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THE CHERRY RED MIDDLESEX COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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**Meeting of the League Management Committee
Held at Brook House FC, Farm Park, Kingshill Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex
On Monday 5th March 2007, commencing at 7.30 pm**

Present: F James (Chairman), S Hosmer (General Secretary), D Swan (Assistant General Secretary), J Hosmer (Treasurer), H Wooster (Competitions Secretary), R Langley (Fixtures Secretary), P Kingham (Assistant Referees Secretary), K Aldridge (Referees Liaison Officer), E Mee (Discipline Secretary), T Denham (Assistant Discipline Secretary), N Hickes (Minutes Secretary), S Aldridge (Trophies & Awards Secretary), A Tring and D John (Committee Members).

1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1. Apologies for absence were sent by J Bauer (Referees Secretary), K Offord (Fines Secretary), W McMahon (Registrations Secretary), V Gilbert (Results Secretary), P Clayton (Committee Member), D Ramsey and E Forde (Joint League Team Managers).

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (5th February 2007)

- 2.1. The minutes of the League Management Committee Meeting held on 5th February 2007 were accepted as a correct record, and duly signed by the Chairman, noting several amendments to be applied before the minutes are published.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting (5th February 2007)

- 3.1. Minute 3.2.1 – The General Secretary recalled Mr Ramsey's plans for a friendly match against Colney Heath FC reserves as preparation for the FA National League Systems Cup tie. He noted that no squad list was provided to him as had been promised, and that no friendly match took place.
 - 3.1.1. The General Secretary reported that he engaged the services of Mr Evan Forde, manager of Neasden FC, to work as joint League Team Manager with Mr Ramsey. Messrs Forde and Ramsey have spoken, have agreed shared and individual responsibilities, and are now working together to managed the League's Representative Team.
 - 3.1.2. The General Secretary reported that since Mr Forde's appointment, he has arranged three friendly matches. The League's representative team will play Maidenhead FC reserves on 19 March 2007 and Chalfont FC reserves on 21 March 2007. Both friendlies will take place at Hillingdon Borough FC. The League team will also play a third friendly match at Kingsbury London Tigers FC, against opponents to be confirmed, during week commencing 12 March 2007. Mr Forde has also arranged training sessions for the squad.
 - 3.1.3. Minute 3.2.3 – The General Secretary has arranged transport to the FA National League Systems Cup tie in Harwich on 24 March 2007, although the meeting and coach pick-up points and times must be confirmed with the Joint League Team Managers. He reported that he has an insufficient stock of League ties to give to all players selected for the match. The

Chairman undertook to arrange for the General Secretary to be supplied with additional League ties.

- 3.1.4. Minute 3.2.4 – The General Secretary reaffirmed that he will, as necessary, consider applications for postponement of league fixtures on 24 March 2007 from those clubs providing players to the League representative side.
- 3.2. Minute 4.1.1 – The Chairman recalled his instruction to Committee Members to submit nominations for clubs to be released at the end of the 2006/07 season, The nominations were required in advance of the March 2007 Management Committee Meeting. He expressed his disappointment that he had received no nominations.
 - 3.2.1. It was reaffirmed that typical criteria for nomination would be poor administration, on-pitch indiscipline, non-fulfilment of fixtures or financial issues. The Committee discussed possible nominations at length, but without reaching any conclusions. The Chairman again expressed his disappointment, but noted that another matter he intended to raise under his report might offer an alternative option for those clubs more suited to junior football.
- 3.3. Minute 5.4 – The General Secretary recalled the resignation tendered by Stratford Inner City FC which the club then withdrew, following a change of Club Secretary. He reported that Stratford Inner City FC completed one fixture on 10 February 2007 before again tendering their resignation, which has been accepted. It was agreed that any application from Stratford Inner City FC to rejoin the League for the 2007/08 season will be refused.
- 3.4. Minute 7.1 – The General Secretary reported that he represented the League at a Middlesex County FA Commission of Enquiry on 16 February 2007.
 - 3.4.1. The enquiry related to the eligibility of a player of Harrow Club FC in a match played on 4 November 2006. The player named on the team sheet was not the person who actually played. The individual who played under a false name was sent off during the match.
 - 3.4.2. The General Secretary noted that the player who was falsely named on the team sheet and the player who actually played were both registered to the League and Harrow Club FC at the time. He added that the opposing club (Brunswick FC) signed the team sheet stating they had checked Harrow Club FC's ID cards before the match.
 - 3.4.3. The General Secretary confirmed that the League's Disciplinary Department has dealt with the breach of League rules, and added that the League has withdrawn the registrations of both Harrow Club FC players, and the Middlesex County FA is making further enquires into this matter
- 3.5. Minute 12.3.3 – The Minutes Secretary recalled the Committee's decision that fees for match officials should be increased to £30 for referees and £20 for assistant referees, with effect for the 2007/08 season, and requested clarification of match fees for double-headers. It was agreed that for double-headers, the fees for match officials should be increased to £20 per match for referees and £15 per match for assistant referees.

