

# **Gwent County Football Association Handbook**



**Constitution / Rules  
2016/2017**



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FOR SEASON 2016/2017**

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Mr B. Reynolds – Mr D. Downes - Mr G. Williams - Mr M. Price  
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## **REFEREES COMMITTEE:**

Mr C. Postians - Mr J. Pisani - Mr G. Williams - Mr M. Iqbal - Mr T. Challenger -  
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Mr S.J. Brooks

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**THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THE LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS SIT  
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## **GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

### **1. TITLE OF ASSOCIATION AND AREA:**

The Association shall be called "The Gwent County Football Association Ltd", (thereinafter called The Association) and shall be affiliated to the Football Association of Wales Ltd. Its area shall be the whole geographical area of Gwent.

### **2. HEADQUARTERS:**

The headquarters of The Association is the Civic Centre, Newport, Gwent.

### **3. CONTROL OF ASSOCIATION:**

The affairs of The Association shall be governed by:-

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- President
- Senior & Junior Vice-Presidents
- Life Vice-Presidents
- Life Members
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Treasurer
- Hon Assistant Secretary – Admin/Finance
- Hon Assistant Secretary - Discipline
- Members of the Council

All to be elected in accordance with Rule 4.

The Officers of this Association shall be.

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Treasurer
- Hon Assistant Secretary's

### **4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:**

- a) The Chairman shall be elected biennially by the Council, and no Chairman shall remain in office for more than two years.
- b) The Vice-Chairman shall be elected biennially by the Council.
- c) The President shall be elected by the Council. The President must be an active Life Member, and will only serve for a period of three years. The President shall be invited to all meetings.
- d) The Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents shall be the next active Senior Life Members.

- e) The Life Vice-Presidents shall be Life Members having achieved 21 years' service and, at the time of appointment, has served the Association as President.
- f) The Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Assistant Secretary's shall be elected biennially by the Council.
- g) The Council shall be elected as follows:
  - i. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Gwent County Football Association League.
  - ii. Each Senior League shall biennially elect one member to sit on the Council and additional members for every twenty clubs after the first twenty clubs affiliated to such League.
  - iii. One member shall be elected biennially to represent each Junior and Youth League on the Council.
  - iv. One member shall be elected biennially to represent the Senior Clubs in the County to serve on the Council. This member to be elected by the Senior Clubs. A Senior Club is one playing in a League higher than the Gwent County Football Association League.
  - v. Qualifications for (ii) and (iii) is that each League seeking representation on the Gwent County Football Association Council must have a minimum of ten affiliated clubs.
  - vi. One member to be invited biennially to represent The Gwent County Referees Association.
- h) Life Members: Members of the Council, who have served 21 years on the Council not necessarily continuous, shall be eligible for election as Life Members of the Association with full voting powers. At no time shall the number of Life Members exceed 12.
- i) When deciding on appointments in this Association seniority shall be determined by actual years of service on the Council of The Association.

The Council shall have power to fill any vacancies arising among the Officers or Council Members during the year, and to appoint Sub-Committees.

## **5. DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

No referee on the active list of any Association shall be eligible for a seat on the Council or to be an Officer of this Association.

No player shall be eligible for a seat on the Council or to be an Officer of this Association.

No player under contract shall be allowed to serve on the Council of this Association.

A two-thirds majority can remove any member or Officer of the Council guilty of misconduct in any form from the Council immediately, and any vacancy may be filled immediately.

Any member of the Council who has been absent from two consecutive Council Meetings without (in the opinion of the Council) a sufficient reason shall be considered to have resigned.

Any member of the Council who has been absent from two consecutive Sub-Committee Meetings without (in the opinion of the Council) a sufficient reason shall be considered to have resigned from the Sub-Committee.

## **6. CONSTITUTION CHANGES:**

The Council of The Association can only change the Constitution of The Association. Any changes must have a two thirds majority of those eligible to vote.

## **7. COMMITTEE STRUCTURES:**

### **Appeals Panel:**

Three members from the President, Officers and Life Vice Presidents.

### **Disciplinary Panel:**

Up to three members from the Officers/Life Vice Presidents and one Council Member; an usher to be appointed for each meeting.

### **Football & Competitions Committee:**

The Football & Competition Secretary, the Representative Match Secretary, Senior Clubs Representative, one Life member and four Council Members

### **Referees Committee:**

The Referees Officer, Gwent County Referees Association Representative, Football & Competitions Secretary, one Life Member and four Council Members.

### **Junior/Youth Football & Development Committee:**

One member from each of the Junior Leagues plus one member from the five (5) Saturday Senior Leagues. Members from the Welsh Football Trust and one member from the Gwent Schools Football Association to be co-opted on the Committee without voting rights.

## **8. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT:**

A Management Committee shall be formed consisting of The President, Officers, Life Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretary's, Football & Competitions Secretary, the retiring Chairman, one (1) Life Member and one (1) Council Member.

**9. ACCOUNTS:**

The accounts for each year shall be certified by a Chartered Accountant and a cash statement and balance sheet be forwarded to each club at the time notices are sent convening the Annual General Meeting. The Chartered Accountants to be appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting by the members present. The Secretary and Treasurer of The Association or in the absence of one of the foregoing signatures the Chairman shall sign all cheques. Any cheque submitted to this Association and subsequently not honoured by the bank will incur a £25.00 administrative fee.

**10. COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

A monthly meeting may be held during the football season, the Secretary being empowered to call a Special Meeting, at any time it may be deemed necessary, on giving seven days' notice. An agenda to be forwarded with the notice of each meeting; this agenda to show all matters separately that are likely to require discussion or voting.

**11. ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held during July. Each Club or League having paid its subscription for the season shall be entitled to send one representative. No representative shall represent more than one League or Club.

**12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:**

The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting at any time by order of the Council, or on receiving a requisition to that effect, signed by the Secretaries of not less than twenty Clubs belonging to The Association, but no General Meeting shall have the power to alter the decision of the Council.

**13. ALTERATION OF CUP RULES:**

In the event of any alteration being deemed necessary in the Cup Rules of this Association, notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall be sent to the Secretary, in writing, with the name of the proposer of every such alteration or amendment, this to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Association by the 10<sup>th</sup> February and the Secretary shall inform every Club and League of the proposed alteration or amendment at least seven days before a General Meeting to be held in the third week in March for that purpose. Any changes must have a two thirds majority of those eligible to vote. Any such alterations or amendments will come in force at the next Annual General Meeting.

**14. ADMISSION TO GROUNDS:**

Any Officer or Member of the Council of The Association shall be admitted to the reserved or stand accommodation of any ground belonging to a club affiliated to this Association upon production of his official card for the current season.

**NOTE:** Formal Notice must be given to the respective club by the Secretary of The Association.

**15. FOOTBALL & COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE:**

The Committee shall be responsible for all Cup matters and to arrange and organise games for the selected representative squads of The Association.

**16. GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LEAGUE:**

The Gwent County Football Association League shall be under the full jurisdiction of The Gwent County Football Association Ltd. The Council of the Gwent County Football Association Ltd shall elect the Secretary, Treasurer & Registration Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association League biennially.

Four members from the Council of The Association to be nominated biennially to serve on the Management Committee of the League.

No member of the Council of The Association shall be allowed to represent a club on the Management Committee of the League.

***PYRAMID DIVISIONS***

The League shall receive into membership a number of clubs not exceeding 48. There shall be three divisions (First, Second and Third). The Management Committee shall determine the Constitution of each division annually. No reserve teams of any club shall be permitted to play in these divisions.

***COMBINATION DIVISION***

This division will be open to the reserve teams of clubs playing in a higher level than the Gwent County Football Association League First Division. Member clubs of this division will have restricted voting powers and will only vote on matters appertaining to that division. A team must withdraw if its first team is relegated to the Gwent County Football Association League. Any other withdrawals will only be at the discretion of, and at a fee, determined by the Management Committee.

**GROUND CRITERIA FOR ALL CLUBS AND NEW CLUBS  
ENTERING THE LEAGUE**

The following ground criteria will apply to all clubs in the League, clubs **MUST** have the this criteria which will also apply to new clubs entering the League

- i. All matches are to be played on private grounds or on grounds deemed suitable by League Management Committee. If other pitch/pitches is/are in close proximity, the pitch being used for matches in this League must be fully enclosed. The boundary enclosure shall be of a solid structure with a minimum height of 1.37 meters, and capable of preventing unauthorised access.
- ii. All clubs shall 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 in the summer months) where it is not possible to erect 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 touch line and pitch perimeter barriers should not be less than 1.83meters.

- iii. Clubs must provide two covered dug outs 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 extend more than two meters either side of the dig outs. Only substitutes, manager, coaches and medical staff are allowed in the dugout, only **ONE** person is allowed to stand in the Technical Area at any one time.
- iv. Goal posts and goal net supporters must be of a 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.
- v. Goal nets and regulation height corner flags to 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.
- vi. 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 persons.
- vii. Clubs must have toilet facilities of at least one W/C and one hand basin with hot and cold running water, and a minimum of one urinal within the vicinity of each dressing room.
- viii. A separate shower area must be provided for each team with a minimum of four shower heads in each area.
- ix. A separate dressing room must be provided for the exclusive use of match officials. This 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.
- x. All clubs must have first aid equipment, which must include a stretcher. The location must be clearly marked in all dressing rooms.
- xi. The **HOME** club must produce a match programme (**no single sheets**) to include the names of all players of both teams, together with match official/s. The visiting club **MUST send to the home club**, details of players' names in their squad they plan to field. This information must be received by the home clubs at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date of the match. The home club are required to forward to the League Secretary a copy of the Match Day Programme within **FOUR DAYS** of the date of the fixture. This Match Day Programme **MUST** be available on the home club ground on match days, of which a copy **MUST be given to the Referee, prior to kick off.**

- xii. All these facilities shall be approved by the League Management Committee and must not be allowed to deteriorate below the standard required by the League.
- xiii. All new clubs seeking membership through the pyramid system **must have this criteria in place by the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year, on the ground they have been playing on during the that current season.**
- xiv. Permission to play at other venues other than the clubs **existing ground will not be allowed**, unless granted by the League Secretary.

## 17. REGULATIONS FOR THE PYRAMID STRUCTURE:

### (1) Promotion/Regulation.

- a) There shall be automatic promotion and regulation between the different levels of the Pyramid and between the lowest levels of the directly affiliated league and the Area Associations, where clubs concerned meet the necessary criteria, as approved by the F.A.W.
- b) The criteria for promotion to a directly affiliated league shall be approved by the F.A.W. The criteria for promotion within Area Associations shall be the responsibility of the Area Associations. No directly affiliated league or Area Association will be allowed to operate criteria which are more stringent than the tier of the Pyramid that they feed into.
- c) No additional reserve teams shall be permitted in the F.A.W. Pyramid Structure without prior permission of the F.A.W.
- d) The number of clubs to be promoted and relegated within the F.A.W. Pyramid Structure for directly affiliated leagues shall be approved by the F.A.W. in liaison with the directly affiliated leagues.
- e) Where the number of contributory leagues at any level is greater than the league into which it feeds, the clubs promoted shall be determined according to the following process:
  - i. Each club shall be the champion club of its league, or the runners up in the League, if the champion club declines, or is unable to be promoted.
  - ii. Where the number of clubs eligible under (1.e.i) is reduced to the exact number of promotion places, then promotion shall be automatic.
  - iii. The number of clubs promoted to a directly affiliated league should equate to the number of clubs relegated from the directly affiliated leagues unless this leads to a reduction in number of clubs in the directly affiliated league. In this instance a reduction in numbers of clubs being relegated may be considered to maintain the level of clubs in the directly affiliated leagues.
  - iv. No league shall promote a club which does not finish as champions, or runners up, except with the specific approval of the F.A.W.

