambridge President, Stuart Coles, Russell Matthews, Daniel White FA Regional Pitch Advisor (East), Keith Murdoch Chief Executive Officer Leicestershire & Rutland County Football Association, Mildenhall Town U21's, David Moore of Stephenson Smart & Co and Gary Biddulph Northamptonshire Football Association Business Manager.
- Notice of Meeting:** This was read by the League Secretary
- Welcome:** The Chairman gave a warm welcome to all the Member Clubs, Directors, Board Member and guests. He gave a special welcome to Bob Cotter Northamptonshire Football Association Chairman and Football Association Councillor. The Chairman requested all present to observe a minute's silence in respect of all friends and associates that have passed this season.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as circulated were unanimously accepted and confirmed as a true and correct record and endorsed by the Chairman
- Matters arising:** None
- Chairman's Report:** As circulated - This was unanimously accepted and adopted by the meeting.
- Statement of Verified Accounts:** These were accepted by the meeting.
- Elections to the Board:** The following elections were unanimously accepted en-bloc
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|--------------------------------------|--|
| President                            | Mr KH Ambridge   |
| Chairman                             | Mr J Weeks   |
| Registrations Director/Press Officer | Mr J Biggs   |
| Development Director                 | Mr I Hughes  |
| Discipline & Referee Director        | Mr T Mitchell  |
| Board Members                        | Mr J Walker, Mr D Holmes, Mr E Slinn, Mr J Smith and Mr R Matthews |
| Accountant                           | Dave Moore of Stephenson Smart                                     |
| Honorary Life Membership             | Graham Wrighting (Northampton Spencer FC)                          |
- Proposed Alteration to Rules:** These had been circulated prior to the AGM as approved by the Football Association. The Chairman asked the floor to vote of the amendment to Rule 13.4 Promotion and Relegation between Premier Division and Division One, vote 22 for and 16 against to retain two relegation and promotion places carried. The remaining rule amendments taken en bloc and unanimously accepted.

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**Constitution of Divisions 2016/17:**

A set of recommendations had been circulated with the AGM Booklet except for Leicester Elite AP U21's who have withdrawn their application - unanimously accepted.

The Chairman asked the floor to pass a resolution confirming the agreement of accepting Olney Town FC into the constitution without the appropriate ground grading – unanimously accepted

The Chairman asked the clubs to give dispensation to the Board, in respect of the Under 21's Division, to determine any issue arising throughout the season, without recourse to an EGM - unanimously accepted

**Commencement of Season:**

6th August 2016 (29th July 2016 for Groundhop Weekend)  
3rd September 2016 (U21's)

**Conclusion of Season:**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 except U21's 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Presentations:**

Bob Cotter Northamptonshire Football Association Chairman and Football Association Councillor presented the UCL Chairman with the Equality for Sport Foundation Level.

The following presentations were made on behalf of the League by J Weeks and M Wilson of ChromaSport & Trophies

Fair Play Award Premier/Division One	Peterborough Sports FC
Fair Play Award Reserve Team	Rushden & Higham United
Presentation of £100 Cheque for Fair Play Award	Peterborough Sports FC
Presentation of Hospitality Award - Marked by Referees	Potton United FC
Presentation of Hospitality Award - Marked by Clubs	Potton United FC
Presentation of £100 Cheque for Hospitality Award	Potton United FC
Presentation of Highest Aggregate of Goals Trophy	Peterborough Sports FC
Presentation of Manager of the Year	Jimmy Dean of Peterborough Sport FC
Presentation of Administrator of the Year	John Lee of Desborough Town FC
Presentation of Eric Evans Award Referee of Year	Matthew Morrison
Presentation of Respect Award	Yaxley FC
Groundsman Award Season 2015/16	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ian Williscroft of Potton United FC
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Gary Hefferon of Newport Pagnell Town FC
Recommendation	Matt Plumb of Eynesbury Rovers FC
	David Holmes of Deeping Rangers FC
	Mark Hedges of Wellingborough Town FC
	Nigel Pleasants of Oakham United FC
	Mark Panter of Raunds Town FC
	Jeff Battison of Northampton ON Chenecks FC
Best Match Programme of the Year Award	Peterborough Northern Star FC
April/May 2016 Premier Division Manager of the Month	Damion Quailey of Leicester Nirvana FC
April/May 2016 Goalscorer of the Month	Jack Weeden of Olney Town FC

Presentation by Sam Anderson launching the new League website.

**Vote of Thanks to League Officers:**

Kempston Rovers FC gave thanks to the League Board on behalf of all clubs for their hard work over the season.

**Vote of Thanks:**

The Chairman thanked Lutterworth Athletic Football Club for hosting the AGM.

John Weeks



Chairman

UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED IN MAY 2017

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Directors	J Weeks (Chairman) I Hughes (Development Director) R Walker (Fixture Director) A Poulain (Vice Chairman) W Newey (Company Secretary) T Mitchell (Discipline Director)
Secretary	W Newey (Company Secretary)
Company Number	08012244
Registered office	Nene Valley Community Centre Candy Street Peterborough PE2 9RE
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UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017*

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2017.

**Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is that of administration of all matters relating to the United Counties Football League.

**Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

J Weeks (Chairman)  
I Hughes (Development Director)  
R Walker (Fixture Director)  
A Poulain (Vice Chairman)  
W Newey (Company Secretary)  
T Mitchell (Discipline Director)

**Chairman's report on behalf of the directors**

As season 2016/17 slips into the past I have mixed emotions and memories but as always must look to the future.

This season has seen the passing of several colleagues associated with clubs also Jeremy Biggs from our league and Long Serving ex-committee member Deryck Irons. All will be sadly missed and to remember them we will observe one minute's silence before proceeding with our AGM. To perpetuate Jeremy's memory, his father Ray has donated an award which will be presented annually, The Jeremy Biggs programme of the year award. This could not be more apt in remembering Jeremys love of facts, news and statistics.

Again, our clubs have had their fair share of County Cup success but excellence in the FA Cup and Vase is always a major priority, especially with the cash rewards for progressing in these competitions. Newport Pagnell did exceptionally well in reaching the FA Vase 6<sup>th</sup> Round, especially after having to come from behind in their previous two rounds against Peterborough Sports and Sunderland R.C.A . Unfortunately their day out on Tyneside at favourites South Shields saw little return in a 6-1 defeat, but a crowd of 3700 gave financial compensation and a great day out.

On the league front Peterborough Sports dominated repeating last years success and again winning their division, a truly remarkable achievement and probably unlikely to be repeated. We wish them well in their bid for success in Step 4 next season. Runners up Deeping will no doubt make a concerted bid for Premier Championship in the 2017/18 season. Daventry ran out Division One winners and, along with Runners Up Whitworths take their place in the Premier Division.

Woodford have resigned from the League to play football in local football and regroup, we wish them well and hopefully they may return again in years to come.

This illustrates the benefits of the National League System- The Non-League Pyramid- allowing clubs to move in both directions with reference to their playing strength and criteria. We look with great pride at our record of promoting clubs to step 4 for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive season. Both St Ives, Kings Lynn and St Neots now operate at Step 3 with Spalding and AFC Rushden & Diamonds involved with play offs and last year's UCL Champions Kempston Rovers only missing the play offs by one point.

Clearly the UCL is a strong and competitive league producing worthy champions who can hold their own once they leave us.

We have advocated an additional step 4 and 3 and the central area of the country for many years to bring the benefits of less travelling and therefore lower costs to clubs. This season the FA have at last agreed to this and all interested parties duly invited to submit their business plans. I was proud to lead a deputation to Wembley to put our case forward and we spent an hour in front of their panel answering their questions and expressing our views.

Whilst we understand our bid was an extremely good one we were unsuccessful. In this the FA have lost a great chance to break the mould and accept our progressive and professional ability to offer the greater football scene a fresh face to break away from the stale established scene. Their loss I feel, at least we had the courage to put our case forward and we have learned from this process and will continue to progress and serve our clubs with pride and passion. I wonder how many leagues above us have ALL their clubs regularly visited by members of the league as ours do?

UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017*

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**Chairman's report on behalf of the directors (continued)**

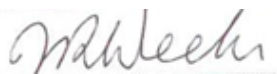
I must here welcome those clubs joining us. At the time of writing we are hoping that Pinchbeck will progress to our Division One and we may gain another at step 4, but these matters are yet to be decided by The FA. Hopefully we will know more by the start of next season! We have now established our new headquarters at Nene Valley Community Centre in Woodston, Peterborough. This move, in partnership with the Peterborough & District Football League, illustrates the progressive nature of our league and we are truly proud to operate from this prestigious centre, which will be the envy of many county football associations and all other leagues. It will give our staff better working conditions and a more pleasant environment. This more would not have happened without the foresight and determination of Wendy Newey, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. This should secure our future for many years to come and will ring-fence over previously rising accommodation costs whilst giving the opportunity to also expand. Wendy and her team of Georgie, Sam, Brandon and Isaac will continue to strive to administer with the professionalism that has become synonymous with our league. Sam has settled in well and become a valuable member of our team taking responsibility for referee appointments for the pool and on a wider front.

Talking of the future, plans are already in preparation to commemorate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020 with an event to be held at Wicksteed Park. Also, Andy Goldsmith and Ian Addis have already amassed wealth of information for a new league history book.

I am fortunate to be supported by a superb team of Directors and Board Members who are very familiar faces to you. Alan Poulain can be depended on to perform whatever task is asked, Roger Walker must have a hotline to the Gods with the weather kindly allowing him to reschedule fixtures in a timely fashion but clubs must play their part as well! Trevor and Ian are also great supporters earning respect from all with their hard work. Jon Smith has accepted the position of Commercial Director to help exploit the financial situation and marketing. John Walker has decided to retire after 40 years with us, 25 as fixture secretary. We wish him well in his retirement which really means he will probably spend more time nearer home with his duties as Life President at St Neots- Thank you John from us all, your wisdom will be missed.

As always I must thank Michael Vincent our Sponsor and ChromaSport, and also his team for their continued support, now into its 7<sup>th</sup> year and greatly appreciated. Please take time to visit his stand at our AGM and use ChromaSport wherever possible. Enjoy your brief respite and prepare for 2017/18 season. It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve you.