4. Chairman's Report

- 4.1. The Chairman recalled the meeting held with Premier Division and Division One clubs on 5 February 2007, to discuss their obligations to meet the criteria for intermediate status, and the penalties of not complying with the status requirements.
 - 4.1.1. The Chairman reported that he had received no feedback from Premier Division Clubs. He noted that the high volume of complaints he had received about Premier Division clubs not providing programmes and/or refreshments or using a roped-off pitch had now dwindled, and concluded that clubs were making more effort to comply with the status requirements.
 - 4.1.2. The Committee discussed the situation at length, and agreed that referees, League Officers and visiting clubs should continue to be required to report any home clubs in the Premier

Division that are found to not be meeting the criteria for intermediate status on any given match day.

- 4.1.3. It was also agreed by the Committee that for the 2007/08 season, the referee match report forms should include a section for the match officials to positively indicate whether Premier Division matches were played on a roped off pitch, and whether programmes and refreshments were provided.
- 4.1.4. The Chairman stated his intention to reiterate to Division One clubs at the April 2007 Council Meeting that they must demonstrate their ability and commitment to meet the intermediate status criteria, if they wish to be considered for promotion to the Premier Division for the 2007.08 season.
- 4.1.5. The Chairman reported that Signcraft FC is providing programmes, refreshments and using a roped-off pitch, in preparation for possible future application for intermediate club status.
- 4.1.6. The General Secretary reported that Bridge Rovers FC is considering entering into a joint ground rental arrangement for use of the football pitch at the New River Sports Centre in Tottenham. The pitch is situated in a stadium complete with covered and open areas for spectators. He added that Park View FC, a club which has applied to join the Middlesex County Football League for 2007/08, is the other party involved in the possible joint-rental arrangement.
- 4.2. The Chairman reminded the Committee that he would be unable to attend the League's 2007 Annual General Meeting due to a personal commitment, and tendered his apologies for absence. The Chairman indicated his wish to stand again for office.
- 4.2.1. The Vice Chairman stated that he would also be unable to attend the League's 2007 Annual General Meeting. The General Secretary noted that several of the League's Life Vice Presidents would be in attendance and able to act as Chairman for the AGM.
- 4.3. The Chairman stated that he had would raise other matters under Any Other Business.

5. General Secretary's Report

- 5.1. The General Secretary reported that North Kensington FC have submitted an application to join the League for the 2007/08 season. He added that he has received enquires from several other clubs requesting application information, all of which has been dealt with.
- 5.2. The General Secretary reported the inclement weather has caused the postponement of a considerable numbers of matches at Council-run-sports grounds. He expressed his concern at the poor communication from Councils to clubs.
- 5.3. The General Secretary reported that Ealing Council claim to have no knowledge of Harrow Club FC's bi-weekly pitch booking at Ealing Central Sports Ground. He has contacted the club, asking for evidence of their booking.
- 5.4. The General Secretary reported that Sport London FC has written, enquiring whether the League has any suggestions as to a suitable ground that they could use for the 2007/08 season.
- 5.5. The General Secretary reported that Southall FC was barred from playing further matches at Viking Greenford FC following a dispute over unpaid rent. A League fixture was cancelled as a result of the club's problems, and the matter has been referred to the Disciplinary Department for further investigation. The dispute over unpaid rent has now been fully resolved, and the ground is now available again for Southall FC's use.
- 5.5.1. The General Secretary reported that the Club Secretary has resigned over the matter, and the League presently has no means of contact with Southall FC other than an unofficial dialogue the team manager. The Middlesex County FA also has no means of contacting the club until a Secretary is appointed, and any fines will rapidly accumulate.

