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OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Season 2023 – 2024

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CONSTITUTION 2023

1. TITLE

The League shall be called THE SWAN EMS NORTH GWENT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

2. AREA

The area of the League shall be within the following boundaries: Ebbw Vale, Tredegar, Rhymney, Maesycwmmmer, Wattsville, Hafodyrynys and Llanelly Hill.

Any Club within this area that wishes to play in a competition outside this area must obtain The North Gwent Association Football League and Gwent County Football Association authorisation before applying for such competition.

3. PYRAMID SYSTEM

The League will be part of the FAW Pyramid System, whereby the League Champions will be promoted to Gwent County status if they attain the criteria laid down. In the event of the 'Champions' failing to meet the criteria, the Runners Up may be considered for promotion.

All Clubs under the jurisdiction of this Association shall satisfy the Council they are properly constituted. Newly formed Clubs cannot be considered for promotion to the Gwent County League until the end of the season in which it completes three full seasons in their respective District Senior League.

Clubs with a side with a similar Name / Title in a higher League than the North Gwent League or a team in this League will play in the Reserve Division. This is to coincide with the Pyramid System.

If for some reason, the Premier Division of this League fails to be formed by the minimum required number of teams eligible for promotion to Gwent County status, 'Reserve' teams may be 'invited' to supplement the Premier Division teams to attain the minimum number required (but cannot be considered for promotion).

District Leagues to Gwent County

The Football Association of Wales has given approval for the Gwent County Football Association Ltd to retain control of the Gwent Leagues in membership of the pyramid structure.

The two lowest Clubs in Division Three of the Gwent County League may be relegated to the District Feeder League immediately below, within the Pyramid System. The nominations from the four District Leagues will be eligible for promotion to replace the bottom two teams in the Gwent County League Division Three. If there is more than two Clubs eligible for promotion there will be a Play Off, the format will be dependent on the number of teams eligible for promotion. If there are two Clubs or less eligible for promotion, there will be automatic promotion.

The nomination from the Feeder Leagues must be the Champions and have obtained the required ground criteria and the necessary facilities required by the Gwent County League. The Runner Up can be nominated if the Champion Club does not want promotion or does not meet the criteria. It is the responsibility of the District Feeder League Secretary for the nomination of the League's Clubs who desire promotion and are able to meet the criteria. The District Feeder League Secretary must send their nominations to the Secretary of the Gwent County League to arrive before the 31st December each year. The League's ground committee will inspect the facilities of every applicant provided the applicant has paid the relevant inspection fee. The Clubs will be advised of any alterations or work to be carried out to meet the criteria. The criteria must be in place by the 30th April each season for further inspection.

The final nomination from the Secretary of the District Feeder League of the Winner or Runner Up to be promoted must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Gwent County League and The Gwent County Football Association by the 30th April each year. The nomination must be made by the Feeder League Secretary. No application or nomination will be accepted from a Club Secretary.

It must be noted that in addition to the bottom two Clubs in Division Two of the Gwent County League, further teams may be relegated if the number of teams being relegated from Level 4 of the Pyramid System does not equate to the number of teams being promoted to Level 4 from the Gwent County League. This is to ensure there are no more than sixteen teams in each Division of the Gwent County League.

4. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

The Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman are to be elected by Clubs at the Annual General Meeting making a committee of eight plus four Officers.

- Life Members will not be counted into the Committee of eight but will have full voting powers within the League.
- The election of the President will be made by the Clubs at the Annual General Meeting.
- Nominations for Officers and Committee Members must be in the League Secretary's hand in writing by 18th May of each year.
- A quorum at a League Management meeting shall be five.
- In the event of voting being equal at any meeting, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- The League Management shall have the power to appoint such Sub – Committees as they deem necessary for the better conduct of the League.
- Members who have served fifteen years on the League or Area Administration (not necessarily continuous) shall be eligible for election as Life Member of the League with full voting powers.

- Additional honour may be bestowed to any Member of the Executive Committee after serving further period of service to this League at the discretion of the League Management.
- Any Member of the League Management who has been absent from two consecutive meetings without (in the opinion of the League management) a sufficient reason shall be considered to have resigned.
- If a vacancy occurs on the management Committee such a vacancy can be filled at the next General Meeting of the Clubs.
- No officiating Referee may hold office or sit on the Management Committee.
- The Management Committee reserves the right to withdraw the Registration of any player.

5. REGULATIONS AFFECTING MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting will be held once a year when the League Management Committee shall be elected.

Clubs failing to attend this meeting will be fined the sum of £30.00 (Thirty Pounds).

An Extra Ordinary Meeting may be called by the Clubs. Such a meeting shall not be called unless requested by SIX Clubs. Such a request must be signed by the Secretaries of each Club concerned and be sent to the League Secretary.

Seven days clear notice must be given to all Clubs for all General Meetings.

General Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Clubs not represented at General Meetings will be fined the sum of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds).

No General Meeting shall have the right to alter a decision of the Management Committee, but should a General meeting be against the decision, the Management Committee shall reconsider their decision.

A Club failing to attend a hearing when requested by the League Management will be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee and the hearing will be heard in their absence.

No resolutions shall be rescinded at the meeting in which it is passed or within six months.

6. CLUB SECRETARY

The name and address of the Club Secretary named in the handbook is the person responsible for ALL correspondence and telephone calls relating to the Club. Correspondence and telephone calls from any other person will not be accepted.

Failure to notify the League Secretary of changes (in writing) of ANY Club details following the publication of the handbook will result in a fine of £20.00 being imposed.

7. INSURANCE

Club and Player Insurance will now be covered under the COMET system.

LEAGUE RULES 2023

1. AFFILIATION, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DEPOSITS

All Clubs must be directly affiliated to the Gwent County Football Association. Paid via the Comet System

All Clubs must re – apply for membership at the start of the new season, to be made in writing to reach the League Secretary by 1st June. Failure to submit re – application may result in non-acceptance into the League and a fine of £20.00 will be imposed. Any Club applying after this date may be accommodated at the discretion of the Management Committee.