J Weeks



Chairman



## UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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CHARTED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED  
STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of United Counties Football League for the year ended 31 May 2017 set out on pages 5 to 6 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance>

This report is made solely to the board of directors of United Counties Football League, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 11 April 2013. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of United Counties Football League and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the board of directors of United Counties Football League, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than United Counties Football League and its Board of Directors as a body, for our work or this report.

It is your duty to ensure that United Counties Football League has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of United Counties Football League. You consider that United Counties Football League is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of United Counties Football League. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

**Stephenson Smart & Co**

6 June 2017

**Chartered Accountants**

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UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

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	Year ended 31 May 2017 £	Year ended 31 May 2016 £
<b>Turnover</b>	55,806	57,520
Other Income	9	11
Staff costs	(5,790)	(4,540)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(77)	(857)
Other charges	(49,752)	(46,460)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	<u>196</u>	<u>5,674</u>

**UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MAY 2017**

	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets		-		77
Current assets	39,776		39,479	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(780)		(756)	
Net current assets		<u>38,996</u>		<u>38,723</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>38,996</u>		<u>38,800</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>38,996</u></u>		<u><u>38,800</u></u>
Capital and reserves		<u><u>38,996</u></u>		<u><u>38,800</u></u>

United Counties Football League is a company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Nene Valley Community Centre, Candy Street, Peterborough, PE2 9RE.

For the year ended 31 May 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and in accordance with FRS 105: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 6 June 2017 and are signed on its behalf by:

J Weeks (Chairman)

**Director**



**Company Registration Number 08012244**

**UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

	Year ended 31 May	Year ended 31 May
	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>		
ChromaSport & Trophies sponsorship	6,666	6,651
Subscriptions	12,445	13,249
FA grant	11,357	11,000
Fines	4,381	8,398
Knock out cup final receipts	3,000	2,622
Registrations	10,626	8,970
Transfers	2,700	3,345
Ground grading income	900	400
New club application fee	150	350
Apprentice scheme grants	2,500	-
Management charge Midland Counties East Pool	-	1,450
Team sheet and referee pad sales	931	1,085
Donations	150	-
	<u>55,806</u>	<u>57,520</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Bank interest received	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
	9	11
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Gross wages	740	690
Directors' remuneration	<u>5,050</u>	<u>3,850</u>
	(5,790)	(4,540)
<b>Depreciation and other amounts written off assets</b>		
Depreciation	<u>77</u>	<u>857</u>
	(77)	(857)

**UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
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**DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

	£	Year ended 31 May 2017 £	Year ended 31 May 2016 £
<b>Other charges</b>			
Staff training	205		213
PDFL management charge	27,281		24,807
Rent	650		-
Medals, ties and badges	1,566		1,566
Premises expenses	951		1,921
Cleaning	100		109
Insurance	398		452
Knock out cup expenses	1,008		1,099
Referee assessors scheme	2,541		2,541
Coaching bursaries	-		100
Computer maintenance	1,859		2,010
Room hire (incl. AGM hire)	-		409
Travelling expenses	2,457		2,594
Postage	114		132
Charter standard courses	3,343		387
Accountancy	780		756
Bank charges	127		256
Printing	1,034		1,358
Office stationery	1,094		1,145
Advertising	476		-
Telecommunications	3,398		3,377
Long service/team awards	370		1,200
Sundry expenses	-		28
		<u>(49,752)</u>	<u>(46,460)</u>
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<u><u>196</u></u>	<u><u>5,674</u></u>

**UNITED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
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**NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

<b>1</b>	<b>Current assets</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Stock and work in progress	2,408	3,778
	Trade debtors	365	896
	Other debtors	1,034	1,560
	Cash at bank and in hand	35,969	33,245
		<u>39,776</u>	<u>39,479</u>
		<u><u>39,776</u></u>	<u><u>39,479</u></u>
	Stock includes medal stock of £1,375 (2016: £1,710) and team sheet/referee pads stock of £1,034 (2016: £2,068).		
	Other debtors include a Rothwell Town debt of £300 (2016: £300) and a payment in advance to HMRC for PAYE of £734 (2016: £1,260) relating to 17/18		
<b>2</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Accruals and deferred income	780	756
		<u>780</u>	<u>756</u>
		<u><u>780</u></u>	<u><u>756</u></u>
<b>3</b>	<b>Capital and reserves</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	At the beginning of the year	38,800	33,126
	Profit for the year	196	5,674
		<u>38,996</u>	<u>38,800</u>
	At the end of the year	38,996	38,800
		<u>38,996</u>	<u>38,800</u>
		<u><u>38,996</u></u>	<u><u>38,800</u></u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>		Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
	<b>Cost</b>		
	At 1 June 2016 and 31 May 2017		5,583
	<b>Depreciation</b>		
	At 1 June 2016		5,506
	Depreciation charged in the year		77
			<u>5,583</u>
	At 31 May 2017		5,583
	<b>Carrying amount</b>		
	At 31 May 2017		-
			<u>-</u>
	At 31 May 2016		77
			<u>77</u>





## ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties Football League

Election of President, Life Members, Board, Directors and Accountant

<b>President</b>	Mr KH Ambridge
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Mr A Poulain
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs W Newey
<b>Commercial Director</b>	Mr J Smith
<b>Fixtures Director</b>	Mr R Walker
<b>Board Members</b>	Mr S Coles, Mr D Foster, Mr R Matthews
<b>Accountant</b>	Mr D Moore of Stephenson Smart & Co

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**United Counties Football League Rules**  
**League Amendments Delete in Red**  
**League Amendments New Rules in Blue**  
**FA Standard Code of Rules Delete in Green**  
**FA Standard Code of Rules New Rules in Purple**

## 1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "SSAP" means a sporting sanctions appeal panel to be appointed to determine an appeal against a deduction of points under Rule 14 13 "Team Sheet" means a form provided by the Competition referred to in Rule 8.11.1 18

"Play Off Position" means the position of a Club in the table at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Rule 13 12 as qualifying the Club to take part in a playoff match to qualify for promotion to the next step of football for the next Playing Season

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

- 1.3 All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Company to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Board in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 17 16.

## 4. POWER OF THE BOARD

- 4.3 All decisions of the Board shall be binding, subject to a right of appeal to The FA pursuant to Rule 16 17. Decisions of the Board must be notified, in writing, to all concerned within fourteen days of the making of such decision.

## 6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

### 6.1 A Qualifying Player Registration

- 6.1.1 A Player is one who has:

(i) signed a registration form supplied by the Competition (such signature to be witnessed by a second person) and where: -

the form has been completed and signed by an Officer of the Club and  
has been approved and registered on The FA Full Time system by the Competition and  
a registration number has been allotted or.

(ii) registered through WGS.

A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Competition if his registration form; transfer form, or loan transfer form, has been received by the Company, or the necessary information has been submitted via WGS, not less than four hours before the scheduled kick-off of the match in which the player is required to play and found to be in order, and so registered.

It is the responsibility of all Clubs to ensure any player signing a registration form, or registering via WGS has, where necessary, the required International Clearance Certificate confirmation from The FA to be attached and in the case of Contract Players, including those on loan, must have approval from The Football Association. Clubs are also responsible for all players being correctly registered before fielding any player. Failure to do so constitutes misconduct and the Club will be charged with fielding an ineligible player.

Where a Club opts to register a Player via WGS, the Club must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

- 6.1.2 A Player may only play under his correct status. Any change of a Player's status during the currency of a registration must be notified to the Competition within five (5) days of the change of registration being affected.

In the event of a Player changing his status with the same Club either from Contract to Non-Contract or from Non-Contract to Contract then that Player must sign a new registration form, or submit the necessary information via WGS, and be re-registered. In default the Player re-registering will be ineligible to play in a match under the jurisdiction of the Competition and Rule 6.9 will be applied in such circumstances where a Club is found guilty of playing a Player who has changed status without re-registering.

### 6.4 Registrations and Registration Procedures

- 6.4.1 A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Company under these Rules if the appropriate form(s) is (are) received by the Company (including by facsimile or electronically) or the necessary information has been submitted to WGS, at least four (4) hours before the scheduled kick-off time of such match.

No Player whose registration, including Loan registrations, is received by the Company or submitted via WGS less than four (4) hours before the match organised by the Company in which he is required to play will be eligible. Any loan registration must also be approved by the Football Association before that Player can be considered eligible to play.

The registration of a Player by [facsimile or] electronic transmission or WGS is not automatically valid and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure the player is NOT registered with any other Club. When the Player involved was previously registered with another Club it is necessary for that Club to complete the standard Competition transfer form or to have completed the standard Competition cancellation of registration form prior to or at the same as the registration to the new Club.

## 6.8 Substitute Players

A maximum of 5 SUBSTITUTES may be nominated and they must be included on the official Team Sheet handed to the Referee before the match in accordance with Rule 8.11.1 18. A substitute may not be used to replace a Player who has been suspended from the match by the Match Officials.

## 8. PLAYING OF MATCHES.

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### ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