- f) 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 promoted to Pyramid Level 4 in the following season must do so in writing to the Secretary of the Welsh Football League by Recorded Delivery/Registered Post, with a copy to the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association, between the start of the season and 31st December. The inspection fee of £100.00 (cheque to be made payable to the Welsh Football League) must accompany the application. A first ground inspection will be made by the Welsh Football League before the 1<sup>st</sup> February to inform clubs what work they require to do to meet the Ground Criteria. All work, as detailed by the Welsh Football League, must be completed to comply in full with the Ground Criteria of the Welsh Football League, by the 30<sup>th</sup> April, to be eligible for promotion. Under no circumstances will a club be promoted if they do not meet the Ground Criteria by the 30<sup>th</sup> April deadline. Time shall be of the essence in respect of all deadlines in this Rule.
- g) All clubs who wish to be considered for promotion in the following season must meet the criteria for the superior league by 30<sup>th</sup> April to be considered.
- h) Any club proposing ground sharing arrangements must provide written confirmation by 1<sup>st</sup> April through their league or Area Association. This agreement must satisfy the superior league and must be for a minimum of one season. Any club entering into a ground sharing arrangement for one season and being promoted on that basis, will automatically be relegated after one season if they are unable to continue the agreement and are unable to confirm their facilities for the following season.
- i) The inspection of clubs facilities is the responsibility of the League to which the club will be promoted. That body is solely responsible for ensuring that it complies with the criteria of the superior league. Any club which carries out their own inspections on clubs proposed for inspection does so at its own expense.
- j) League and Area Associations must advise the F.A.W. and each other within 7 days of the conclusion of their fixtures, the name of the club that they are nominating for promotion. This club must be on the list forwarded by 31<sup>st</sup> December and must comply with Pyramid Regulation (1.f)
- k) League and Area Associations must advise the F.A.W. and each other within 7 days of the notification of promotion that the club has been accepted for promotion and provide details of clubs (if any) that will be relegated as a result of this promotion.

**(2) Joint Liaison Committee.**

- a) The committee shall discuss matters of policy relating to ground criteria and promotion and relegation issues, common to the particular leagues.
- b) The committee shall consist of two representatives of each league, and one representative of the Area Associations involved where appropriate. The



F.A.W. will send an independent representative if requested. The chair at meetings shall be taken by a representative of the senior league.

- c) The senior league shall decide if a meeting is to be held and must provide 14 days' notice of the meeting, together with the date and venue along with a copy of the agenda, specifying the business to be considered. All Joint Liaison Committee meetings deemed necessary will be held in February and/or May.
- d) The expense of holding meetings shall be shared by each league. The representatives' expenses shall be met by their own league.
- e) The F.A.W. shall be responsible for proposals to make boundary adjustments.

### **District League to Gwent County Football Association League:**

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 four lowest clubs in Division Three may be relegated to the District Feeder Leagues immediately below, within the Pyramid System. The clubs from the Feeder Leagues will automatically be promoted, provided they are declared the Champions and have obtained the required ground criteria and the necessary facilities required by the Gwent County Football Association League. The runner up can be nominated if the champion clubs does not want promotion or does not meet the criteria. No more than four clubs to be promoted in any one season (maximum of one club per District Feeder League). If there are insufficient clubs eligible for promotion from the District Feeder Leagues then the Management Committee of the League will decide on any relegation issue.

It is the responsibility of the District Feeder League Secretary for the nomination of the Leagues 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 Football Association League to arrive before the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year. The Leagues' ground committee will inspect the facilities of every applicant provide they 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Football Association League by the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. The nomination must be made by the Feeder League Secretary. No application or nomination will be accepted from a club Secretary.

## **The Welsh Football League - 2009 Ground Criteria**

### Procedure for Application of Admission to The Welsh Football League

#### **1. GROUND INSPECTION**

- 1.1** Clubs likely to be in contention for the top two places in each of the Feeder Leagues who wish to be considered for membership of the league must notify their area association and **The Welsh Football League by 31st December**. These clubs will then have their grounds and facilities inspected by the **1st February following**, to see if they meet The Welsh League Ground criteria.

The clubs must arrange for the inspection to be attended by the principal officers of the club. All the facilities must be available for inspection at the time of the visit and required documentation available for perusal. The inspection will proceed even if none of the specified representatives are present.

**A fee of £100 which is non-returnable is payable in advance of the initial inspection to the League by each applicant club**, which will cover the initial inspection and subsequent re-inspection.

The decision concerning the success or otherwise of the clubs application for membership will be made by The Welsh League Management Committee and their decision shall be final.

- 1.2** A copy of one of the following must be available at the first inspection:-

- (i) The clubs title deeds showing the freehold interest of the ground, or
- (ii) A copy of any lease, or
- (iii) Any licence agreement, or
- (iv) A copy of any ground sharing agreement that is subject to approval, or
- (v) Any other such agreement acceptable to The Welsh Football League.

- 1.3** The League Ground Inspectors' report will be sent to the applicant club as soon as possible after the inspection. It will identify any works to be carried out to bring the facilities up to the required standard. A club will not be allowed into membership of the League unless all the works are carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspectors by the date of the second inspection, **which will be by the 30th April**.

- 1.4** The applicant club will be held responsible to ensure that the playing pitch and the ground are properly maintained. The ground must be available for the club to play at home throughout the playing season as required by and to the satisfaction of the League.

- 1.5** An annual subscription as per League Rules will be payable on acceptance.

- 1.6** The above requirements are made subject to the FAW Pyramid Regulations.

## **1.7 MERGER OF CLUBS**

The merger of two clubs, either of whom is in contention for possible admission into membership of the League, will be considered on its merits, but the new merged club will not be considered for membership of the League if the proposed merger is, in the opinion of the League management Committee, arranged especially to gain membership of the League.

## **1.8 GROUND CRITERIA**

Any club making application for promotion must play on the ground which they occupied on the 31st December prior to the season for which promotion was sought.

### **STADIUM FACILITIES FOR ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE AND FOR CLUBS ALREADY IN MEMBERSHIP**

## **2.1 ENCLOSURE OF GROUNDS**

Grounds must be fully and securely enclosed by permanent boundaries of a solid structure with a minimum height of 4'6" and capable of preventing unauthorised access, with the exception of a main entrance point to allow the taking of admission prices to spectators.

For enclosed grounds, the location and number of ground exits must comply with local safety requirements. It would normally be expected that there would be at least two exit points around the ground. All exits must be clearly signposted.

## **2.2 PLAYING AREA**

The minimum length of pitch is 90 metres (100 yards) and the maximum length is 120 metres (130 yards) and the minimum width is 45 metres (50 yards) and maximum width is 90 metres (100 yards), and the playing area must be maintained to an adequate standard. 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.

All clubs must have the playing area of their ground enclosed by a solid barrier during the playing season. (Rope or wire is not acceptable).

In certain circumstances (where cricket is played in the summer months) where it is not possible to erect a permanent barrier, it may be allowable to have one side of the ground enclosed by close mesh security type fencing fixed into the ground.

The shortest distance between the touch line and pitch perimeter barriers should not be less than 1.83 metres.

No other match will be allowed to take place whilst a League or Cup match is in progress where the Management Committee considers that the proximity of the second pitch will have a detrimental effect on the fixture.

## **2.3 DUGOUTS**

Clubs must provide two covered dugouts adjacent to the playing area, located near the halfway line. They must be capable of accommodating a **minimum of 6 seated persons**, and the floor must have a solid foundation of concrete, tarmac or paved slabs. (No other material is acceptable). A technical area, (as defined in "Laws of the Game") must be marked out in front of each dug out.

## **2.4 COVERED STAND**

All clubs must have a permanent covered stand, made from solid materials, erected close to the playing area and on or near the half way line. It must be capable of accommodating a **minimum of 100 spectators**. The floor of the stand must have a solid foundation of concrete, tarmac, paved slabs or steel. (No other material is acceptable).

## **2.5 DRESSING ROOMS & CHANGING FACILITIES**

Players and officials' dressing rooms must be heated, well ventilated, free from damp, secure and must be situated within the boundaries of the ground and within reasonable distance to the playing area.

### **Players Changing**

Separate dressing rooms must be provided for each team, capable of accommodating a minimum of 16 people. Each team dressing room must have a separate shower area with a minimum of four shower heads.

There shall be a minimum of 1 W/C and 1 urinal, with hot and cold running water for the use of the teams within the vicinity of each dressing room complex.

### **Match Officials Dressing Room**

A separate room must be provided for the exclusive use of the match officials. The area must be capable of accommodating a minimum of 3 persons, and must contain a shower, WC and a wash basin with hot and cold running water. This room must not be used for storage or similar purposes.

## **2.6 MEDICAL**

All clubs must have first aid equipment, which must include a stretcher. The location of first aid equipment must be clearly marked in all dressing rooms. It is desirable that clubs provide a designated area for first aid.

Currently certified/qualified first aid staff must be available at all fixtures.

*“Emergency vehicles must be able to drive in to the stadium. The access and egress point(s) must not be blocked. A parking space must be identified for an emergency vehicle to park, which must not be occupied by any other vehicle or used for any other purpose.*

*Unobstructed access leading from a spectator area in the stadium to the playing area must be provided to allow access and egress for a stretcher. It is recommended that*

*this access is located as close as possible to the area designated for the access/egress of the emergency vehicle(s).”*

## **2.7 HOSPITALITY**

All clubs must provide a room for the use of visiting club officials and guests, situated as close to the playing area as possible.

Tea, or some form of liquid must be provided for players and match officials at half time and full time, and at half time for visiting club officials and guests.

Refreshment facilities shall also be made available to all spectators. After match hospitality shall be on or close to the ground.

## **2.8 TELEPHONE**

A telephone, the number of which must be in the club particulars in the League handbook, must be available on all match days to make and receive calls.

## **2.9 TOILET FACILITIES FOR SPECTATORS**

Adequate toilet facilities must be provided for both male and female spectators within the complex of the ground at all times, with wash basins and hot and cold running water.

## **3.0 MATCH PROGRAMMES**

Each club must produce a match day programme complying with rule 16 of the Leagues Constitution and Rules.