League funds will be banked in the name of the League.

The Annual subscription to be determined by the Executive Committee (and advised at the A.G.M.) is to be paid to the Comet system before 1st August each year or at agreed meeting date. Defaulting Clubs will be suspended and reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

A Deposit of £100.00 (Fifty Pounds) for new Clubs is to be paid before 1st August. Deposit to be forfeited if all commitments are not fulfilled by the last day of the season. The Deposit shall also be forfeited if a team withdraws from the League during the season.

Club deposits are to be kept in a separate bank account.

The Chairman, Secretary and President will be authorized to sign cheques, two of the three signatures being mandatory before payment is made.

2. FIXTURES AND POSTPONEMENTS

BREAKING A FIXTURE

Clubs charged with breaking a fixture shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee.

The offending Club shall have up to (3) points deducted from their total of points and fined as directed by the Management Committee. They will also be liable for any costs incurred by their opponents with the exception of provision of catering.

A Club committing a third offence will be liable to such disciplinary action the Management Committee may determine, including expulsion from the League.

In all cases the game will either be rescheduled or awarded to the non – offending Club as determined by the League Management Committee.

When a Club is found guilty of breaking a League fixture, they will be fined up to £50.00 (Fifty pounds) on the first offence.

ABANDONED MATCHES

2.1 Caused by Late Start

In the event that a late start is the cause of a match being left unfinished, the League Management Committee shall determine if the score at the time the match finished shall stand as the result.

2.2 Caused by Inclement Weather

When a match is abandoned due to inclement weather, the League Management Committee shall determine if the score at the time the match finished shall stand as the result.

2.3 Caused by Misconduct of a Club/s

Any match abandoned by the Match Official due to indiscipline of a Club or Clubs must be reported to the Gwent County Football Association with a copy of the report sent to the League Secretary. A charge of misconduct shall be issued to the offending club/s by the Gwent County Football Association. The Gwent County Football Association shall inform the League of the outcome of the Disciplinary Hearing. Any Club found guilty by the Area Football Association of having caused the abandonment of a match may have three (3) points deducted from its League record by the League Management Committee. Furthermore, the League Management Committee shall determine the result of the match as they deem fit or have the match replayed. In the event that both Clubs are found guilty by the Area Football Association, the League Management Committee may at its absolute discretion declare the match VOID and order that it be replayed.

2.4 Caused by team leaving the field of play.

In the event of any Club leaving the field of play, without the permission of the Referee, the Match Official must send a report to the Gwent County Football Association with a copy of the report sent to the League Secretary. A charge of misconduct shall be issued to the offending Club/s by the Gwent County Football Association. The Gwent County Football Association shall inform the League of the outcome of the Disciplinary Hearing and the result of the match shall be decided at the discretion of the League Management Committee, irrespective of the time played. The offending Club may have three (3) points deducted from its League record.

2.5 Caused by an injury to a player on the field of play.

When a match is abandoned due to an injury to a player, the League Management Committee shall determine if the score at the time the match finished shall stand as the result or if the match is replayed.

No Club shall postpone a league game unless with the permission of the Management Committee. Matches will not be postponed for Social Events reasons.

A League Match shall not be postponed unless the Management Committee consent under exceptional circumstances only. Each application will be considered separately. Clubs requesting postponements must make application for same and this to be in the hands of the League Secretary FOURTEEN days before the date concerned. Opponents must also be informed that the application is being made and they must be given FOURTEEN days notice.

Permission is not automatic, even if the necessary time is given. Clubs shall not agree to play a game in lieu of a League game. If a game is played to a conclusion, it must be a League game.

Clubs involved in Cup Ties, which affect League engagements must give the League Secretary and their Opponents seven days' notice.

In the event of games being postponed due to inclement weather, the 'HOME' Club must inform the League Secretary, Opponents, and the Referee by no later than 12.00 p.m. Failure will result in a fine of £20.00(Twenty Pounds).

Clubs with teams in a higher League, e.g., Gwent County are reminded that the Senior Fixture will take priority.

3. REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS

The Registration and Transfer of players must be done on the COMET SYTEM and shall be in accordance with the current Rule (Section H) and regulations of the Football Association of Wales (as amended from time to time.)

4. MEETINGS.

Council Meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise previously arranged. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all clubs will be held on the second Thursday of July, the AGM meeting is a mandatory meeting of all club secretaries or representatives, non-attendance by any club will be fined a sum of £20 (Twenty Pounds).

5. CLUB COLOURS.

Each Club shall register their colours with the League Secretary at the start of each season. No team shall be allowed to play in Black or Navy Blue shirts. In the event of a clash of colours, the 'AWAY' team must change, unless otherwise agreed. Goalkeepers shall play in colours distinct from members of both teams and the Referee (Black).

The players of each team must wear shirts numbered differently from 1 – 17. The numbers 12,14,15,16 and 17 are to be worn by the substitutes.

6. GROUNDS.

Each Club is to register its ground with the League and shall not use another ground for home matches unless by agreement of the League Secretary.

All Clubs shall provide grounds to the satisfaction of the Management Committee and also ensure facilities for visiting teams and match Officials are of a required standard. Referees must have separate changing facilities.

3G pitches will be accepted subject to FAW Rules.

Clubs who fail to seek permission from the League Secretary to play or use another Club's ground within the League shall be fined £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) on the first offence, with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Pitch markings must conform with regulations, corner flags must be not less than five feet out of the ground and should be made of pliable material. Failure may involve a fine.

Markings of the pitch with creosotes, slaked lime or any other illegal markings are not permitted.

Goal nets are compulsory in all games, together with corner flags.

The use of Steel or Metal Hooks to support goal nets is prohibited under European Law.

Referees are advised not to commence a game where steel hooks are used. If a game takes place with these hooks, it is not covered by the Comet Insurance system.

7. TIME OF KICK OFF & DURATION OF GAME.

Times of kick - off:

Standardised throughout the season 2.00pm

Kick – off times in mid – week will be at 6.15 pm unless by mutual agreement of both Clubs; the League Secretary must be informed of such time.