- 8.1 The Board shall fix the date on which the Playing Season shall commence.
- 8.2 All matches shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of The FA and in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.
- 8.3 All Competition matches shall be arranged as soon as practicable. The copyright in all lists of arrangements of such fixtures shall be vested in the Company.
- 8.4 All matches shall be played on the home and away principle and the Board shall determine how the fixtures shall be arranged. Saturday fixtures in the Competition shall take precedence over all other competitions in which a Club may engage with the exception of:
- The FA Challenge Cup/Welsh Cup
  - The FA Challenge Vase Competition
  - The Nominated Cup Competition for which the club is eligible, of the Affiliated Association to which it was first affiliated.
- Scheduled Saturday fixtures in the Competition must not be re-arranged without permission of the Competition Secretary. Clubs may be ordered to re-arrange outstanding matches, at the discretion of the Board, and where necessary their prospective opponents instructed accordingly. Clubs with open dates on Saturdays may be instructed to play any outstanding Competition fixture on such date. A minimum of 5 days' notice will be given in respect of any such arrangement.
- Midweek fixtures in the Competition shall not take precedence over fixtures in the Nominated Cup Competition of the Affiliated Association to which it was first affiliated.
- 8.5 In the event of any Club being required to play an FA Cup or FA Trophy match within 48 hours of a scheduled Competition fixture it shall have the right to apply in writing as soon as practically possible (but in any event no later than 48 hours after becoming aware of the relevant Cup fixture) to have its Competition fixture postponed with or without the consent of its opponent. At the same time as it makes the application a copy shall be sent to its opponent who shall raise any objection within a further 24 hours of notification. Thereafter the Competition shall decide in its absolute discretion as soon as reasonably possible as to whether or not the application is approved.
- 8.6 The standard kick-off times shall be as follows:  
Saturday matches - 3.00 pm  
Midweek matches - 7.45 pm  
All agreed changes to time of kick-off to be notified to the Board immediately for confirmation.  
Clubs with ground sharing agreements must arrange for home matches to be played on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. If a clash of fixtures occurs with the sharing Club and for any reason a match is unable to be played on a Saturday, the match must be played on either the day before i.e. on Friday, or the day after i.e. on Sunday. If Clubs are unable to agree on the date then it will be played on the Sunday unless the Board decides otherwise. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding. Official bank holidays and Sundays – 3pm unless agreed otherwise by the two Clubs and the Board; application shall be made to the Competition Secretary by both Clubs at least 21 days before the relevant date.  
To re-schedule a midweek fixture for an evening other than that on which it was scheduled by the Competition will require written agreement of both Clubs and the Competition Secretary.  
The Competition Secretary reserves the right to amend scheduled fixtures and kick-off times to meet television requirements as necessary. Notification will be provided by the Competition Secretary in writing to both Clubs for fixtures so rescheduled.
- If a Club has three or more regular players selected for a County representative side on a Saturday when they have 2 matches scheduled in any competition, then they shall be allowed to request the cancellation of their UCL reserve fixture providing a minimum of 7 days' notice is given. If a Club has three or more regular players selected for a County representative side on a Saturday when they have a first team with no reserves in this competition or lower competition, then they shall be allowed to request the cancellation of their UCL fixture providing a minimum of 7 days' notice is given. If a County representative match is scheduled for midweek and a Club has three or more regular players selected, then they shall be allowed to request the cancellation of a UCL match arranged for that midweek providing a minimum of 7 days' notice is given.
- 8.7 The Board may change any Competition fixtures during the season to suit the overall interests of the Competition and shall have the power to decide whether a ground is suitable for Competition matches and to order a Club whose ground is deemed unsuitable to play its home matches at an alternative suitable ground.

- 8.8 Two weeks' notice is required from Clubs wishing to re-arrange a Saturday match to Friday evening or Sunday. A request made in less than this period of time will only be considered by the Board in exceptional circumstances and granted at their sole discretion.
- 8.9 A Club may not enter its first team in any outside competition, other than those listed in Rule 8.14, without the prior permission of the Board. The Competition Secretary must be informed of all fixtures, postponements and results of all matches played in any other competition.
- 8.10 When a Club obtains the consent of the Board to postpone a fixture because of an epidemic affecting the availability of their Players, that Club shall be liable to pay any direct expenses incurred, if any, to the opposing Club. The amount of claim will be at the discretion of the Board. Requests for the postponement of a match for any reason will not be considered more than forty-eight hours before the scheduled time of kick-off.
- Medical certificates for those Players affected, signed by the Players' own doctor, must be forwarded to the Competition Secretary within [fourteen days] of the postponement, along with a full list of contract and Non-Contract Players currently registered by the Club at the date of the match which was postponed, giving full reasons against each name for the Player's unavailability.

#### PRE-MATCH ARRANGEMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.11 Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in good playing condition and amenities (including floodlights) in good working order and complying with the Criteria Document throughout the Playing Season.
- 8.12 All Clubs must have a mobile telephone and an email address operational at all times. These will be listed in the Competition Handbook unless a Club requests otherwise.
- 8.13 The home Club shall advise the visiting Club and the Match Officials of the date and time of kick-off of each match and the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing, to be received at least five days prior to the match and the visiting Club and the Match Officials must acknowledge receipt to be received at least three days before the match.
- The visiting Club must include in its acknowledgement the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing.
- 8.14 The home Club is responsible for publishing a full match programme acceptable to the Board for each of its Competition matches, which must feature the League Logo and Competition Sponsor(s) logo on the front cover, include a full-page advertisement for the Competition sponsor(s) on the right hand full page side of any double page spread, for each of its Competition matches in the Premier Division. A leaflet providing the names of players will not be considered sufficient to comply with this Rule in the Premier Division. In Division One a programme or leaflet providing the names of player's sheet must be produced which must feature the League Logo and Competition Sponsor(s) logo.
- The visiting Club must send in writing to the home Club details of the proposed team they plan to field together with their Club history and up-to-date pen pictures of their current Players registered with the Competition for the season at least five days before the scheduled date of the match between the two Clubs.
- The home Club programme must include the details sent by the visiting Club in the match day programme and a copy of each match day programme shall be sent by the home Club to the Competition Secretary within 3 days of the match with the relevant match report form unless advised of an alternative arrangement by the Competition Secretary.
- Clubs will be responsible for all comments in their match day programme in respect of the Competition, the Company or other member Clubs, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. No part of a Club's programme issued for a match in any competition shall, in the opinion of the Board, bring the Competition or the Company into disrepute.
- All Clubs will be responsible for their official website or similar computer related information system, which is within the public domain. Nothing shall be included on the website which in the opinion of the Board brings the Competition or the Company into disrepute.
- 8.15 The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with Rule 15.2.
- 8.16 Where a match is re-arranged or cancelled after the officials have been appointed, it is the duty of the home Club to notify the officials of the cancellation of their appointments immediately. Clubs in default of this Rule may be subject to any action decided by the Board.
- 8.16 The Board shall determine the policy of the Competition for the issuing of match day passes.