## **3.1 MISCELLANEOUS**

On inspection, consideration will be taken on the general condition and state of repair of all the facilities provided. Clubs are required to affect maintenance on a continuing basis to maintain the required standards.

When considering future works at grounds, clubs should take into consideration the overall impression of the ground and whether it looks, on first appearance, like a football stadium.

## **THESE CRITERIA ARE TO BE MAINTAINED FOR THE DURATION OF LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

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## **18. COMPETITION CUP FEES:**

The Council shall decide all fees annually for all competitions.

## **19. AFFILIATION FEES FOR CLUBS, LEAGUES, COMPETITIONS & EVENTS:**

All Leagues, Competitions, Events and Clubs in the area of Gwent must affiliate to the Gwent County Football Association at a fee.

Senior League Affiliation	£100.0
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Youth & Junior League Affiliation	£50.00
Senior Clubs – English Pyramid & Welsh League	£40.00
Senior Clubs – Gwent County League & Below	£15.00
Under 18 Clubs & Junior Clubs (Under 16 & below)	£10.00
All other Competitions/Events	£25.00

Constitution Handbooks to be issued to Leagues; handbooks to be made available to view on the Association Web Site for Clubs before the official start of the season.

## **20. CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUES:**

Any League whose headquarters are situated in the area of The Association (as defined in Rule 1) must be affiliated to The Association on completion of “Form D”.

Leagues shall consist of properly qualified and affiliated clubs. The Council of this Association to have power to use discretion in exceptional cases in dealing with junior sections of Junior Leagues.

Each League affiliated to and sanctioned by this Association shall be confined to a specific area, and shall neither extend nor alter such area nor alter its constitution or rules without the sanction of this Association. Any League wishing to participate in competitions outside the playing area of The Association must first apply to the Secretary of The Association for permission to play in such competitions. Twenty-eight days’ notice must be given.

No referee may take part in the management of any League or other Competition of whatever kind, if he officiates as a referee within the jurisdiction of such League or Competition concerned.

Each affiliated League must send to this Association a copy of all minutes relating to every Meeting.

## **21. NON AFFILIATED LEAGUES:**

No affiliated Club shall be a member of any League which has not been sanctioned and which is not also affiliated.

## **22. CERTIFIED LEAGUE ACCOUNTS:**

Every affiliated league shall forward before the 1<sup>st</sup> September, a certified balance sheet signed by the auditor, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of such League.

## **23. FORMATION OF LEAGUES:**

All competitions must receive sanction annually and permission for any proposed new League must be first obtained from this Association. No Club may be allowed to

register for a League until it has provided the League with the Clubs' Affiliation Number.

#### **24. LEAGUE TITLE:**

All Leagues shall forward to the Secretary of this Association, on or before the 1st July, a return in accordance with Form 'D'.

- a) Name of League
- b) Year of Formation
- c) Name and Address of Secretary
- d) List of Clubs
- e) Two copies of Rules of League and Competitions which shall be subject to ratification by the Council at the first Meeting after the Association's Annual General Meeting.

#### **25. COMPETITIONS, TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS**

Before any Competition/Tournament/Event can take place the organising Club must apply to the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association for permission to stage the Competition/Tournament/Event giving 14 days' notice. Form 'E' must be completed and the appropriate fee paid. A list of clubs playing in the Competition/Tournament/Event must be provided. All teams that enter the Competition must have a current affiliation number and any team from outside of Wales must also produce a letter of authority to enter from their respective National Association. Copy of such letters must accompany the Form "E".

Any Club failing to observe the above procedure will be liable to be fined and sanctions on the Club may be imposed. Competitions/Tournaments/Events must not interfere with League/Cup commitments.

Any Club wishing to play in Competitions/Tournaments/Events must ensure it does not affect League/Cup commitments.

#### **26. TOURNAMENTS OUTSIDE GWENT**

Any Club wishing to play in a Competition/Tournament outside the area of Gwent must apply for permission to the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association giving 14 days' notice. Competitions outside of Wales will also require sanction from the Football Association of Wales. This sanction will be obtained for the club by the Gwent County Football Association Secretary.

Any Club failing to observe the above procedure will be liable to be fined and sanctions on the Club may be imposed. Competitions/Tournaments/Events must not interfere with League/Cup commitments.

#### **27. AFFILIATION OF CLUBS:**

All clubs whose playing grounds are situated within the area of The Association (as defined in Rule 1) shall be eligible for membership, subject to the approval of the Council of the Association.

Any Club whose headquarters are situated in the said area must be affiliated to The Association. All Affiliations are payable before playing competitive football or the 1<sup>st</sup> July each year. A fine of £10.00 will be imposed on offending clubs.

Each affiliated Club must play in the League in whose area such club is situated, and must fulfil its obligations to such League. All clubs directly affiliated to this Association must play in the Leagues under jurisdiction of this Association.

**28. CONSTITUTION OF CLUBS:**

All clubs under the jurisdiction of this Association shall satisfy the Council that they are properly constituted clubs, and playing football according to the laws of the Football Association of Wales.

**29. CLUB TITLE:**

Any Club wishing to change its title must apply in writing to this Association before the 1<sup>st</sup> July for the following season. No Club will be allowed to change its name if there are any monies outstanding. Any Club found guilty of breaking this rule will be fined the minimum of £25.00 and may be instructed to change the Clubs' name back to the original name.

NO CLUB SHALL CHANGE ITS TITLE AFTER THE 1<sup>st</sup> JULY.

**30. CLUB SECRETARY:**

The name of the Club Secretary on Form 'A' is the person responsible for all correspondence relating to the club. Any change in the details must be forwarded to the Secretary of this Association. Clubs failing to notify this Association of any change shall be liable to be fined.

**31. NON-AFFILIATED CLUBS:**

No club belonging to this Association shall play matches with any Club not affiliated to a recognised Association.

**32. PRODUCTION OF BOOKS:**

Any League or Club required to do so by this Association shall produce to a commission or to the Management Committee (provided that no member of such commission or committee is directly connected with any Affiliated Club) any or all of its books, records, receipts, etc., as may be specified.

**33. ALCOHOL:**

Alcohol must not be consumed outside licensed premises or around the field of play. Clubs will be charged with misconduct under Rule 37. **Please note it is a CRIMINAL OFFENCE to consume alcohol at a football match.**



**34. CLUB TOURS:**

Any Club wishing to tour, whether playing or not, must observe the following procedure:-

- a. Club to send application to The Association enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
- b. The Association will process the application and inform the Club of their decision subject to confirmation from the Football Association of Wales.
- c. Written application to their League, at least 28 days prior to the date of departure, giving full details of destination and opponents if playing.
- d. Club will undertake to indicate that they will agree to abide by the current League Rules concerning any necessary postponements.
- e. A list of persons participating in any Club tour must be made available to The Association Secretary upon request.

Failure to follow the above procedure may result in disciplinary action against the clubs.

**35. TOURING TEAMS:**

Any Club entertaining Clubs from outside of Gwent must seek permission from the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association. When an application is made the affiliation number of the Club being entertained must be provided. Any Club found guilty of breaking this rule will be fined a minimum of £30.00.

**36. FRIENDLY GAMES:**

All friendly games must receive sanction from this Association; this is to ensure Public Liability cover is not compromised. Games within Wales require 7 days' notice. Applications to play a friendly game outside of Wales require 14 days' notice. This is because sanction will also have to be obtained from the Football Association of Wales on completion of the relevant form which can be obtained from the Secretary of the Gwent County Football Association. Games played without the necessary sanction will result in a charge of misconduct. The minimum fine imposed will be £25.00.

**37. CONDUCT AND WELFARE OF CLUBS – OFFICIALS – PLAYERS - SPECTATORS:**

All clubs, being members of this Association, are responsible to the Council for the conduct and Welfare of their Club, 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.

Disciplinary action will be taken against a registered player or official of the Club reported for misconduct whilst attending matches as a spectator. This player will be charged with "Bringing the Game into Disrepute".

In the event of any Club, Official or Player being proved, to the satisfaction of the Council, to be guilty of misconduct, the Council shall have power to order the name of the offender to be removed from this Association, suspended or dealt with as the Council deem fit.

Any Club playing with or against the offending Club after official notice of such removal or during their suspension shall cease to belong to the Association and be similarly disqualified from playing with or against other Clubs belonging to this Association. Should a Meeting be called to consider the conduct of any club, the Disciplinary Secretary shall give three days' notice to the Secretary of the offending Club.

Any Club or Players, after such removal, or during suspension, playing with or against the offender or offenders shall be liable to be dealt with as the Council deem fit.

This applies to all games under the jurisdiction and sanction of this Association, be it Cup, Friendly, in connection with any sanctioned League, Charity or Benefit Competition. This Association may delegate the power to investigate (with or without plenary powers) and report thereon to any Commission or Committee it may deem advisable.

Players failing to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion or fail to refrain from violence, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language, after being sent off the field of play, including not returning to or the vicinity of the changing rooms will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute

Clubs, officials & supporters failing to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion or fail to refrain from violence, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language whilst attending or taking part in a match in which it is involved, whether on its own ground or elsewhere (this will include comments made on Social Media), will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. If the charge is serious and proven the club will be liable to have points deducted.

Referees should report all misdemeanours on plain paper to the **Disciplinary Secretary** immediately after the game on form DP1. If a referee has a serious incident, which could be a form of misconduct, reported him by either club, which he did not witness; it should be reported to the **Disciplinary Secretary** in the same way. Referees should note that these reports are **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL** therefore no copies of the report must be sent to any other person, including League Secretaries.

**Protests:** Clubs protesting against the conduct of opposing clubs must forward the complaint to the **Association Secretary** within seven (7) days of the game. To prevent frivolous complaints a fee of £50.00 must accompany the protest. In the event of the protest being upheld the fee may be returned. Please note that these reports are **PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

therefore no copies of the report must be sent to any other person, including League Secretaries.

Failure to reply to the request, communication or notice to a player, Club or League within ten days, a fine of £25.00 will be imposed.

**38. CLUBS WISHING TO PLAY OUTSIDE LEAGUE BOUNDARIES:**

Any Club wishing to play in a League other than the League in the Clubs' domiciled area must have permission from both Leagues and this Association.

**39. CLUBS WITH OUTSTANDING DEBTS:**

i. **CLUBS STILL OPERATING**

Clubs who owe debts to this Association will not be allowed to affiliate to The Association until all fines have been paid. The Secretary of The Association is the only person allowed to lift the suspension and the Club will not be permitted to play football until the Monday following the payment of fine. All the above business to be transacted in writing.

ii. **CLUBS WHO HAVE DISBANDED**

The League Secretary of Clubs who have disbanded and owe this Association outstanding moneys will be asked to forward to this Association a complete list of players registered with the Club, together with the players' FAW Registration Number. The Secretary of this Association is empowered to proportion the debt on each player. No player registered with that club will be allowed to transfer until he has paid his portion of the debt.

iii. **CLUBS REPORTED BY LEAGUES FOR OWING MONEY**

When an affiliated League informs this Association that a particular Club has outstanding debts to that League, the Secretary must at the same time forward to this Association a list all registered players with that Club, together with the players' addresses and FAW Registration Number, so that this Association can proportion the debt on each players. Players registered with that Club will not be allowed to transfer until their portion of the debt has been paid to this Association.