Clubs wishing to kick – off at times other than those laid down must make MUTUAL application to the League Secretary at least fourteen days before the game giving reasons for the application.

The League Management shall have the power to alter any kick – off time.

The duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes, unless mutually agreed upon, in writing, before the commencement of the game, or under consideration with the appointed Referee (possible failing light).

Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a completed match or be replayed for the full period of 90 minutes, as the Management Committee may direct.) The Management Committee have the power to decide that an abandoned match score may stand as the result (See Rule 2.)

8. LATE STARTS.

The Referee will report all late starts, giving the reason and the Club responsible. The Management Committee will deal with offenders. Clubs will be liable to £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) fine if they are late on the first offence with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

9. RESULTS

Results of matches must be recorded on the Comet System and ALSO be forwarded to the League Secretary as below.

The Home Club to email / text result immediately the game is concluded, but no later than 5.00 p.m. Saturday, 9.00 p.m. Weekday. Clubs in default will be fined the sum of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) for the first offence; with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

10. PROTESTS AND APPEALS.

Protests must be lodged with the League Secretary within seven days of the date of the game to which it refers. Two copies must be sent, and the League Secretary will then forward a copy to the Club against which protest is laid.

All protests must be accompanied by a fee of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds), which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

All costs to be borne by the defaulting Club.

Any Club being dissatisfied with the decision of the League Management Committee may appeal to the Gwent County Football Association. The appeal must be served on the Gwent County Football Association not more than ten (10) days after the earlier of (a) the decision being announced at the time of the Hearing or (b) receipt by the party appealing of the written notification of the decision. All appeals must be accompanied with the appropriate fee.

11. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

When the winning Club plays an ineligible player/s:

1. The match shall be awarded to the non – offending Club.
2. The score will be recorded as 1 - 0

When the losing Club plays an ineligible player/s

1. The result of the game will stand.
2. The score will be recorded as 1 – 0 or final score (whichever is greater)

In drawn matches where one Club plays an ineligible player/s

1. The match shall be awarded to the non – offending Club.
2. The score will be recorded as 1 – 0

When both Clubs play an ineligible player/s

1. The match shall be declared void and no points awarded.
2. The match shall be replayed.

In all cases Clubs will be liable for fines and expenses as the League Executive direct. Any player taking part in a match in which he is not eligible shall be reported to the Gwent County Football Association. He is also liable to have his registration cancelled at the discretion of the League Executive.

12. AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

Where (i) a Club which plays in a National League and also has a reserve team playing in a league at Grassroots Level

and (ii) the Club's first team (which plays in a National League) does not have a playing fixture on a given day, then on

that given day no more than three (3) Players from the Club's first team (which played in the Club's last fixture in a

National League) shall be allowed to play in the reserve team league fixture played on that given day."

13. REFEREES

12a. The Referee in all games shall be appointed by the Comet System who may delegate the duty to the League Secretary.

In the event of a Referee being unable to attend a game, he must inform the League Secretary with a satisfactory explanation; failure to do so will result in him being reported. The Referee's fee shall be £30.00 (Thirty Pounds) plus bus – fare or, if travelling by car, 45p (Forty-Five Pence) per mile shall be paid where the ground is more than a mile from the Referee's home. All fees are to be paid by the Home Club. If through any cause, the game is not played and the Referee attends the ground, he shall be paid half his fee and full travelling expenses, provided he has not received due notification of the postponement. The Club adjudged by the Management Committee to be in default shall be called upon to pay these fees.

12b. The Referee shall decide the fitness of the ground in all games (in the event of Clubs using a ground in the charge of a groundsman, the decision of the groundsman is sufficient).

In the absence of the appointed Referee and the two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground, such Referee shall be considered the League Official for the game.

12c. Clubs to mark an Officially appointed Referee's performance to a maximum of ten marks. Clubs giving a mark of Five or under must be accompanied with a letter of explanation giving reasons of such low marks. Clubs failing will automatically be fined £25.00 (Twenty-five Pounds) and be brought before the Management Committee.

12d. In the event of no Official referee being available the Home team is to supply their nominated Referee. Failure to supply a Referee, then the Away Club must supply their nominated Referee (by prior agreement). All Club Referees will be an Official of the League and Gwent County Football Association when officiating and will be paid the equivalent of an appointed Referee.

12e. Existing Clubs and New clubs, when applying for membership, must supply the name of the persons as a Referee, as laid down in Rule 12d.

Failure to abide by the Rule will result in a minimum of £25.00. (Twenty-Five Pounds) fine

14. ASSISTANT REFEREES

Each team must supply an Assistant Referee, who shall report to the Referee before the start of the game. The duties of the Club Assistant Referee shall be limited to ball in / out of play only.

The 'Home' Club shall provide suitable Assistant Referees' flags. Clubs failing to supply linesmen will be dealt with as directed by the Management Committee.

15. HOME CLUBS TO NOTIFY VISITING TEAM AND REFEREE.

The Home team must notify the visiting team and the Referee in writing of all match details at least six days before the game, including, directions to reach the ground, details of colours and time of kick - off.

Emails / text messages are permitted providing the recipient acknowledges receipt of the message.

Clubs failing to comply will be fined £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) for the first offence with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Non – receipt of notification is no excuse for a team not to travel for kick – off in accordance with rule and Clubs should inform the League Secretary.

The Home Club must supply a minimum of two match balls in good condition. They must be shown to the Referee before the game commences.

16. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION.

Promotion and Relegation will be determined by the Executive Committee to take into consideration any Club withdrawals and new teams joining the League, where applicable. Entry into the Premier Division will be by Invitation only if required.

The team scoring the most points in their respective League will have been deemed to be Champions. In the event of two Clubs having the same number of points, goal difference will decide. If they are still level, the Club scoring the greatest number of goals shall be declared Champions.

In the event of Clubs who do not complete their fixtures, their records shall be deleted from the competition unless, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the deletion of the Club's records would give an unfair advantage to another Club or upset the clear and just claims of the Champions and Runners – Up in the Division. The settlement of the final table shall be left to the discretion of the Management Committee.