#### MATCH MANAGEMENT

- 8.17 All matches shall be of ninety minutes' duration. The half time interval in all matches shall not exceed fifteen minutes. Any match which is not of ninety minutes' duration may be ordered to stand as a completed match or replayed for the full period of ninety minutes or be awarded to the Club not at fault, as the Board may decide, on such terms as the Board shall decide.
- 8.18 Each Club must hand a blank Club Misconduct Form and the Team Sheet containing name(s) of Players taking part in a match (including the name(s) and number(s) of the nominated substitute(s) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least forty-five minutes before the scheduled time of kick-off. The Players' numbers (in accordance with Rule 7) and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Clubs in breach may be fined.

- 8.19 Any Club altering its team selection or numbering after Team Sheets have been exchanged may be fined. A Player who is named on the Team Sheet may be replaced without fine if he is injured warming up after exchange of the Team Sheet. Any subsequent changes must be notified to the referee and to a representative of the opponents before the actual kick-off.
- 8.20 Clubs taking the field of play – For all matches under the jurisdiction of the Competition, Clubs shall be required to enter the field of play together, preceded by the Match Officials, not less than 5 (five) minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.
- 8.21 Each Club shall be prepared to kick-off at the scheduled time unless a satisfactory explanation is offered. Any Club commencing a Competition match with less than 11 Players may be subject to a fine. Each team participating in a match shall represent the full available strength of each competing Club.
- 8.22 In all Competition Matches, the number of Clubs Players and officials seated on the team benches, in the designated technical area, must not exceed 8 unless the team bench facility provides more than 8 individual seats.
- 8.23 Only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the Players during the match from within the technical area.
- 8.24 All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area.
- 8.25 The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The FA, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit.
- 8.26 With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up or warming down, all other personnel are to remain seated on the trainer's bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.
- 8.27 Not applicable
- 8.28 Not applicable

#### POST MATCH MANAGEMENT

- 8.29 Each Club shall enter information from the match result form by the method instructed by the Competition and shall submit the fully completed copy of the appropriate match result forms by first class post, or facsimile, or email to the Appointing Authority and the Competition within 3 days of the match. When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of 61 or less, a detailed report must be sent to the Appointing Authority within three days of the match by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority. Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine for each offence.
- 8.30 In the event that a match is abandoned before half time the Club playing at home will issue a voucher to each spectator valid for free admission if the match is ordered to be replayed. In the event that the match is abandoned during or after the half time interval the Club playing at home is not obliged to issue such a voucher.
- 8.31 In the event that a match is abandoned for reasons over which neither Club has control the Club playing at home shall retain the gate receipts for such uncompleted match and the Board shall determine the terms upon which any replayed match shall be played.
- 8.32 In the event of a match being abandoned due to the conduct of one Club or its members or supporters the Board has the power to order that the match is not replayed and to award either one or three points to the Club not at fault. It cannot levy a financial penalty due to the conduct of a Club.
- 8.33 In the event of the match being abandoned due to the conduct of both Clubs or their members or supporters no financial penalty can be applied by the Board to either Club and the Board shall determine whether the original match stands as a completed match or is replayed and, if replayed, the terms upon which the match is to be replayed.
- 8.34 In the event of a match having to be postponed and one Club is found to be at fault then opponents for that match shall be compensated by the Club at fault. In the case of a visiting Club where it has undertaken all or part of its journey then travelling expenses and meal allowances may be claimed based on the total mileage involved in the whole journey. In exceptional circumstances, expenses for overnight accommodation up to a maximum of 18 persons may be claimed. In some instances, compensation may also be claimed when neither of the Clubs is at fault. The Board will determine the amount of compensation payments to be made, if any.

All claims for compensation by either Club in the case of either an abandoned match or a postponed match must be received by the League Secretary within 14 days of the date of the match to which the claim relates.

## POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION

- 8.35 The home Club shall be responsible for notifying the Competition immediately following the conclusion of each home Competition match the result of that match together with the attendance, the times of all goals scored in the match and the scorer of each goal, via the Full-Time SMS system. 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.
- 8.36 In the event of the match being postponed, not completed or abandoned, the home Club must immediately telephone the Fixture Director, the Competition Secretary and, in the case of a match postponement, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. When a postponement occurs in any FA or County Cup 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.
- 8.37 Where a match has been postponed for any reason, the Fixture Director shall determine the new date.  
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 Board 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 the event of a Club being in breach of the previous paragraph of this Rule then the Board 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 Board.