In items (ii) and (iii) the League Secretary, when submitting the list of registered players to this Association, must at the same time, forward the names and addresses of the Officers and Committee Members of the Club. The Officers and Committee Members of the Club are suspended from holding office with that or any other Club until the outstanding debt is paid in full.

**40. ABANDONED MATCHES:**

**40.1 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 result at the time the match finished shall stand.

**40.2 CAUSED BY INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

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

**40.3 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 by the match Official 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 up to 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 Association, the League Management Committee may at its absolute discretion declare the match VOID and order that it be replayed.

**40.4 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 will 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 up to three (3) points deducted from its League record.

**40.5 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 result at the time the match finished shall stand or the game is replayed.

**41. CONTRACTED PLAYERS:**

No player under contract shall be allowed to serve on the Council of any sanctioned Competition.

**42. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS (YOUTH & SENIOR):**

The classification of Youth players is:-

Male/Female players aged sixteen (16) and under nineteen (19) at 31<sup>st</sup> August.

42.1 The period for registration and transfer of players will be the 1<sup>st</sup> July until the a date in March set by the Football Association of Wales.

42.2 The deadline for a Club to register a player with the relevant League is 5.00pm on the last working day prior to the match in which the Club wishes the player to participate.

42.3 In the case of a male player reaching the age of sixteen (16) and in the case of a female player reaching the age of sixteen (16), and in the case before the

player reaches the age of nineteen (19) a player shall be permitted to play in both youth and adult football below Level 2 in the Pyramid System. The said player must be registered with each Club, if he/she plays youth and adult football for different Clubs. For the avoidance of doubt, this right shall apply for the remainder of the season in which the said player reaches their nineteenth (19) birthday.

42.4 A player may only be registered for ONE Club at a time PROVIDED THAT this shall not prevent:-

42.4.1 A youth player being registered with separate Clubs to play both youth and adult football in the circumstances permitted in 41.3.

42.4.2 A player also being registered with another Club which only plays Association Football on a Sunday.

A player may only registered for three (3) Clubs during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June of the following year and during such period the player will only be eligible to play for two (2) Clubs PROVIDED THAT if a player registers for a second Club pursuant to the exemptions permitted in Rules 41.4.1 or 41.4.2 in such case the registration shall not count towards the total of three (3) registered Clubs and playing for such second Club shall not count towards the total of playing for two (2) Clubs.

42.5 Where a Club which plays in a League at National Level has a reserve team at District League level and the Clubs' first team (which plays at National Level) does not have a fixture on a given day, then on that given day no more than three (3) players from the first team (which plays at National Level) that played in the Clubs last first team (which plays at National Level) fixture shall be allowed to play on that given day.

42.6 No player having taken part in matches for a Club shall be allowed to join another Club without first satisfying the officials of their existing Club and intended Club that he/she has discharged their reasonable financial and other liability to the Club or Clubs for which he/she is, or was, a playing member. It is the responsibility of the existing Club to maintain records, mutually confirmed by Club and player, outlining any such liabilities.

42.7 All transfers will be dealt with by the League in which the most senior team plays (the receiving club). Transfer Forms are available from the Secretary of the respective League.

#### **43. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS (JUNIOR):**

The classification of a Junior players is:-

Male/Female players under sixteen (16) at 31<sup>st</sup> August

A player aged under sixteen (16) may register for one Club only.

Transfers between clubs in each League are dealt with by the League Secretary of the receiving club.

**Transfers between clubs in different Leagues must be dealt with by the Association Secretary.**

During the Academic Year in which a junior player reaches the age of his/her sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) birthday nothing shall prevent the player from playing for both junior teams and senior teams of the **SAME** club for which he/she is registered with the Association.

**44. STATUS OF PLAYERS:**

No player who is under the statutory school leaving age shall enter into a contract of employment with any Club in membership of The Football Association of Wales or any affiliated Association. Subject to the Rules and Regulations of the League in which a Club is a member, any club in membership with this Association or an affiliated Association may negotiate whatever financial arrangements with its players as may be mutually acceptable. All players under written contract must be registered with the Football Association of Wales.

Further, no player under contract shall be allowed to play for more than one Club in any one season unless special permission for the player to do so has been obtained from the Council of the Football Association of Wales. It will be seen from the above that, by placing a player under written contract, both the player and the player's interests are safeguarded.

A player who does not hold a written contract shall not be approached, except during the period known as the "Close Season", by any Club or person attempting to induce such player to play for another Club without a least seven (7) days' notice in writing to the Secretary of the Club for which the player was last known to have played and the negotiations must cease at the expiration of twenty one (21) days from the day of such notice being given. The notice must be forwarded by recorded delivery, registered post or a written acknowledgement obtained. A second notice shall not be given by the same Club in respect of the same player during the same football season.

**45. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATES**

- i) An amateur or non-amateur player who has become eligible to play for a club affiliated to a National Association may not be registered with a club affiliated to another National Association unless the latter has received an international transfer certificate issued by the National Association that the player wishes to leave.
- ii) A National Association may not refuse to issue an international transfer certificate unless:-
  - a) The player wishing to leave has not fulfilled his obligations under the terms of his contract with his former club.
  - b) There is a dispute other than that of a financial nature regarding the player's transfer between the club he wishes to leave and the club affiliated to another Association that he wishes to join.

- iii) The players' Status Committee or in the case of an appeal, the FIFA Executive Committee, may order a National Association to arrange for an international transfer certificate to be issued or itself issue a document replacing such a certificate. In the case of the latter, the validity of the document may be expressly limited to a certain period.
- iv) If after a period of 60 days from the date of request by the new Association, the Association which a player wishes to leave has not issued a certificate of transfer or given a valid reason why it refuses to do so, the new Association may issue a provisional certificate to the player, enabling him to play in that country.

The provisional certificate shall become permanent one year after the date on which the new Association addressed its request to the former Association, In the event of a reply being received in the meantime from the former Association, indicating a valid reason why it has not issued a transfer certificate; the provisional certificate shall be withdrawn immediately.

A player shall not, under any circumstances, be authorised to play in official matches for his new club during the 60-day period mentioned above

- v) Only the National Association of the club with which the player wishes to play shall be entitled to request the necessary international transfer certificate.
- vi) The international transfer certificate shall be issued in triplicate and duly signed by the National Association, which the player intends to leave. Special forms provided by FIFA for this purpose or forms with similar wording shall be used.
- vii) The original shall be sent to the National Association requesting the transfer, the first copy to the FIFA general secretariat and the second shall remain in the possession of the National Association which the player is leaving.
- viii) A National Association may grant a player temporary eligibility to play on the basis of an international transfer certificate sent by telefax.
- ix) The players' eligibility to play shall not be considered definitive until the official transfer certificate has actually been received, duly signed by the former National Association.
- x) The original of the international transfer certificate must be received within 30 days of the telefax otherwise the temporary eligibility to play shall automatically be cancelled.
- xi) A National Association resorting to this temporary eligibility clause, as a deliberate ploy to enable one of its registered players to play temporarily in another country shall be referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- xii) The international transfer certificate shall contain the declaration that the holder of the certificate is free to play within a specific Association as from a certain date.

- xiii) The international transfer certificate may not be made subject to certain conditions. In particular, the validity of the international transfer certificate may not be restricted to a certain period and any clauses to this effect appended to the certificate shall be considered null and void.

The foregoing provisions shall be subject to the terms of application in (vii) to (xi) above

- xiv) National Associations are strictly forbidden from charging expenses or demanding payment of a fee for issuing an International transfer certificate.
- xv) If, upon the conclusion of a transfer, a special agreement prolongs of compulsory availability of a player representative matches on behalf of his National Association, this agreement shall be attached to the international transfer certificate.
- xvi) A National Association shall not issue an international transfer certificate for a player who is under suspension disciplinary grounds when the transfer is made.
- xvii) In such a case, an international transfer certificate shall not be issued before the day on which the suspension has terminated.
- xviii) Any dispute as to what does or does not constitute disciplinary grounds under 16 above shall be referred to the FIFA Players' Status Committee.
- xix) Once a player has received International clearance all registrations are deemed null and void. Players must re-register on returning.

#### **46. INDUCING A PLAYER TO LEAVE A CLUB:**

A Club or an Official of a Club shall not induce or attempt to induce a player of another Club to leave the Club for which he is registered until after the period of his registration has expired. The Council shall the power to deal with any offending Club or Official under this Rule as it thinks fit.

#### **47. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:**

Any player declared ineligible by a League affiliated to this Association and reported to this Association will automatically be fined £30.00 and suspended for 2 matches. The fine does not apply to players still attending school.

#### **48. SUSPENSIONS ETC.:**

The Council shall have power to suspend, remove, expel, fine or otherwise deal with any Official, Member or Player of any affiliated League or Club, who may, in their opinion, be proved guilty of any offence connected with football or football management. All fines and/or costs imposed by the Council or its Committees must be paid within ten days. Payment should be made by either cheque or postal order. Non-payment of fines means automatic suspension until the fine is paid in full.

The Secretary/Disciplinary Secretary of the Association must notify, in writing, all interested parties and persons of any decision of the Council or Committee, except that he need not send such written notification to interested parties or persons who



attended throughout the whole hearing, and who were present when the decisions were being announced. Any letter, request, communication or notice of any kind whatsoever which is sent by this Association, shall, if addressed to any member at the address of such member's football Club as registered with the Association, be deemed to be properly sent to such member concerned.

**All disciplinary findings must be acknowledged and/or paid within ten days.**

**49. RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE ASSOCIATION:**

All affiliated Leagues, Clubs, Officials, Players or Referees not satisfied with the decision of any sanctioned League or Cup Competition may, on paying a deposit of £50.00, appeal to the Council of this Association, and, in the event of the appeal being disallowed, such deposit shall be forfeited. **\*\*Note – This does not apply to decisions made by this Association or a Sub Committee of this Association – see Rule 50.**

No appeal can be considered unless lodged within TEN DAYS of the Meeting at which appealed against decision was given, or if not present at the Meeting not more than TEN DAYS from the date such decision was mailed to them in writing. Such appeal must be in writing accompanied by the appeal fee. Five copies of the appeal must be forwarded. Any party at an appeal may submit no fresh evidence.

If the league, Competition, Club, Official, Player or Referee has not exercised a right of request for a personal hearing to the Management Committee concerned before the decision appealed against was taken, then an appeal can only be allowed against the severity of the penalty imposed. The appellant shall make himself available at the time and date stated, otherwise the appeal shall be dismissed and the fee forfeited, and, in addition to any other penalty, may be held responsible for the costs of the Commission, which shall have an absolute discretion in this matter.

In the event of a Club or Player wishing to withdraw an appeal lodged with the Association in accordance with the Rule against the decision of a League, then such application must be made to the Secretary of the Association within ten days of the date of the appeal being lodged in which event the appeal fee is returnable.