Point system: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.

17. CORRESPONDENCE AND FINES.

Correspondence from the League Secretary requiring replies must be answered within Seven days, or sooner if requested by the League Secretary.

All fines must be paid within seven days after receiving notification from the League Secretary.

Failure to comply with the above, the offending Club will be fined £50.00 (Fifty Pounds) for the first offence. Subsequent offences will be dealt with as directed by the Management Committee.

18. CUSTODY OF TROPHIES.

The winners of the respective League and Cup competitions shall furnish to the League Secretary for approval by the Management committee, the names of two bondsmen who shall be surety for the full value of the trophy awarded in such competition. The said bondsmen shall be required to execute the following guarantee:

We, Mr. _____

Of _____

And Mr. _____

Of _____

Members of and representing _____

Which has been declared to have won the _____

And the same having been delivered to us by the Trophy Trustees, do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively engage to return same to the League Secretary by 31st March, in good order and condition and providing the said Trophy is destroyed or damaged by fire, whilst under our care and custody, on behalf of said Club we agree to refund to the League the amount of its value or cost of thorough repair. Should the said trophy be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody, on behalf of the said Club, we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay the sum of £200.00, the amount of the value of the trophy.

We undertake also that no inscription shall be allowed to be placed upon the trophy by any person.

19. MISCONDUCT

The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any offending Club or Clubs as they may deem fit, but in cases of misconduct of players or spectators they shall be dealt with by the Gwent County Football Association.

20. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

In order that the League Competition shall be carried out in a fair and sportsmanlike manner, the Management Committee has empowered Referees in all games to put down the slightest attempt at rough play or intimidation.

Referees also have the power to close the game at any time from the same cause or where the interference of spectators incites players to displays of feelings or rough play.

Spectators at any game, stopped on this account, will not have admission money returned.

21. HANDBOOKS.

The League is to produce its own handbook to include the names and addresses of all Club particulars. Particulars (except addresses) of Referees will also be included.

All Clubs must purchase a minimum of three handbooks at a cost of £5.00 per book (included in Affiliation Fees). Replacement / additional Handbooks may be purchased at a cost of £5.00 each. Each Referee shall be supplied with one book free of charge.

22. WITHDRAWALS.

Clubs shall not withdraw from membership without due notice of intention being given in writing to the League Secretary before January 1st prior to the end of the season in May, at which time they will terminate membership. Clubs ignoring this requirement will forfeit their guarantee fee and in addition be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.

23. SUBSTITUTES.

A Club may at its discretion, use a substitute player at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee.

The substitutions can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and only after the Referee has given permission.

FIVE substitutions (from the named five substitutes) from each side will be permitted in any match

24. HEARINGS.

In all cases of infringement of Rules or of protests heard by the Management Committee, Clubs may be represented at the meeting. The League Secretary will inform Clubs when the hearing will be. If Clubs do not intend to be represented, the Secretary of the Club(s) concerned must inform the League Secretary of this and must write a letter setting out the arguments of the Club in the case. Failure to do so shall be interpreted by the Management Committee as an admission of the charge in the case of infringement of Rules or of the case of the other Club in a protest.

Hearings will not be postponed because a Club is not represented and has not sent a letter of explanation to the League Secretary beforehand.

Failure to comply will result in an automatic fine of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) for the first offence being imposed on the defaulting Club. Further offences will be dealt with by the Management Committee.

Clubs have the right to appeal to Gwent County Football Association as per rule.

25. ALTERATION OF RULES.

In the event of any alteration deemed necessary in the Rules of the League, notice of proposed alteration shall be sent to the League Secretary in writing with the name of the proposer on or before the 30th January of the current season. The League Secretary shall inform each Club of the proposed alteration at least seven days before a Rules revision meeting to be held for that purpose. The number of the Rule and the proposed alteration in Rule must be given.

All members or their representatives shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Rules Revision Meeting. Rule shall be changed if two thirds of those voting at the meeting vote in favour of the proposed change.

All alterations in Rules must be reported to The Gwent County Football Association.

26. MEMENTOES.

Mementoes will be awarded to the Champions and Runners – Up of each division if funds permit. (A maximum of 16 will be provided). Their value shall be decided by the Management Committee.

27. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR.

Matters not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

28. FRIENDLY GAMES.

All friendly games must receive sanction from The North Gwent League and Gwent County Football Association, this is part of the Comet Insurance Cover. Games within Gwent require 14 days' notice. Games outside of Gwent require 28 days' notice. Games played without the necessary sanction will result in a charge of misconduct. The minimum fine to be imposed will be £50.00.

29. ALCOHOL.

No alcoholic drink (s) shall be permitted on OR within the proximity of the field of play,
1. Prior to the game,
2. During the game,
3, Following the game.

The possession and consumption of alcohol will only be permitted within Licensed Premises at any said ground.

Teams found responsible for this offence will be reported to Gwent County Football Association.

30. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Any player selected to represent the League or Gwent County Football Association in a Representative fixture and failing or refusing to play, shall in the absence of a good and sufficient cause be judged guilty of misconduct.

No Club shall play any such player on the day in question under any circumstances whatsoever unless the Club first obtains the permission of the League Management Committee to do so. Noncompliance of this Rule will be deemed as misconduct by Club and Player and will be punishable as directed by the League Management Committee.

31. CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS

All Clubs being members of the League are responsible to the Management Committee for the conduct of their Officials, Players and Spectators and are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent Officials or Players being threatened or assaulted before, during or at the conclusion of matches. Any person acting in a temporary capacity within the Club shall be deemed an Official of the Club and subject to the Rule.

Any registered player reported for misconduct by the Referee whilst attending matches as a spectator will be reported to Gwent County Football Association. This player will be charged with 'Bringing the Game into Disrepute'.

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CUP RULES 2023

NAMES

The competitions shall be called THE BOB ANNETT CUP and THE ROLY PARFITT CUP. Also, if the season permits THE INVITATION CUP.