## 10. FINANCIAL RECORDS

- 10.2 The home Club shall take gate receipts for all its home League matches and shall retain all gate receipts. Where a match is declared all ticket the Away Club shall be entitled to 10% of the total number of tickets available or a minimum of 600, whichever is the greater, subject to any stipulation by the relevant safety authority affecting these figures. A reasonable allocation of the total disabled spectator accommodation where appropriate shall be made available to disabled supporters of the Away Club.

## 12. RESULT/REPORT FORMS

Each Club shall enter information from the match result form by the method instructed by the Competition and shall submit the fully completed copy of the appropriate match result forms by first class post (in an envelope showing a postmark within 3 days of the match), facsimile, or email to the Appointing Authority and the Competition including all outside competitions. The result form must include the forename and surnames of the players taking part, the referees mark, the expenses paid to the match officials, and in the case of the away Club a hospitality mark.

The result form correctly completed shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club and the Board shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club and/or individual who submit a form that is incorrect.

When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of sixty or less, a detailed report must be sent to the appointing authority within three days of the match by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority.

Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine for each offence in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## 17. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS

Undertakings to be given by Club Employees

All Clubs must incorporate in any contracts of employment with their employees, including Player, an undertaking on the part of the employee not to bring The Competition or any Club into disrepute and an undertaking on the part of the employee not knowingly to do anything or omit to do anything which will cause the Club to be in breach of the Laws of the Game, the Rules of the Football Association or the Rules of the National League Competition

Without prejudice to the generality of this rule, all Clubs must ensure they, and where appropriate any Officers of the Club, comply with the obligations of the Football Association's Owners' and Directors' Test.

Misconduct in pre-arranging the result of matches.

Any Club, Official or Player offering or receiving a payment or any form of inducement to or from any Club or the Official or Player of any Club; or any Club, Official or Player receiving or seeking to receive any payment or other form of inducement from any other person or organisation to win, lose, or draw a Match under the jurisdiction of the National League Competition or in which the Club participates by reason of membership of the National League Competition shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## 23. PLAYING SURFACES

As from season 2016/2017 Only Clubs with FIFA Recommended Two Star certified Football Turf Pitches will be eligible to take part in matches under the auspices of the National League at Step 1 & 2 of the National League System SAVE THAT a Club which has a ground with the recommended FIFA One Star / IATS Certificate installed by 31 July 2016 can be promoted to Step Two of the National league System providing that it undertakes that upon renewal of the Pitch the Club will install a Pitch with a FIFA Recommended Two Star Certificate or be relegated to the appropriate Step.



### 31. BOARD

The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Bye-Laws and Practices of the Football Association by a Board comprising the Directors (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Company Secretary/Finance Director, **Registration Director**, **Commercial Director**, Fixtures Director, Development Director and **Referee/Disciplinary Director**) and 9 members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting on a 2-year cycle. Year one cycle will comprise of Chairman, **Registration Director** **Commercial Director**, **Disciplinary Director** and Development Director plus those Board members due for re-election. Year 2 cycle will contain Vice Chairman, Secretary and Fixture Director and **Referee/Disciplinary Director** plus those Board members due for re-election. Any member of the Board who does not attend three consecutive Board meetings shall be removed from office unless good reasons are provided to, and accepted by, the remainder of the Board.

#### Fees Tariff

Rule	Subject Matter	Amount (£)
3.2	Annual Subscription Premier Division/Division 1 Non-Charter Standard Club will be charged an additional fee per Team.	<b>£275.00</b> <b>£290.00</b> £100.00
8.34	Travel Reimbursement	<b>£1.50</b> <b>£1.75</b> per mile

#### Match Officials Fees and Expenses

Competition	Referee Fee	Assistant Referee Fee	Travel Per Mile
Premier Division	£30	£25	<b>30p</b> <b>35p</b>
Division One	£27	£25	<b>30p</b> <b>35p</b>
League Cup	£30	£25	<b>30p</b> <b>35p</b>

### 32. COMPETITION OFFICERS

The Directors of the Competition shall be the Patron, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Company Secretary/Finance Director, **Registration Director/Press Officer**, **Commercial Director**, Fixture Director, **Referee /Disciplinary Director** and Development Director, all to be elected on a 2-year cycle at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Reserve Division(s) and Under 21 Division(s) Rules

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

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

(B) 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.

#### 5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

With the exception of Rules 5(l) **10(A)**, **11** and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club Concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to: -

#### 8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any **Player registered to the Player signing a registration form for that Club** has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate, confirmation from The FA to be attached. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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

**(B) (iv) registered through WGS.**

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 8(B) (i) or (ii) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club which 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 8(B) (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 8 (B) (iii)) Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

(D) 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 the Competition, 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. A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played. In the event that a Player could be required to pay a proportion of a debt due under The FA Football Debt Recovery System then, whether or not the debt has been referred to the relevant County FA, the Competition must not affect the player's registration in any way or refuse to register a transfer due to that debt being outstanding. The Competition cannot refuse to register a Player for an unpaid non-footballing debt.