Costs will be charged if the Commission feels that the claim is reasonable.

**50. RIGHT OF APPEAL TO F.A.W.:**

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules to the contrary, any affiliated League, Sanctioned Competition, Club Official, Player or Referee shall have a right to appeal to The Football Association of Wales in accordance with their Rule.

Any such appeal must be served on the Football Association of Wales (FAW) not more than Seven (7) Business Days after the earlier (a) the decision being announced at the time of the hearing, or (b) receipt of the written notification of the decision. All appeals must be accompanied with the appropriate fee of £120.00, made payable to Football Association of Wales. Please address the Notice of Appeal for the attention

of the Chief Executive Officer, The Football Association of Wales, 11/12 Neptune Court, Vanguard Way, Cardiff. CF24 5PJ.

In the event of a League, Club or Player wishing to withdraw an appeal lodged with the Football Association of Wales in accordance with their Rule against the decision of an Area Football Association, then such application must be made to the Secretary of the Football Association within ten days of the date of the appeal being lodged in which event the appeal fee is returnable.

**51. LAWS OF THE F.A.W.:**

All Clubs belonging to this Association shall play according to the Laws as approved by the Football Association of Wales Ltd. Any Club failing to play according to these Laws shall cease to be members thereof.

**52. CLOSE SEASON:**

No Club or player shall take part in any football contest other than practice matches (to which no charge for admission can be made) during the close season as laid down by the Football Association of Wales, or take part in any competition at any time that has not received the sanction of the Council of this Association.

Any Club or player offending in either of the above shall be liable to such penalty as the Council deem fit.

**53. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES:**

The Football & Competitions Committee will be responsible for choosing the squad for all Gwent County Football Association representative games. The Committee may delegate the responsibility as they deem fit. All Clubs, members of this Association, shall be bound to place their players at the disposal of this Association for representative matches each season. Any player selected to play in any match arranged by this Association and failing or refusing to play shall, in the absence of any good and sufficient reason, be judged to be guilty of misconduct.

No Club shall play any such player on the day in question or the previous day under any circumstances whatsoever, unless the Club first obtains the permission of this Association to do so. Clubs having two or more outfield players selected for a squad may make an application to their League to have any scheduled League/Cup game postponed. Leagues **MUST** grant the request. Any club having their goalkeeper selected for a squad may make an application to their League to have any scheduled League/Cup game postponed. Leagues **MUST** grant the request. Non-compliance of this Rule will be deemed as misconduct by League/Club/ Player and will be dealt with as directed by this Association

**54. CHARITY AND BENEFIT MATCHES:**

Any League or Club instituting a charity or benefit match or competition, must, 28 days before commencing, receive the sanction of the Council, and shall observe the Rules of this Association, and no Club, members of this Association, Referee or an affiliated League shall play or take part in any benefit or charity competition that has

not been sanctioned. Any League, Club, Player or Referee so offending shall be liable to suspension as the Council deem fit.

The Secretary of every charity or competition shall, at the close of the competition, send to the Secretary of this Association, an audited balance sheet, and a list of Clubs who have competed.

**55. PRESS REPORTS:**

All press reports of Meetings shall be furnished officially by The Association Secretary or Press Secretary immediately following each Meeting, and no member of the Council shall make any comment in the press upon the business transacted at any of its Meetings, unless sanction has been given by Council.

The Association shall be entitled to publish in the public press or in any manner it shall deem fit, reports on its proceedings, acts and resolutions, whatever the same shall or shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any Club, Official, Player or Spectator, and every Club Official, Player or Spectator shall be deemed to such publication.

**56. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WALES:**

Any Youth or Junior Clubs wishing to compete in the Boys and Girls Club of Football Competitions must write to this Association Secretary for authorisation, once they have affiliated.

Clubs authorised to enter any Association Football Competition of the Boys and Girls Club of Wales approved by the Football Association of Wales shall be correctly constituted Boys' and Girls Club in full membership of the Federation and operating from premises under the control of the Club and that the Club shall be involved in all activities of the Federation Clubs under the jurisdiction of the local authority or will not be permitted to enter the competition.

The first loyalty of a Club is its League. If there is a clash of fixtures then the League fixture must take precedence.

**57. CONSTITUTION, RULES AND BYE LAWS:**

Rules and Bye Laws will remain effective until amended according to Rule.

**58. STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNCIL AND GENERAL MEETINGS:  
(Adopted by the Council - 8<sup>th</sup> September 1954)**

i) **Control of Meeting.**

The Chairman of the Council shall have control of the business of the Meeting and in the case of a tie in voting on any motion or amendment; he shall have power to give a second or casting vote.

ii) **Movement of Resolutions, Etc.**

Every motion or amendment shall be moved and seconded (and if so required, shall be reduced to writing) before it is discussed or put to the Meeting.

iii) **Members to Stand When Speaking.**

A member shall stand when speaking and shall address the chair, and the Chairman shall have power to check or call to order a speaker. When the Chairman rises no one else shall continue standing, nor shall anyone else rise until the Chairman has resumed his seat.

- iv) **Matters Not Before Meeting.**  
No member shall speak on any matter not before the Meeting.
- v) **Members to Speak Once Only.**  
No member shall speak twice on any motion unless permission be given to explain, except the mover of the original resolution, or an amendment that displaces an original resolution.
- vi) **Resolutions, Etc.**  
Not to be withdrawn. A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the Meeting.
- vii) **Amendments to be Relevant.**  
Any amendment must be relevant to the motion on which is moved.
- viii) **Rejected Amendments.**  
If any amendment be rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion, providing notice has been given.
- ix) **Amendments Carried.**  
If any amendment be carried, the original motion as thereby amended shall become the question upon which any further amendments may be moved.
- x) **Notice to Rescind Resolution.**  
Notice of motion must be given and appear on the Agenda before any decision arrived at can be varied or rescinded. Any motion having been passed by a Council Meeting shall not be rescinded without the consent of at least two-thirds of those present. No motion to alter or rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months, any no motion or amendment to the same effect as one that has been rejected within the preceding six months shall be proposed. When any such motion or amendment has been disposed of by Council, it shall not be open to any member to propose a similar motion within a further period of six months.
- xi) **Urgent Matters.**  
Any matters of pressing importance not on the Agenda may be dealt with at once under a motion of "Urgency" being duly moved, seconded and carried by two-thirds majority of the members present.
- xii) **Time Limit for Speeches.**  
No member shall address the Council for a longer period than five minutes on any one question, except the mover of the resolution, who may speak on bringing forward his proposition for a period of not exceeding ten minutes.
- xiii) **Priority of Speaking.**  
When two or more members rise at one time, the Chairman shall decide who shall have priority of speaking.

- xiv) **Objectionable Matters.**  
If the Chairman shall be of the opinion that any one motion proposed to be made is of an objectionable character, he may at once put it to a vote (on which there shall be no discussion) whether it shall be entertained or not, and if two-thirds of the members present decide not to entertain such motion, the matter is disposed for that meeting.
- xv) **Quorum.**  
Ten members shall form a quorum of the Council and without a quorum no business shall be transacted. This does not refer to Sub-Committees.
- xvi) **Conduct of Members.**  
Should there be any dispute which involves the conduct or otherwise of any member or members of the Council, the said member or members shall retire during its consideration.
- xvii) **Resolving into Committees.**  
The Council may by vote resolve itself into a Committee, and whilst in Committee there shall be no restriction as to the number of times a member may speak.
- xviii) **Privilege.**  
The evidence of witnesses, statements of members, general discussion, and other matters within and before the Council and Committees, shall be deemed to be privileged and private. The Council shall have the power to censure or suspend from service on the Council any member proved to be guilty of a breach of this Rule.
- xix) **Meeting Times.**  
All Council Meetings will terminate at 21.00 hours.
- xx) **Dress.**  
All members carrying out duties for the Association including attendance at meetings should be suitably dressed to include the wearing of the Association tie.

## **59. REFEREES:**

- i) **CONTROL OF REFEREES, ETC.**  
The authority over and control of referees and refereeing shall be vested in The Association. The Committee of this Association shall have power to delegate such duties as may be thought fit to a Sub-Committee, to be called the "Referees' Committee".
- ii) **EXAMINATION**  
The "Referees' Committee" shall hold examinations, when and where necessary, for the purpose of ascertaining competency of candidates, and such candidates must first pass a theoretical examination and after the Committee

or a deputation of such has seen the candidate officiate, he shall be classed in the appropriate Level.

ii) **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP BY INVITATION**

All invitations for membership shall be made and subscription paid to the Referees Officer, from whom forms of application may be obtained, and who shall keep a register of members and issue lists as required.

iii) **QUALIFICATION**

The application form when properly completed must be returned accompanied by the fee of £5.00. The form, together with the remittance, to be received by the Referees' Officer before the 1st July each year.

• **Category One - Referee**

International (Fifa List)

1A Welsh Premier Referees

1B Welsh Premier Talent Referees

• **Category One – Specialist Assistant Referee**

International (Fifa List)

1A National List

Both levels can Referee at Tier Two of the Pyramid in emergency, i.e. Cymru Alliance and Welsh League Division One.

• **Category Two**

Cymru Alliance & Welsh League Referees (who are also Welsh Premier League Assistant Referees)

• **Grade Three**

3A Referees' Panel of the Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier Three of the Pyramid (Welsh League Division Two, SPAR Mid Wales League Division One, Welsh National League Premier Division and Welsh Alliance League Division One) and act as Assistant Referee at Tier Two.

3B Referees' Panel of the Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier Four of the Pyramid (Welsh League Division Three, SPAR Mid Wales League Division Two, Welsh National League Division One, Welsh Alliance League Division Two) and at Area Level and act Assistant Referees at Tier 2 and 3 of the Pyramid.

• **Grade Four**

4A Third season referees (and longer) who referee at Grass Roots Level and are permitted to act as

Assistant Referees in their respective Directly Affiliated League at Tier Two.

4B\* Second season referees over the age of 16 who referee at Grass Roots Level and are permitted to act as Assistant Referees in their respective Directly Affiliated Leagues at Tier Two & Three subject to having attended a Lining Course organised by the Area Football Association.

4C\*\* First season referees over the age of 16 who referee at Grass Roots Level but are not eligible to act as Assistant Referees in the Directly Affiliated Leagues.

4D Qualified and registered referees under the age of 16 (not eligible for Adult Football).

4E Qualified and registered referees who are non-active.

\* Minimum length of time in 4B normally to be two seasons unless exceptional circumstances apply.

\*\* Minimum length of time in 4C to be one season.

### **Women Referee Categories**

- **Category One - Referee**

F International  
F-1A National List Referees  
F-1B National List Talent Referees

- **Category One – Specialist Assistant Referee**

F International  
1A National List Assistant Referee

- **Category Two - Referee**

F-2A Second year Referee who referees in the Feeder Leagues to WPWL and acts as Assistant Referee in the WPWL

F-2B First year Referee who referees in the Feeder Leagues to WPWL and acts as Assistant Referee in the WPWL (and has attended a Lining Course organised by the Area Football Association).