PARTICIPANTS

The competitions shall be mandatory to all club's subject at each Annual General Meeting. Also subject to restrictions in Cup Rules.

ENTRANCE FEE

The entrance fee will be included in the League Fee set at the Annual General Meeting.

DATE OF CUP ROUNDS

The date of all rounds shall be decided by the Management Committee

GENERAL RULES

With the exception of the Rules set down in this Cup Section, all General Rules shall apply.

CHOICE OF GROUNDS

The rounds are to be played on the ground of the first team drawn. If for any reason the ground is not available, (with the exception of weather), the tie must be played on the opponent's ground, the cost to be borne by the 'new' home Club.

If the match is deemed NOT PLAYABLE due to adverse weather conditions, the match will be rearranged by the League Secretary at a later date and not switched to the away team's ground.

The Semi Finals and Finals shall be played on grounds selected by the Management Committee. Expenses for the Officials in the Semi Finals shall be shared between the Clubs involved in these matches. The cost of the grounds will be met by the League Management Committee.

The Management Committee will have the right to make financial arrangements regarding the Finals.

In the Semi Finals and Finals, each Club must supply two balls in match condition.

DURATION OF GAMES

Two equal periods of 45 minutes must be played in Cup games. Games must commence at the appointed time. Clubs found guilty of delaying the start will be fined

as per General Rule 8, £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) for the first offence with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

If the scores are level at the end of normal time, the penalty procedure will automatically apply.

Extra time will be played in all Finals. If the scores are still level after extra time, the penalty procedure will apply.

if conditions allow, (If conditions do not allow extra time, the penalty procedure will automatically apply)

KICK OFF TIMES

Will be standardised throughout the season at 1.30pm

Semi Finals and Finals by instruction of the Management Committee.

REGISTRATION

All players in the Cups must be registered with the F.A.W. Registrations are covered by General Rule 3, except for the following:

1. A player transferred from another club who has played for his former Club in the same competition, shall be deemed to be cup tied and therefore, ineligible to play for his new club in the competition.
2. A player who has played in the Cup for one team in his Club will be deemed to be cup tied for that side in the relevant competition. This does not prevent the player participating in the other Cup competitions for the other club team subject to this Rule.
3. All players must hold a current registration with the same Club.

Any Club having played an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and the game awarded to their opponents who will enter the next round.

Any team leaving the field of play before expiration of the game or without the Referee's consent shall be adjudged to have lost the game and will be reported to the Gwent County Football Association.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Protests must be lodged with the League Secretary within 48 hours of the date of the game to which it refers, two copies must be sent, and the League Secretary will then send a copy to the Club against which protest is laid.

All protests must be accompanied by a fee of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

All costs to be borne by the defaulting Club.

Any Club being dissatisfied with the decision of the League Management Committee may appeal to the Gwent County Football Association. The appeal must be served on the Gwent County Football Association not more than ten (10) days after the earlier of (a) the decision being announced at the time of the hearing or (b) receipt by the party appealing of the written notification of the decision.

All appeals must be accompanied with the appropriate fee.

RESULTS

Clubs must forward results to Comet and also the League Secretary as per General Rule.

Clubs in default shall be fined the sum of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds) for the first offence, with all subsequent offences to be increased at the discretion of the Management Committee.

In the Semi Finals BOTH Clubs must phone / text the match result to the League Secretary and Comet. Clubs in default shall be fined the sum of £20.00 (Twenty Pounds).

REFEREES AND ASSISTANTS' FEES

The fees for Referees in Cup Ties will be the same as League games.

In the Semi Finals and Finals, the Assistants will be appointed by the Management Committee. An Assistant's fee shall not exceed 50% of the Referee's fee. In the Semi Finals, the fees are to be shared equally between the two Clubs involved.

In the Finals, the Referee and Assistants will receive mementos. (Fees are not payable).

POSTPONEMENTS

No game will be postponed unless due to inclement weather.

Postponed games are to be rearranged by the League Secretary.

BREAKING CUP FIXTURES

The minimum fine for breaking a Cup fixture will be £50.00 (Fifty Pounds)

CUP FINAL MEMENTOES

Winners and Runners Up will receive 16 (Sixteen) mementos if funds permit. The value of the mementoes shall be decided by the Management Committee.

SUBSTITUTES

As per General League Rule.

ADDITIONAL CUP COMPETITIONS

The Management Committee has the authority to run additional Cup Competitions as cups become available to the League, subject to the permission of the Gwent County Football Association.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Matters not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

CUSTODY OF TROPHIES

The winners of the respective League and Cup competitions shall furnish to the League Secretary for approval by the Management committee, the names of two bondsmen who shall be surety for the full value of the trophy awarded in such competition. The said bondsmen shall be required to execute the following guarantee:

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We, Mr.

Of

And Mr.

Of

Members of and representing

Which has been declared to have won the

And the same having been delivered to us by the Trophy Trustees, do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively engage to return same to the League Secretary by 31st March, in good order and condition and providing the said Trophy is destroyed or damaged by fire, whilst under our care and custody, on behalf of said Club we agree to refund to the League the amount of its value or cost of thorough repair. Should the said trophy be lost or destroyed from any other cause whilst under our care and custody, on behalf of the said Club, we hereby individually and collectively undertake to pay the sum of £200.00, the amount of the value of the trophy.