- 5.5.2. The General Secretary has advised the team manager to impress upon the club's owners that the appointment of a Club Secretary must be resolved as a matter of great urgency. The Chairman stated that he would also reinforce this message by contacting another known associate of the club. It was agreed that once Southall FC has appointed a Club Secretary, the Club will be instructed to attend a meeting with the Management Committee, to clarify the events to date, and the League's expectations of the Club going forward.
- 5.6. The General Secretary reported that he has instructed all clubs presently in possession of a League trophy to return them by 1 March 2007. The trophies may be deposited at Northolt Sports & Trophies, or delivered to the General Secretary's home address.
- 5.7. Willesden Constantine FC has requested a written communication from the League, setting out the minimum requirements for a home ground in the Premier Division, and confirming that the club's present arrangements do not meet the criteria. This will assist the Club in negotiations with their Borough Council landlords. The General Secretary confirmed that will compose and issue the necessary correspondence.
- 5.8. The Competitions Director queried why he does not receive copies of meeting minutes until the start of the following meeting. The General Secretary explained that all other Committee Members are sent them by email in advance of the next meeting, and the printed minutes are only made available on the night for those who have not brought a set with them. He undertook to send the Competitions Director printed minutes by post in future.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1. The Treasurer reported that the League has £25,102.65 in its bank accounts.
- 6.1.1. The Treasurer noted that the sum quoted is in addition to payments received from several Clubs, which are in the process of being banked.

7. Discipline Secretary's Report

- 7.1. The General Secretary reported that following the Middlesex Federation League Cup tie Walthamstow Avenue FC v South Kilburn FC, which was played on 24 February 2007, a dispute between the clubs resulted in a series of allegations and counter allegations. Both clubs deny the allegations made against them. The matter has been referred to the Disciplinary Department for further investigation.
- 7.2. The Discipline Secretary stated that he had no other matters to report, but stated that a meeting of the Discipline Department would immediately follow the Management Committee Meeting, and that minutes of previous Discipline Department meetings will be issued in due course.

8. Fixtures Secretary's Report

- 8.1. The Fixture Secretary reported that the inclement weather is causing widespread fixture postponements, and sought endorsement from the Management Committee to schedule double-headers for clubs in Division One and below. He undertook to use his discretion in using this option where fixtures may influence the outcome of divisional championships. The Committee endorsed the Fixture Secretary's proposition. The fee for referees in double-header matches will be £20 per game.
- 8.2. The Fixture Secretary expressed his concern at the rate of progress in completion of fixtures in the Middlesex Federation Football League Cup (the League's open challenge cup competition). He undertook to monitor the situation, and alert the General Secretary and Competitions Director, should he feel that arrangements for the Final Tie are at risk.

9. Registrations Secretary's Report

- 9.1. The General Secretary reported the following registrations statistics:
- Total registrations: 2,686
 - Current registrations as at 05/03/2007: 2,575
 - Transfers and registrations awaiting completed details as at 05/03/2007: 111
- 9.2. The General Secretary noted that the League's 2006/07 transfer deadline of the end of February 2007 has now passed.

10. Results Secretary's Report

- 10.1. The General Secretary reported that several Clubs continued to leave very detailed messages, when only the following information is required:
- League Division/Cup Competition
 - Home team name
 - Home team score
 - Away team name
 - Away team score

11. Referees Secretary's report

- 11.1. The Assistant Referees Secretary reported that in February 2007, the Referees Secretary relocated to the south coast. The Assistant Referees Secretary will now undertake all match appointments, and be the primary point of contact for clubs and match officials, for matters pertaining to the appointment and conduct of the League's Panel.
- 11.2. The Assistant Referees Secretary noted that the coverage of League's panel of match officials remains significantly different from the geographical coverage of the League's clubs. He noted that this has required him to appoint match officials to some fixtures where the travelling distance was further than those officials would have preferred, and that as a result, he is resetting the expectations of the individuals concerned.
- 11.2.1. The Assistant Referees Secretary reported that he has reviewed the panel of match officials that the Referees Secretary has had available to him for the 2006/07 season. He concluded that the overall standard of match officials has some room for improvement, and that some officials may be released from the list where he feels they are not yet of the required standard.
- 11.3. The Assistant Referees Secretary stated that the appointment of officials to the League's Cup Finals is an exercise that he will undertake jointly with the Referees Secretary, as an immediate priority. The General Secretary and Competitions Director indicated that they urgently require this information.
- 11.4. The General Secretary noted that the London FA had been in contact with the League, requesting submission of club marks for London FA referees in the 2006/07 promotion scheme. The Assistant Referees Secretary confirmed that the information has been collated and despatched to all County FAs.
- 11.5. The General Secretary observed that referees could, if they prefer, scan their copies of team sheets as digital images, and email them as attachments with their match report to the Registrations Secretary. Those match officials who elect to take this option will be asked to retain the original team sheets until the end of the season in progress. The Assistant Referees Secretary agreed to communicate this information to match officials through Mitoo and email.