### **NB**

Referees for the WPWL will be taken from the Male Categories 3B and above and Female Category F1B and above, whilst the WP Development League

will also be from 3B and above. Assistant Referees can be taken from Categories 4c to 4A.

iv) **REFEREES REPORT DIRECT**

Referees are hereby instructed that all reports of misconduct must be sent direct to this Association within three days. This body alone shall deal with reports of Gwent matches.

v) **LIST OF REFEREES**

The Secretary shall produce a list of Qualified Referees to be made available to Leagues each season. Clubs will be informed of any amendment by their respective League Secretary.

vi) **APPLICATIONS BY CLUBS, ETC.**

Requests for Referees must be made to the Secretary of The Association 14 days prior to the date when they are required; otherwise the request cannot be entertained.

**NOTE:** This shall apply to any friendly match between affiliated Clubs. Clubs shall make every endeavour to see that only registered referees officiate on their grounds.

vii) **MISCONDUCT**

Any Referee found guilty of misconduct shall be liable to have his name removed from the register, or be dealt with as the Committee may determine.

viii) **MEETINGS**

The Secretary may call a Meeting of the 'Referees' Committee' of this Association at any time. Such Meeting to have power to suggest any alteration concerning Referees.

ix) **RULE 37 G.C.F.A. & Law 12**

The attention of Referees is called to the instruction in this Rule 37 of The Association and to Law 12 of the 'Laws of the Game'.

x) **REFEREES APPOINTMENTS**

Referees appointed by any Affiliated Association or Competition shall, in writing, within three days of notification decline the appointment. A Referee shall be deemed to have accepted the appointment if he fails to reply within three days. A Referee cancelling an appointment for the purpose of officiating at another match will be dealt with by the "Referees' Committee" of The Association.

Allocation of Referees to any Affiliated Associations, Leagues or Competitions will be made by the Referees' Officer and such appointment shall be classed as Gwent County Football Association Ltd. appointments.



xi) **DISCIPLINARY COMMISSIONS, F.A.W. INSTRUCTION**

When a player requests a personal hearing the Referee must be present at such hearing. This is an extension of his duties when accepting the match appointment.

xii) **ABUSE OF MATCH OFFICIALS**

This Association does not condone any abuse whatsoever of match officials. All reported incidents will be dealt with and where proven a minimum fine of £50.00 will be imposed.

xiii) **ATTENDANCE AT DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

Referees attending a Disciplinary Meeting of this Association shall be paid the sum of Half-Fee, plus 35p per mile travelling expenses. When a Referee is requested to attend a Disciplinary Meeting and fails to do so without reasonable prior notice, will be asked for an explanation of his failure to attend. This will be dealt with by the Referees Committee of the Association and any decision made may be taken into account when promotion is to be considered.

xiv) **REPORTS OF MISCONDUCT BY PLAYERS**

Referees are hereby instructed that:

- a) All reports must be sent direct to this Association, which body alone shall deal with such reports. Reports are **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL** and copies must not be sent to any other person, including League Secretaries.
- b) When neutral Assistant Referees are appointed, they must also send reports to this Association.

xv) **REFEREES UNIFORM**

It is an F.A.W. instruction that all referees must wear a black uniform trimmed with white.

xvi) **REFEREES' FEES AND EXPENSES**

Gwent County League	£25.00
District Leagues	£18.00
Junior Leagues	£15.00
Youth Leagues	£25.00

Assistant referees, where appointed, to receive fifty per cent of the referee's rate.

In addition, officials will be paid second-class train, bus fare or 35p per mile car travelling allowance. Fees and expenses will be paid by home Club in

rounds, except the Finals, when they will be paid by the Association (in the Senior Cup the Association will also meet the fees and expenses of semi-final games).

xvii) **ZERO TOLERANCE:**

Referees are advised to show ZERO TOLERANCE to all incidents of violent conduct and offensive and/or abusive language or gestures.

xviii) **DBS:**

Referees officiating in Youth & Junior games must have completed a DBS check with the Football Association of Wales.

**60. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE TO BE CARRIED OUT AFTER A PLAYER HAS BEEN SENT FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY:**

The procedure is as laid down by the Football Association of Wales. A copy of the procedure can be obtained from the Gwent County Football Association.

**61. ASSAULTS ON MATCH OFFICIALS:**

The procedure is as laid down by the Football Association of Wales. A copy of the procedure can be obtained from the Gwent County Football Association Ltd.

**62. LAWS FOR SMALL SIDED MATCHES OR COMPETITIONS:**

The Association must sanction all small-sided competitions. (See Constitution No.25)

These laws apply to five, six, seven or eight -a-side football, as played outdoors on grass, hard surface or artificial grass pitches.

The laws of association football will obtain at all times, with the following exceptions:

- i) For five or six-a-side matches the playing pitch should have the following dimensions:

Length	50-70 yards
Width	40-50 yards
Height of Goals	8ft
Width of Goals	8 yards
Goal Semi-Circle	12 yards
Penalty Distance	12 yards

- ii) For seven or eight-a-side matches the playing pitch should have the following dimension

Length	60-80 yards
Width	50-60 yards
Height of Goals	8ft

Width of Goals	8 yards
Goal Semi-Circle	12 yards
Penalty Distance	12 yards

- iii) Each goal should have a restraining semi-circle of 12 yards radius (adults), or 10 yards radius (under 13 years), from the centre of the goal. This semi-circle takes the place of a penalty area and normal rules of football as per the penalty area apply..... e.g. goalkeeper not allowed to handle outside semi-circle and defender who handles inside the semi-circle gives away a penalty to be taken from a mark on the semi-circle in line with the centre of the goal line.
- iv) A one-yard arc must be marked at each corner flag, within which the ball must be placed when a corner kick is taken.
- v) There will be no offside.
- vi) The normal six second rule for goalkeepers applies.
- vii) A special rule applies in as much as once the goalkeeper has passed or thrown the ball to a team mate the ball may not be passed back to the goalkeeper by the receiving player before it has been touched by another player on the field of play. If he does, a direct free kick will be given to the opposing team from the place that the ball was played by the outfield player. If this place is in the semi-circle, a penalty kick shall be awarded.
- viii) When a penalty kick is taken, all players should be outside the semi-circle, behind the ball and at least five yards from the ball.
- ix) A size five football should be used.
- x) Once the ball has been in his hands, the goalkeeper is only allowed to throw it when releasing it back into play. If he does not use his hands or arms he may act as a normal player inside or outside his semi-circle.
- xi) Each team is allowed to use two substitutes.
- xii) At free kicks, players of the offending team must retreat to a distance at least five yards from the ball.
- xiii) Matches should last for a minimum of 15 minutes each way and a maximum of 30 minutes each way.
- xiv) Normal throw-ins will be taken.

In certain League Competitions, in the event of teams finishing equal on points, goal difference should count, followed by highest goals for. If still equal, the winner should be decided by corners gained, then by the taking of five penalties by different players. If still equal the position should be decided by one team scoring and one team missing after having taken the same number of penalty attempts (i.e. sudden death).

**63. KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK PROCEDURE FOR GAMES UNDER GWENT COUNTY F.A. RULES:**

- i. The Referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks shall be taken.
- ii. He shall toss a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss shall take the first kick.
- iii. Subject to the terms of the following paragraphs (v) and (vi) both teams shall take five kicks.
- iv. The kicks shall be taken alternatively.
- v. If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one team has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it was to complete all its five kicks, the taking of kicks will cease.
- vi. If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both teams have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, in the same order, until such time as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one team has scored one more goal than the other.
- vii. The team which scores the greater number of goals, whether the number of kicks taken is in accordance with the term of the foregoing paragraphs shall qualify for the next round of the competition, or shall be declared winner of the competition, as the case may be.
- viii. With the exception referred to in the following paragraph (ix) only the players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which shall mean at the end of extra time in so far as a match in which extra time is authorised is concerned, and any who, having left the field temporarily, with or without the referees' permission, are not on the field of play at that time, shall take part in the taking of kicks.
- ix. Provided that the team has not made use of the maximum number of substitutes permitted by the rules of the competition under which the match was played, a goalkeeper who sustains an injury during the taking of kicks, and who, because of the injury is unable to continue as a goalkeeper, may be replaced by a substitute.
- x. Each kick shall be taken by a different player and not until all eligible players of any team, including the goalkeeper or the named substitute by whom he was replaced in terms of paragraph 5 as the case may be, have each taken a kick, may a player of the same team take a second kick.
- xi. Subject to the terms of paragraph (viii & ix) any player who is eligible, may change places with his goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the kicks.
- xii. Other than the player taking the kick from the penalty mark, and the two goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the centre circle whilst the taking of kicks is in progress.
- xiii. The goalkeeper, who is a colleague of the kicker, shall take up position within the field of play, outside the penalty area at which the kicks are being taken,

behind the line which runs parallel with the goal line, at least ten yards from the penalty mark.

- xiv. Unless stated to the contrary in the foregoing paragraphs, the laws of the game, and the International Board Decisions relating thereto, shall, in so far as they can, apply at the taking of the kicks.

N. B. In the event of the light failing before the end of the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, the result shall be decided by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots.

#### **64. SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION:**

The first loyalty of a child is his school.

- a) A boy/girl required by their School Association for any purpose refusing to participate shall not be allowed to play in any League or sanctioned competition under the jurisdiction of the Gwent County Football Association Ltd.
- b) All Leagues and subsidiary competitions under the jurisdiction of the Gwent County Football Association Ltd. agree to the Schools Association creating squads of 18 players in each age groups covered by the National Schools Competition up to the age of 16 years.

The players in these various age groups squads may be changed at any time during the season, but must be registered by any of the Leagues or subsidiary competitions under the jurisdiction of the Gwent County Football Association Ltd. unless the particular School Association has such a team in the League.

It was agreed that the Schools Association should enter their various age group squads as teams into the appropriate League catering for such age groups.

Whilst the boy/girl remains on the roll of a recognised school, priority must at all times be given to school or school organisations' activities, in accordance with the recommendations of the Memorandum of Schoolboys/Schoolgirls and School Games.

All Leagues and Clubs shall include a rule that outlines the need to clear the availability of a boy/girl with their head teacher.

A player who is over nine years and under 14 years on the 31st August in any playing season should not play in a team involving players who are more than two years older than him/herself.

Football for players in this age grouping should be arranged within the following age bands.

- a) Over eleven years      under thirteen years
- b) Over twelve years      under fourteen years

A player who is over five years and under nine years on the 31st August in any playing season should not play in a team involving players who are more than two years older than him/herself.

Mini-Football for players in this age grouping should be arranged within the following age bands-

- a) Over five years under seven years
- b) Over six years under eight years
- c) Over seven years under nine years
- d) Over nine years under eleven years

Games for young players who are under eleven years and more than six years on the 31st August in any playing season shall be sanctioned by this Association or its affiliated Area Football Association, subject to the written consent of the players' parents and to be non-competitive and being played under the Rules of Small Sided Football.