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Premier Division 2023 / 2024

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Club Referee: Dai Richardson, Rob Shorney
Ground: The Stute, Bryn Road, Cefn Fforest NP12 3JN
Rec 2, Aberbargoed CF81 9AY
Colours: Orange Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



2

ARGOED REFORM

Secretary: Tudor Lewis
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Telephone: 01495 225894 / 07572 241050
Club House: Argoed Reform
Email address: tlewis42@btinternet.com
Alternative: Robert Lewis 0525 164889
Club Referee: Tudor Lewis
Ground: Oakdale Recreation, Llwyon Lane, Oakdale NP12 0AX
Cefn Fforest Welfare NP12 3JN
Colours: Black & Blue Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



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ASHVALE

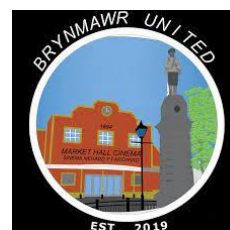
Secretary: Jake Topping
Address: 32, Arches Close, Dukestown, Tredegar NP22 4DS
Telephone: 01495 726548 / 07931 866347
Club House: Ashvale Club 01495 722189
Email address: Jaketopping666@gmail.com
Alternative: Lewis Lynch 07852 343459
Club Referee: Ashley Hayes
Ground: Beaufort Colts Stadium, Ebbw Vale NP23 6NE
Brynmawr Foundation School NP23 4XT
Colours: Red & Black Stripes Shirts / Sky Blue & White Shirts,



4 **BLACKWOOD TOWN FC**
Secretary: Nadine Wood
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Club House: Blackwood Cricket Club 01495 223091
Email address: jamesh_17@hotmail.co.uk
Alternative: James Harvey
Club Referee: Nathan Bracegirdle
Ground: Bryn Playing Fields NP12 2PQ
 Brittania Fields NP12 3LQ
Colours: Royal Blue and Yellow Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks



5 **BRYNMAWR UNITED FC**
Secretary: Evan Hall
Address: 16, Osborne Road, Brynmawr NP23 4HQ
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Club House: Nantyglo Rugby Club
Email address: evanhall2407@icloud.com
Alternative: Claire Hall 07456 964514
Club Referee: Ben Davies
Ground: Brynmawr Welfare NP23 4HQ
 Brynmawr Foundation School NP23 4XT
Colours: Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
 Light Blue Shirts, Navy Shorts, Light Blue Socks



6 **FIELDS PARK FC**
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Telephone: 07890557990
Club House:
Email address: Rnokes1983@gmail.com
Alternative: Ryan Robinson 07968314998
Club Referee: Mark Crozier
Ground: Woodland Park NP11 3NP
 Oakdale
Colours: Red & Gold Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks / Black & Amber Shirts
 Yellow Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks, / Blue & White Shirts



7 **FLEUR DE LYS AFC**
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Alternative: Adam Needs 07901 086208
Club Referee:
Ground: Trelyn Park NP13 3UY
 Blackwood Comprehensive School NP12 1ER
Colours: Black & White Stripes Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
 Pink Shirts, Black Socks, Black and Pink Socks



8 **GARNLYDAN AFC**
Secretary: Angela Hutton
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Club House: Scarretts 01495 352003
Email address: huttonam@outlook.com
Alternative: Lenny Hutton 07966 953797
Club Referee: Lenny Hutton
Ground: Garnlydan Playing Fields NP23 5EY
Colours: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks



9 **NEWBRIDGE TOWN AFC**
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Email address: Newbridgetownafc@yahoo.com
Alternative: Tom Watkins 07915 295170
Club Referee: James O'Neil
Ground: Pantside Playing Field NP11 5GE
Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre NP23 6GL
Colours: Black & Blue Stripes Shirts, Black Shorts Black Socks



10 **RASSAU FC**
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Alternative: Mike Barrett 07866 759459
Club Referee: Rob Stapleton
Ground: Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre 3G NP23 6GL
Brynmawr Foundation School NP23 4XT
Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts, Blue Socks
Red & Black Stripe Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



11 **TWYN Y FFALD BLUES FC**
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Alternative: Dylan Griffith 07951645974
Club Referee: Dylan Griffiths / Nathan Griffiths
Ground: St. Davids Playing Fields NP12 3RA
Cefn Fforest Miners Welfare Ground NP12 3NA
Colours: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, / Orange Shirts, Orange Shorts



12 WAUNLWYD FC
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Alternative: Michelle Bennett, 07482206727
Club Referee: Morgan Woodland
Ground: Beaufort Colts Hilltop Stadium NP23 6ND
 Waunlwyd Youth & Community Centre, NP23 6TR
Colours: Green & White Shirts, Green Shorts, White Socks



Reserve Division 2023 / 24

13 ABERBARGOED TOWN RESERVE
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Club Referee: Dai Richardson, Rob Shorney
Ground: The Stute, Bryn Road, Cefn Fforest NP12 3JN
 Rec 2, Aberbargoed CF81 9AY
Colours: Orange Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



14 ABERTILLERY BLUEBIRDS DEVELOPMENT
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Club Referee: Steven Jarrett
Ground: Abertillery Leisure Centre NP13 1QD
 Cwmnantygroes NP13 2PR
Colours: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks



15 ABERTILLERY EXCELSIOR DEVELOPMENT
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Telephone: 07791 628308
Club House: Bridgend Inn
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Alternative: Christian Parsons 07495 485534
Club Referee: Kevin Roberts
Ground: Keith Williams Field NP13 1LA
 Jim Owen Field NP13 1LW
Colours: Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks



16 ABERTILLERY EXCELSIOR RESERVE

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Alternative: Lee Clements 07999 700529
Club Referee: Lee Clements
Ground: Keith Williams, Cwmtillery NP13 1LW
Colours: Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks



17 CEFN FFOREST RESERVES

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Alternative: Adam Lewis 07732 432041
Club Referee: Paul Hawker
Ground: Britannia Fields NP12 3HA
Cefn Fforest Welfare NP12 3HG
Colours: Green Shirts, Black Shorts, Green Socks
Red Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks



18 FIELDS PARK RESERVE

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Club Referee: Mark Crozier
Ground: Woodland Park NP11 3NP
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19 GARNLYDAN AFC RESERVES

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Beaufort Welfare NP23 5PP
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20 **NANTYGLO RESERVE**
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Club Referee: Anthony Bond
Ground: Duffryn Park NP13 3DA (Main / Dual)
Colours: Grey Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks



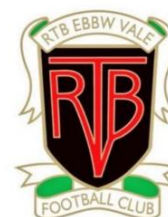
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Alternative: Tom Watkins 07915 295170
Club Referee: James O'Neil
Ground: Panside Playing Field NP11 5GE
Ebbw VALE Leisure Centre NP23 6GL
Colours: Black & Blue Stripes Shirts, Black Shorts Black Socks