- (G) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to: -
- (i) Play for more than one Club in the United Counties League in the same season without first being transferred.
  - (ii) Having registered signed for one Club in the United Counties League, register sign for another Club in the Competition in that 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 wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- (I) 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 Fines Tariff.

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

Within the National League System ("NLS") all matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All matches outside of the NLS shall have a duration 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 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

- (E) A minimum of 7 (seven) players will constitute a team for a Competition match. Failure to start with 11 players will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) (iv) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Board. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Director within two days the Board shall have power to order the 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 home Club shall be liable to pay any direct expenses incurred, if any, to the opposing Club. 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 match.
- (v) The Board shall review all 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 Board shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Board are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent and deduct points from the offending side. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Board shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Board for an abandoned match.
- (vi) The Board shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.
- (G) (i) Reserve Division Clubs may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 (three) substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 (five) players use 5 (Five) substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 (five) players.

## 12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

(a) retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below

(c) In the event of a team withdrawing from the Competition before not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 12(C) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

## 13. REFEREES

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of 30p 35p per mile of travel expenses.

## 16. BOARD OF APPEAL

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

## 20. ALTERATION TO RULES

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## 22. INSURANCE

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

All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident 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 Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates. All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Rule	Fees Tariff		Amount
10:E	Playing match with less than the required number of players		£25.00
13:E	Match Official		£25.00 Plus 30p 35p

## Constitution

### Season 2017/18

#### Premier Division (22)

Boston Town FC  
Cogenhoe United FC  
Davenport Town FC  
Deeping Rangers FC  
Desborough Town FC  
Eynesbury Rovers FC  
Harborough Town FC  
Holbeach United FC  
Kirby Muxloe FC  
Leicester Nirvana FC  
Newport Pagnell Town FC  
Northampton ON Chenecks FC  
Northampton Sileby Rangers FC  
Oadby Town FC  
Peterborough Northern Star FC  
Rothwell Corinthians FC  
Sleaford Town FC  
St Andrews FC  
Wellingborough Town FC  
Wellingborough Whitworth FC  
Wisbech Town FC  
Yaxley FC

#### Division One (20)

Blackstones FC  
Bourne Town FC  
Buckingham Town FC  
Bugbrooke St Michaels FC  
Burton Park Wanderers FC  
Harrowby United FC  
Huntingdon Town FC  
Irchester United FC  
Long Buckby AFC  
Lutterworth Athletic FC  
Lutterworth Town FC  
Melton Town FC  
Oakham United FC  
Olney Town FC  
Pinchbeck United FC  
Potton United FC  
Raunds Town FC  
Rushden & Higham United FC  
Stewarts & Lloyds FC  
Thrapston Town FC

#### Reserve Division (19)

Bourne Town Reserves  
Bugbrooke St Michaels Reserves  
Cogenhoe United Reserves  
Desborough Town Reserves  
Eynesbury Rovers Reserves  
Harborough Town Reserves  
Irchester United Reserves  
Lutterworth Athletic Reserves  
Newport Pagnell Reserves  
Northampton ON Chenecks Reserves  
Oadby Town Reserves  
Olney Town Reserves  
Peterborough Northern Star Reserves  
Potton United Reserves  
Raunds Town Reserves  
Rothwell Corinthians Reserves  
Stewarts & Lloyds Reserves  
Wellingborough Whitworth Reserves  
Yaxley Reserves

Chairman to ask the floor to pass a resolution confirming the agreement of accepting Olney Town FC into the constitution without the appropriate ground grading

Red = Relegated Green = Promoted Blue = New Entry to the League Pink = Lateral Movement



## ChromaSport & Trophies United Counties Football League

### Presentation of Awards

40 Years' Service to the League	John Walker
Fair Play Award Premier/Division One	Stewarts & Lloyds AFC
Fair Play Award Reserve Team	Lutterworth Athletic Reserves
Presentation of £100 Cheque for Fair Play Award	Peterborough Northern Star FC
Presentation of Hospitality Award - Marked by Referees	Oadby Town FC
Presentation of Hospitality Award - Marked by Clubs	Potton United FC
Presentation of £100 Cheque for Hospitality Award	Potton United FC
Presentation of Highest Aggregate of Goals Trophy	Peterborough Sports FC
Presentation of Manager of the Year	Jimmy Dean of Peterborough Sports FC
Presentation of Administrator of the Year	Austin Goldsmith of Deeping Rangers FC
Presentation of Eric Evans Award to Referee of Year	Oliver Mackey
Presentation of Respect Award	Yaxley FC
Groundsman Award Season Winner	David Holmes of Deeping Rangers FC
Runners Up	Mick Bogusz and Karl Humber of Yaxley FC
Jeremy Biggs Programme of the Year Award	Peterborough Northern Star FC
April 2017 Goal scorer of the Month	Mathew Cullis of Newport Pagnell Town
April 2017 Division One Manager of the Month	Stephen Hendley of Melton Town


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