**65. MEMORANDUM CONCERNING SCHOOLBOYS/SCHOOLGIRLS AND SCHOOL GAMES:**

One of the important aspects of games in school is the opportunity they afford of developing a players sense of loyalty and honour. It is, therefore, of concern when interest in games outside the school conflict with players loyalty to their school and/or school's organisation activities.

- a) It is usually the player of outstanding football ability whose services are sought by any club, and the player is most likely to be a member of the school or Association team. While schools' matches are often arranged on Saturday mornings and club matches take place in the afternoon, it is considered that a player should not play in two matches on the same day, for the one match is likely to affect their play in the other.
- b) An outside club or organisation should consult the head teacher before selecting any schoolboy/schoolgirls to play for a team, and should accept the head teacher's decision on these matters. Head teachers of schools should not restrain boys/girls, who are not selected for school games of any kind, from playing for an outside organisation during their free time.

**66. PLEASE READ THESE HINTS TO CLUB SECRETARIES:**

- Make yourself conversant with the Rules of the Association.
- Reply to all communications the same day as received. It has to be done only once. The name of your club and your address should be given on all communications. Clubs are advised to obtain printed note paper and state under their name that they are (Affiliated to The Gwent County Football Association Ltd.).
- Remember, the name of the Club Secretary on the affiliation form is the person responsible for all correspondence relating to the Club.

- All correspondence **must** be answered in ten Days.
- Attend all Meetings to which you are summoned, or arrange for your Club to be represented.
- If ever in doubt, please contact the Association Secretary or your League Secretary, who can advise on most matters.
- No telephone calls will be accepted by the Officers of the Association after 9.00pm, unless by prior arrangement.
- In suitable cases, the penalty imposed on players proved guilty of misconduct may be suspension, fine or both.
- Ladies' football matches may be played under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- Permission must be sought and granted for friendly games, tours playing or non-playing and small-sided competitions.
- Bring to the notice of your Committee any conduct on the part of members of your Club, which is likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- Use all means in your power to stop players using bad language, or addressing observations to or at Referees.
- A Club is responsible for the conduct of spectators at its own ground.
- A Club's duty to protect the Officials does not cease on the latter leaving the ground.
- Do all you can for the good of the game.
- The suspension of a player or Official means that he is ineligible to take part in football or football management of any kind.
- The suspension of a ground prohibits a Club from playing within a radius of six miles of its ground.
- When arranging fixtures with Clubs, care should be taken to ascertain that they are duly affiliated. Matches with unaffiliated Clubs are forbidden.
- Study the rules of the Competitions in which your Club participates and see that they complied with, as all Clubs are held responsible for their proper observance.
- Be sure all your players are duly qualified. Failure to comply with the rules in this respect may mean losing a Championship.
- The captain of a team should be instructed that it is his duty to see that a player, when requested, gives his name promptly to the Referee for whatever

purpose he may require it, and that in no case is he permitted to withdraw his team from the field of play without the permission of the Referee.

- Registered official Referees only are permitted to officiate on your ground.
- Please use correct postage on your communications to save payments of postal surcharges. For a prompt reply insert a S.A.E.
- Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to **The Gwent County Football Association Ltd.**
- Early payment of affiliation and cup fees would greatly facilitate the work of the Association. The Treasurer would appreciate payments made early during the close season. Payment has to be made only once.
- All Clubs in a charity competition must be affiliated to a recognised Football Association.
- All charity and five or six-a-side competitions must be registered.
- Without permission of the Referee, no person is allowed on the field of play during a match other than the Linesman and Players. Club Officials, including trainers, who do not observe this regulation, are liable to be dealt with by the Council. The practice of kicking-off by persons other than the players competing in a match is prohibited except in charity matches.
- Any misconduct towards the Referee away from the field of play is dealt with as if the offence had been committed on the field.
- Each Club is responsible to the Council for the actions of its players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players, during, or at the conclusion of matches.
- The football used in any match is considered the property of the Association or Club on whose ground the match is played, and at the close of play it must be retained to the Referee.
- A private and enclosed ground is one at which gate money can be taken and does not refer to the playing pitch.

## **67. INSURANCE**

Public Liability Insurance is provided for all League and Clubs. Any claims against a League or Club must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association immediately. Correspondence should not be answered by Leagues or Clubs. Cover is not provided for claims made by a player against another player. All clubs are advised to insure players for Personal Accident.



## **68. CODE OF ETHICS**

- a) Show respect by word and action for opponents, referees, team-mates, officials and fans.
- b) Oppose cheating, intimidation, feigning fouls or injury and doping.
- c) Defend the game against racism, violence, corruption, exploitation, etc.
- d) Play by the rules, the laws, the regulations, the fair play guidelines, etc.
- e) Accept defeat with dignity.
- f) Always give your best performance and behaviour.
- g) Share knowledge for the protection and the development of the game.
- h) Accept responsibility for your actions.
- i) Be aware of the consequences of emotive language and negative behaviour.
- j) Promote football which is passionate, skilful, safe and honest.

**No telephone calls will be accepted by the  
Officers of The Association after 9.00pm unless by prior arrangement**

## PAST OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### President:

1911-1920 Mr A.G. E.Fudge  
1920-1933 Mr A.E. Moss  
1933-1946 Mr F.E. Powell  
1946-1968 Mr C.M. Rabbitt  
1968-1982 Mr R.T. Fyfe  
1982-1985 Mr A.J. Hapgood  
1985-1988 Mr J.W.T. Smith  
1988-1991 Mr D.J. Herbert  
1991-1994 Mr C.W. Kingston

1994-1997 Mr C.C. Watkins  
1997-2000 Mr A.R. Jenkins  
2000-2001 Mr B.G. Turner  
2001-2004 Mr G. Jones  
2004-2007 Mr P.W. Aston  
2007-2008 Mr G.E.A. Reynolds  
2008-2011 Mr T.V. Harris  
2011-2014 Mr S.J. Brooks

### Chairman:

1911-1912 Mr A. Rogers  
1912-1914 Mr T. Oakley  
1914-1916 Mr J. Evans  
1917-1920 Mr A.H. Hynam  
1920-1922 Mr H. Swinney  
1922-1924 Mr R.C. Berry  
1924-1926 Mr F.E. Powell  
1926-1928 Mr Jas. Thomas  
1928-1930 Mr Chas.M. Rabbitt  
1930-1931 Mr W. Williams  
1931-1933 Mr J.G. Cale  
1933-1935 Mr E.C. Gosney  
1935-1937 Mr E.H. Garland  
1937-1939 Mr A.T. Weaver  
1939-1946 Mr G. H. Baker  
1946-1948 Mr B. Savage  
1948-1950 Mr D. Warren  
1950-1952 Mr C. Tovey  
1952-1954 Mr B. Williams  
1954-1956 Mr A.S. Baker  
1956-1958 Mr R.T. Fyfe  
1958-1960 Mr A.J. Hapgood  
1960-1961 Mr G.C. Davies  
1962-1964 Mr B.A. Smith  
1964-1966 Mr S.J. Plaisted

1966-1968 Mr D.J. Herbert  
1968-1970 Mr T.H. Whitfield  
1970-1972 Mr T.H. White  
1972-1974 Mr H. Williams  
1974-1976 Mr C.W. Kingston  
1976-1978 Mr J. Jenkins  
1978-1980 Mr J.W.T. Smith  
1980-1982 Mr K.H. Phelps  
1982-1984 Mr C. Sutton  
1984-1986 Mr G. Jones  
1986-1988 Mr F. Williams  
1988-1990 Mr P.W. Aston  
1990-1992 Mr S.J. Brooks  
1992-1994 Mr G.E.A. Reynolds  
1994-1995 Mr W. Macdonald  
1995-1997 Mr L. Blakemore  
1997-1999 Mr B.G. Turner  
1999-2001 Mr H. Wills  
2001-2003 Mr A.R. Jenkins  
2003-2005 Mr D. Felkin  
2005-2007 Mr D. Piper  
2007-2009 Mr T. Challenger  
2009-2011 Mr K.R. Jones  
2011-2013 Mr B. Reynolds  
2013-2015 Mr R. Willis

### Hon. Secretary:

1911-1913 Mr A.J. Morris  
1913-1914 Mr T. Ablart  
1914-1919 Mr W.H. Tripp  
1919-1943 Mr P.T. Sockett  
1943-1946 Mr R.T. Fyfe  
1946-1948 Mr A.H. Thomas

1948-1952 Mr F. Eglinton  
1952-1967 Mr Cecil Tovey  
1967-1973 Mr J.W.T. Smith  
1973-1988 Mr B.G. Turner  
1988-2009 Mr T.V. Harris

### Hon. Assistant Secretary:

1979-1988 Mr T.V. Harris  
1988-1995 Mr G.C. James

1995-2009 Mr A. Watkins

**Hon. Treasurer:**

1911-1915 Mr A.J. Morris  
1915-1919 Mr W.H. Tripp  
1919-1937 Mr J.T. Davies  
1937-1954 Mr James Thomas  
1954-1968 Mr John Smith

1968-1969 Mr Gwyn Forest  
1969-1970 Mr G.C. Davies  
1970-1979 Mr L.A. Jones  
1979-1988 Mr B.G. Turner

## **CUP CONFERENCE DATES 2016-2017**

### **Amateur Cup**

Round One	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Round Two	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Round Three	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Round Four	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Quarter Final	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Semi Final	March/April 2017
Final	May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Senior Cup**

Round One	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016
Round Two	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
Semi Final	January/February/March/April 2017
Final	May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Junior Cup**

Round One	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
Round Two	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Round Three	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2016
Round Four	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Semi Finals	TBA
Final	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

These dates may be altered by the Football & Competitions Secretary. League Secretaries will be consulted.