22 **PENTWYNMAWR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT**
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Club Referee: Tony Powell
Ground: Pentwynmawr Welfare NP11 4HP
Lower Islwyn Park NP12 2JG
Colours: Yellow & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks
Blue Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



23 **RTB EBBW VALE RESERVE**
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Club Referee: Grant Matthews, Alex Pinch, Richard Howells
Ground: RTB Stadium, Hilltop NP23 6NE
Betterment Park NP23 7RD
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Purple Shirts, Black Shorts, Black Socks



24 **RHYMNEY VET**
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Club Referee: Steven Carrol
Ground: Eisteddfod Field, NP22 5HE
Abertysswg Rec NP22 5AX
Colours: Blue Shirts, Blue Shorts
Red Shirts, Black Shorts



25 **TREDEGAR TOWN DEVELOPMENT**
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Club Referee: Wayne Caniff
Ground: Tredegar Recreation NP22 3NG
Tredegar Leisure Centre NP22 4BH
Colours: Red & White Stripe Shirts, / Blue & White Stripe Shirts



26 **WATTSVILLE RESERVE**
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Club Referee: Leighton Grimstead
Ground: Islwyn Road, Wattsville NP11 7QH
Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre NP12 2DA
Colours: Sky & Navy Blue Striped Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue Socks



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SECTION 2

In this section we'll cover a further 5 laws. We'll consider the pitch, the ball, players, players' equipment and finally the role of the referee.

SECTION 3

In section 3 we'll navigate the thorny world of offside, looking at a range of examples and the infringements and sanctions. Then we'll consider the other officials, looking at the role of the assistant referee and the fourth official and the range of signals used

SECTION 4

We'll be covering a further 5 laws including the duration of games, restarting the match, determining the outcome of a game and what to do when the ball is out of play.

SWAN EMS NORTH GWENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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Referee Fees

Gwent Premier League £40.00

District Leagues £30.00

In addition, officials will be paid 45p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in rounds and by the Association in the Finals.

REFEREE OF THE YEAR

1989 - 1990	Ray Smothers	2006 - 2007	Anthony Greenland
1990 - 1991	Chris Moss	2007 - 2008	Clarke Campbell
1991 - 1992	John Thomas	2008 - 2009	Anthony Greenland
1992 - 1993	Phil Williams	2009 - 2010	Ian Townsend
1993 - 1994	Phil Williams	2010 - 2011	Anthony Greenland
1994 - 1995	John Mayne	2011 - 2012	Chris Postians

1995 - 1996	Colin Teague	2012 - 2013	Gavin Townsend
1996 - 1997	Lee Williams	2013 - 2014	Ben Schofield
1997 - 1998	Dean Coope	2014 - 2015	Chris Postians
1998 - 1999	Anthony Williams	2015 - 2016	Rob Thomas
1999 – 2000	Colin Teague	2016 - 2017	Scott Brown
2000 - 2001	Mal Evans	2017 - 2018	Jack Stuckey
2001 - 2002	Julian Fewings	2018 - 2019	Rob Thomas
2002 - 2003	Colin Boulton	2019 - 2020	Rhys Evans
2003 - 2004	Colin Boulton	2020 - 2021	No League Played
2004 - 2005	Chris Postians	2021 - 2022	Scott Brown
2005 - 2006	Ian Gilchrist	2022 - 2023	Gavin Gleed

GOOD CONDUCT AWARD WINNERS

1991 - 1992	Brynmawr	1994 - 1995	Drysiog
1992 – 1993	Blaina West Side	1995 - 1996	Trinant
1993 - 1994	Cwmtillery	1996 - 1997	Suspended

SWAN EMS NORTH GWENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All Management Meetings will be held at the League's Headquarters Llanhilleth Conservative Club, Commercial Road, Llanhilleth, Abertillery NP13 2JA to commence at 6.15pm.

Scheduled dates:

2023	Monday	18th	September
	Monday	16th	October
	Monday	20th	November
	Monday	18th	December
2024	Monday	15th	January
	Monday	19th	February
	Monday	18th	March
	Monday	15th	April
	Monday	20th	May

These dates may change because of other commitments.

Clubs will be informed of the dates of The Rules Revision and The Annual General Meetings.

LEAGUE PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 14th June 2024	Llanhilleth Conservative Club, Commercial Road, Llanhilleth, Abertillery NP13 2JA
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PAST NORTH GWENT CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPIONS	YEAR	CHAMPIONS
1970 - 71	Cwmtillery	2012 - 13	Cwm
1977 - 78	Fields Park Athletic reserves	2013 - 14	The Oak reserves
1979 - 80	Fields Park Athletic reserves	2014 - 15	Wattsville
1980 - 81	Cwmtillery	2015 - 16	-
1983 - 84	Abertillery Town	2016 - 17	The Oak
1984 - 85	Abertillery Town	2017 - 18	Aberbargoed Town
1985 - 86	Fields Park Athletic reserves	2018 - 19	Aberbargoed Town
1999 - 2000	Abertillery Bluebirds	2019 - 20	Llanhilleth Athletic
2007 - 08	Fleur-De-Lys Welfare	2020 - 21	No competition (COVID)
2008 - 09	Fleur-De-Lys Welfare	2021 - 22	Neuadd Wen
2009 - 10	-	2022 - 23	Newbridge Town
2010 - 11	Tredegar Athletic	2023 - 24	
2011 - 12	Neuadd Wen	2024 - 25	

NORTH GWENT CUP DATES

DATE	BOB ANNETT CUP	DATE	ROLY PARFITT CUP
19/08/2023	First Round	02/09/2023	First Round
16/09/2023	Second Round	30/09/2023	Second Round
03/02/2024	Quarter Final	24/02/2024	Quarter Final
16/03/2024	Semi Final	30/03/2024	Semi Final
20/04/2024	Final	27/04/2024	Final

*If we have time left at the end of the season, we will introduce the invitation cup