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
SENIOR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

1919-1920	Abertillery Town	1970-1971	Cwmbran R.C.
1920-1921	Newport County	1971-1972	Newport County
1921-1922	Newport County	1972-1973	Newport County
1922-1923	Newport County	1973-1974	Newport County
1923-1924	Newport County	1974-1975	Newport Y.M.C.A.
1924-1925	Ebbw Vale	1975-1976	Newport Y.M.C.A.
1925-1926	Newport County	1976-1977	Pontnewydd Seniors
1926-1927	Ebbw Vale	1977-1978	Newport Y.M.C.A.
1927-1928	Newport County	1978-1979	Aberbargoed Buds
1928-1929	Ebbw Vale	1979-1980	Caldicot Town
1929-1930	Lovell's Athletic	1980-1981	Albion Rovers
1930-1931	Lovell's Athletic	1981-1982	Girlings (Cwmbran)
1931-1932	Newport County	1982-1983	Llanfrechfa Grange
1932-1933	Ebbw Vale	1983-1984	Fields Park Athletic
1933-1934	Pontnewydd	1984-1985	Risca United
1934-1935	Oakdale	1985-1986	Croesyceiliog
1935-1936	Newport County	1986-1987	Croesyceiliog
1936-1937	Lovell's Athletic	1987-1988	Aberbargoed Buds
1937-1938	Lovell's Athletic	1988-1989	Albion Rovers
1938-1939	Lovell's Athletic	1989-1990	Pill A.F.C.
1939-1940	Monmouth Town	1990-1991	Pill A.F.C.
1944-1945	Cwm Welfare	1991-1992	Abergavenny Thursdays
1945-1946	Ebbw Vale	1992-1993	Caldicot Town
1946-1947	Lovell's Athletic	1993-1994	Caerleon
1947-1948	Albion Rovers	1994-1995	Cwmbran Town
1948-1949	Lovell's Athletic	1995-1996	Cwmbran Town
1949-1950	Lovell's Athletic	1996-1997	Newport AFC
1950-1951	Ebbw Vale	1997-1998	Newport AFC
1951-1952	Lovell's Athletic	1998-1999	Newport AFC
1952-1953	Abergavenny Thursdays	1999-2000	Newport County
1953-1954	Newport County	2000-2001	Newport County
1954-1955	Lovell's Athletic	2001-2002	Newport County
1955-1956	Abergavenny Thursdays	2002-2003	Croesyceiliog
1956-1957	Abergavenny Thursdays	2003-2004	Newport County
1957-1958	Newport County	2004-2005	Newport County
1958-1959	Newport County	2005-2006	Cwmbran Town
1959-1960	Pontllanfraith	2006-2007	Croesyceiliog
1960-1961	Abergavenny Thursdays	2007-2008	Caldicot Town
1961-1962	Pontllanfraith	2008-2009	Newport Civil Service
1962-1963		2009-2010	Competition Suspended - weather
1963-1964	Abergavenny Thursdays	2010-2011	Newport County
1964-1965	Newport County	2011-2012	Newport County
1965-1966	S.W. Switchgear	2012-2013	Caldicot Town
1966-1967	S.W. Switchgear	2013-2014	Goytre
1967-1968	Newport County	2014-2015	Monmouth Town
1968-1969	Newport County	2015-2016	Cwmffrwdroer Sports
1969-1970	Newport County		

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
AMATEUR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

1925-1926 Lovell's Athletic	1973-1974 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1926-1927 New Tredegar	1974-1975 Newport Y.M.C.A.
1927-1928 Excelsiors	1975-1976 Croesyceiliog
1928-1929 Lovell's Athletic	1976-1977
1929-1930 1st Brigade R.H.A.	1977-1978 Aberbargoed Buds
1930-1931 Cwm Betterment	1978-1979 Fields Park Athletic
1931-1932 Lliswerry	1979-1980 Aberbargoed Buds
1932-1933 Cwm Betterment	1980-1981 Girlings (Cwmbran)
1933-1934 Brookside Athletic	1981-1982 Newbridge Town
1934-1935 Cwm Welfare	1982-1983 Tredegar Town
1935-1936 Ynysddu Crusaders	1983-1984 Monmouth Town
1936-1937 Ebbw Junction	1984-1985 Caldicot Town
1937-1938 Clydach United	1985-1986 Risca Utd.
1938-1939 Cefn Forest	1986-1987 Albion Rovers
1944-1945 Cwm Welfare	1987-1988 Albion Rovers
1945-1946 Lysaght's	1988-1989 Newport Corinthians
1946-1947 Albion Rovers	1989-1990 Albion Rovers
1947-1948 Ynysddu Welfare	1990-1991 Albion Rovers
1948-1949 Newbridge Welfare	1991-1992 Pill A.F.C.
1949-1950 St. Julian's	1992-1993 Pill A.F.C.
1950-1951 St. Julian's	1993-1994 Spencer Youth and Boys
1951-1952 St. Julian's	1994-1995 Newport Civil Service
1952-1953 Fleur-de-Lys Welfare	1995-1996 Monmouth Town
1953-1954 Fleur-de-Lys Welfare	1996-1997 Spencer Youth & Boys
1954-1955 Caerleon	1997-1998 Cwmtillery
1955-1956 St. Julian's	1998-1999 Newport Corinthians
1956-1957 St. Julian's	1999-2000 Cwmtillery
1957-1958 Monmouth Town	2000-2001 Abertillery Town
1958-1959 Monmouth Town	2001-2002 Llanhilleth Athletic
1959-1960 Albion Rovers	2002-2003 Christchurch/Hamdden
1960-1961 Docks Utd	2003-2004 Croesyceiliog
1961-1962 Abergavenny Thursdays	2004-2005 Underwood
1962-1963 Girlings	2005-2006 Abertillery Bluebirds
1963-1964 Caerleon	2006-2007 Abertillery Bluebirds
1964-1965 Bedwas Colliery	2007-2008 Govilon
1965-1966 Caerleon	2008-2009 Abertillery Bluebirds
1966-1967 Corinthians	2009-2010 Coed Eva Athletic
1967-1968 Christchurch	2010-2011 Newport Corinthians
1968-1969 Pontnewydd	2011-2012 Lliswerry
1969-1970 Fields Park Athletic	2012-2013 Lliswerry
1970-1971 Christchurch	2013-2014 Pill AFC
1971-1972 Pontllanfraith	2014-2015 Albion Rovers
1972-1973 Cwmbran Celtic	2015-2016 Spencer Youth & Boys

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
CHALLENGE TROPHY PREVIOUS WINNERS**

1975-1976 Newport Y.M.C.A.  
1976-1977 Pontnewydd Seniors.

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
JUNIOR CUP BOYS PREVIOUS WINNERS**

1966-1967 Croesyceiliog Youth	1999-2000 Eveswell
1967-1968 Cwmbran Catholics	2000-2001 Llanyravon
1968-1969 Cromwell Youth	2001-2002 Cromwell Youth
1969-1970 R.T.B. Youth (E.V.)	2002-2003 Albion Rovers Youth
1970-1971 Caerleon Youth	2003-2004 Pengam Boys & Girls
1971-1972 Newport County	2004-2005 Newport Corinthians
1972-1973 Newport County	2005-2006 Cromwell Youth
1973-1974 Newport Y.M.C.A.	2006-2007 Malpas Youth
1974-1975 Pontymister Boys	2007-2008 Race Junior AFC
1975-1976 Newport Y.M.C.A.	2008-2009 Penygarn & Treveithin
1976-1977 Newport County	2009-2010 Maesglas United
1977-1978 St. Julian's Youth	2010-2011 Cwmbran Celtic
1978-1979 Gelli United	2011-2012 Fleur-De-Lys Welfare
1979-1980 Newport Y.M.C.A.	2012-2013 Maesglas United
1980-1981 Gelli United	2013-2014 Griffithstown
1981-1982 Maesglas United	2014-2015 Monmouth Town
1982-1983 Coed Eva Youth	2015-2016 Coed Duon Dragons
1998-1999 Lliswerry Stars	

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
UNDER 14 GIRLS JUNIOR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

2007-2008 Pontnewydd United  
2008-2009 Abertysswg Angels  
2010-2011 Mardy Tigers

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
UNDER 16 GIRLS JUNIOR CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

2009-2010 Mardy Tigers  
2010-2011 Mardy Tigers

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

1994-1995 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.  
1995-1996 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.  
1996-1997 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport and District A.F.L.  
1997-1998 Owens Corning Gwent Central A.F.L. / TSA North Gwent League / Shared  
1998-1999 Monmouthshire Building Society Newport & District AFL  
1999-2000 Owens Corning Gwent Central AFL  
2000-2001  
2001-2002 East Gwent League AFL  
2002-2003 East Gwent League AFL

2003-2004 TSA North Gwent AFL  
2004-2005 Tredegar AFC (TSA North Gwent)  
2005-2006 Pandy (Knauf Insulation Gwent Central League)  
2013-2014 MBS Newport & District AFL  
2014-2015 Ryan Transport North Gwent AFL  
2015-2016 Ryan Transport North Gwent AFL

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
SUNDAY INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

2014-2015 North Gwent Sunday AFL

**GWENT COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
JUNIOR INTER-LEAGUE CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS**

**Under 12**

2000-2001 Torfaen Junior League  
2001-2002 Torfaen Junior League  
2002-2003 East Gwent Junior League  
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League  
2004-2005 Torfaen Junior League

**Under 14**

2000-2001 Islwyn Junior League /  
Torfaen Junior League  
2001-2002 Islwyn Junior League  
2002-2003 Newport District League  
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League  
2004-2005 Islwyn Junior League

**Under 15**

2012-2013 Islwyn Junior League

**Under 16**

2000-2001 Torfaen Junior League  
2001-2002 East Gwent Junior League  
2002-2003 East Gwent Junior League  
2003-2004 Torfaen Junior League  
2004-2005 Islwyn Junior League  
2012-2013 Torfaen Junior League  
2014-2015 East Gwent Junior League  
2015-2016 Torfaen Junior League



# REFEREES WANTED



Throughout the Country local football depends on the service of keen, dedicated people who make a vast contribution to the national game as referees, enabling players to more easily enjoy their matches.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Every year more clubs registered with the Gwent County Football Association. There are more and more matches to which referees must be appointed.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you have played the game at any level you will know how important it is to have a qualified referee present.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you are physically fit, with good eyesight and are at least fourteen years of age and willing to attend a local course of instruction, in preparation for a straight forward examination.

## **WILL YOU HELP?**

If are interested in accepting the challenge of refereeing local football matches:

## **PLEASE CONTACT:**

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"Denbigh"  
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## Notes /Amendments



The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes recording all sales, purchases, and expenses in a timely and accurate manner.

The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to record transactions. It covers the double-entry system, which is the foundation of modern accounting. This system ensures that every transaction is recorded in two accounts, one as a debit and one as a credit, maintaining the balance of the accounting equation.

The third part of the document discusses the importance of using standardized accounting principles. These principles, such as the accrual basis of accounting, ensure that financial statements are prepared consistently and can be compared across different periods and companies.

The fourth part of the document discusses the various types of accounts used in accounting. It distinguishes between assets, liabilities, and equity accounts, as well as revenue and expense accounts. It also explains how these accounts are used to prepare the financial statements, including the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows.

The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of internal controls. These controls are designed to prevent and detect errors and fraud, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the financial information. Examples of internal controls include segregation of duties, authorization requirements, and regular reconciliations.

The sixth part of the document discusses the role of the accountant in the business. It highlights the accountant's responsibility to provide accurate and timely financial information to management and other stakeholders. This information is used for decision-making, performance evaluation, and compliance with legal requirements.

The seventh part of the document discusses the various software tools used in accounting. It covers the evolution from manual bookkeeping to the use of spreadsheets and finally to specialized accounting software. These tools have significantly improved the efficiency and accuracy of accounting processes.

The eighth part of the document discusses the future of accounting. It explores the impact of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain, on the profession. While these technologies offer new opportunities, they also present challenges that accountants must be prepared to address.

In conclusion, accounting is a vital part of any business. It provides the financial information needed to understand the company's performance and make informed decisions. By following the principles and practices outlined in this document, accountants can ensure the accuracy and reliability of the financial statements.