GWENT COUNTY CUP DATES

DATE	AMATEUR CUP	DATE	INTERMEDIATE CUP
04/11/2023	Prelimery Round	23/09/2023	First Round
02/12/2023	First Round	25/11/2023	Quarter Final
27/01/2024	Second Round	13/01/2023	Semi Final
09/03/2024	Quarter Final	TBC	Final
TBC	Semi Final		
11/05/2024	Final		



GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION 2023

CRITERIA FOR NEW CLUBS ENTERING THE LEAGUE

8.6 District League to Gwent Premier Association Football League

8.6.1 The Football Association of Wales has given approval for the Gwent County Football Association Ltd to retain control of the Gwent Leagues in membership of the pyramid structure

8.6.2 The two lowest Clubs in Division Two of the Gwent Premier League may be relegated to the District Feeder League immediately below within the Pyramid System. Two Clubs from the four District Feeder leagues will be eligible for promotion to replace the bottom two teams in the Gwent Premier League Division Two. If there are more than two clubs eligible for promotion from the District Leagues, there will be a Play Off; the format of the Play Offs will be dependent on the number of teams eligible for promotion and will be decided by the Competition Committee. If there are 2 clubs or less eligible for promotion, there will be automatic promotion. If there are vacancies in the Gwent Premier League Division Two a maximum of a further two clubs will be promoted. In all circumstances a maximum of one club from each Feeder League can be promoted.

8.6.3 Clubs will be considered for promotion from the Feeder Leagues if:

1. The club has completed three (3) full seasons.
2. Finished the season as Champions of their League.
3. Have the required ground criteria and the necessary facilities required by the Gwent Premier League.

The Runner Up can be accepted if the Champion club does not want promotion or does not meet the criteria as laid down in Rule 8.6.3. This will then be subject to Rule 8.6.2

8.6.4 All clubs who wish to make an application to be assessed against the relevant Ground Criteria and therefore who if successful, will be eligible to be considered for promotion to Pyramid Level 6 in the following season, subject to Rule 8.6.2 & 8.6.3, must do so in writing to the Secretary of Gwent Premier League by recorded delivery / registered post with a copy to the Secretary of the Gwent County football association and their respective League Secretary, between the start of the season and 31st December. The inspection fee of £50 (cheque to be made payable to the Gwent Premier League must accompany the application. A first ground inspection will be made by the Gwent Premier League before the 1st February and clubs will be informed what work they require to do to meet the ground criteria. All work as detailed by the Gwent Premier League must be completed to comply in full with the ground criteria of the Gwent Premier League by the 30th April to be eligible for promotion. Under no

circumstances will a club be promoted if they do not meet the ground criteria by the 30th April deadline. Time shall be of the essence in respect of all deadlines in this Rule.

8.6.5 It must be noted that in addition to the bottom two clubs in Division two (2) of the Gwent Premier League further teams may be relegated if the number of teams being relegated from Level 3 of the Pyramid System does not equate to the number of teams being promoted to Level 3 from the Gwent Premier League. This is to ensure there are no more than 16 teams in each division of the Gwent Premier League.

The following ground criteria will apply to all Clubs in the League. Clubs **MUST** have the criteria which will also apply to New Clubs entering the League.

- All matches are to be played on private grounds or on grounds deemed suitable by the League Management Committee. If another pitch / pitches are in close proximity the pitch being used for matches in the League must be fully enclosed. The boundary enclosure shall be of a solid structure with a minimum height of 4'6" and capable of preventing unauthorised access.
- All clubs shall have the playing area of their ground permanently enclosed by a solid barrier during the playing season. Rope or wire is NOT acceptable. In certain circumstances (where cricket or other sport is played in the summer months) where it is not possible to erect a permanent barrier, it may be allowed to have one side of the ground enclosed by close mesh security type fencing fixed into the ground. The shortest distance between the touchline and pitch perimeter barriers should not be less than 1.83 metres.
- Clubs must provide two covered dugouts adjacent to the playing area. They must be capable of accommodating a minimum of eight seated persons and the floor must have a solid foundation (concrete, tarmac or paved slabs). A technical area for both Clubs must be clearly marked out in front of both dug outs, which must not exceed more than 2 metres either side of the dug outs. Only substitutes, manager, coaches and medical staff are allowed to be in the dugout, only one person is allowed to stand in the technical area at any one time.
- The minimum size of the pitch is 105 x 60 yards, or metric equivalent. Goal posts and goal net supports must be of professional manufacture and meet the requirements of the Laws of the game. They must be identical. Clubs must keep their ground in a proper playing condition and maintain a good playing surface.
- Goal nets and regular height corner flags must be used at all times. The pitch markings to be easily distinguishable by match officials and players, under normal circumstances they should be white in colour.
- All clubs to provide adequate dressing room accommodation within reasonable proximity of the playing area, which must be separate for both teams. The

dressing rooms for both teams must be heated, well ventilated, free of damp and secure and capable of accommodating a minimum of 16 players.

- Clubs must have toilet facilities of at least one WC and one hand basin with hot and cold running water and a minimum of one urinal within the vicinity of each dressing room.
- A separate shower area must be provided for each team with a minimum of four shower heads in each area.
- A separate area must be provided for the exclusive use of match officials. The area must be capable of accommodating a minimum of three persons. The area must contain a shower, WC and a washbasin with hot and cold running water.
- All Clubs must have First Aid equipment, which must include a stretcher. The location of which must be clearly marked in all dressing rooms.
- The home side must produce a match programme (not single sheet) to include the names of all players of both teams, together with match officials. The visiting club MUST send to the home club, details of players' names in the team squad they plan to field. This information must be received by the home club at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the match. The home club is required to forward to the League Secretary a copy of the match day programme within four days of the date of the fixture. These match day programmes MUST be available on the home club's ground on match days, of which a copy MUST be given to the Referee, prior to kick off.
- All the facilities shall be approved by the League Management Committee and must not be allowed to deteriorate below the standard required by the League.
- All new clubs seeking membership through the pyramid system must have this criteria in place by 30th April each year, on the same ground they have been playing on during the current season.
- Permission to play at another venue other than the clubs existing ground will not be allowed, unless granted by the League Secretary.

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