- 11.6. The Assistant Referees Secretary noted that while the hospitality offered to match officials by Premier Division clubs is generally of a good standard, he was aware that some match officials are leaving the ground without accepting the refreshments on offer.
- 11.6.1. The Assistant Referees Secretary undertook to write to the League's panel of match officials, reminding them that they must notify home clubs at least a day in advance of the match, if they will be unable to accept the post-match hospitality.
- 11.6.2. The General Secretary will instruct clubs to inform the Assistant Referees Secretary of any match officials who do not comply with this requirement. It was also agreed by the Committee that for the 2007/08 season, the match report forms should include a section for the home clubs to positively indicate whether their opponents or match officials made use of the post-match refreshments.

12. Competition Director's report

- 12.1. The Competitions Director reported that two of the League's clubs are still involved in Middlesex County FA Cup competitions.
- 12.2. The Competitions Director noted that finalised arrangements can only be made for three of the League's Cup Finals. The remaining Final Ties await progression of the respective competitions

13. Any Other Business

- 13.1. The Chairman reported on a brief discussion that he has had with the Hounslow & District Football League, which is losing several clubs at the end of the 2006/07 season, and is potentially running a single division for 2007/08.
- 13.1.1. The Hounslow & District Football League, which held tentative discussions with the Middlesex County Football League several years ago to examine the possibilities of amalgamation, would now like to reopen that dialogue.
- 13.1.2. The Management Committee discussed potential options as a basis for negotiation, including running the Hounslow & District Football League as a feeder league to the Middlesex County Football League, and running a junior division which allowed perpetuation of the Hounslow & District name.
- 13.1.3. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed by vote that a delegation from the Middlesex County Football League's Management Committee should meet with the Hounslow & District Football League, to explore opportunities for the continued provision of football to the clubs currently in membership of the Hounslow & District Football League.
- 13.1.4. The Middlesex County Football League's delegation will comprise The Chairman, General Secretary, Discipline Secretary, Assistant Referee's Secretary and Competitions Director. The Chairman stated that he will invite the Hounslow & District Football League to propose a date, time and venue for the discussion.
- 13.2. The Chairman noted that the principle of honorariums has not been considered by the Management Committee for several years. He noted that the League meets the expenses incurred by certain Officers in the execution of their duties, but that the hard work of the Management Committee remains a voluntary service.
- 13.2.1. After lengthy discussion, the Management Committee agreed that the duties carried out by the League's Officers, which are much valued and appreciated, should remain on a voluntary basis.
- 13.3. The Chairman confirmed arrangements and responsibilities for the League's Cup Finals:
- As part of the pre-match formalities, the clubs should follow the 'handshake' format used in UEFA Champions League matches.

- Middlesex County Football League clubs with youth sides will be invited to provide ball boys for designated Final Ties.
- League Officers must dress smartly, and wear league coats.
- League photo ID cards must be worn prominently.
- The General Secretary will circulate a schedule of Cup Final dates and for Committee Members to indicate which matches they will attend.
- The League will provide a sufficient number of Molten footballs for all Cup Finals – each team competing in a Final Tie will be given one of the League's Cup Final footballs after the match.
- Mrs Kingham will be asked to act as League Photographer.
- The post-match buffets will be varied to accommodate the feedback given by Committee Members after the 2006 Cup Finals.
- The Assistant Referees Secretary will invite the panel of match officials to attend the Middlesex Federation League Cup Final.

13.4. The Treasurer recalled the Committee's previous decision that diaries should be procured only for League Officers and referees, and would therefore only order 200 in the immediate future. She queried whether clubs might also find the diaries of use, if they were to cover the period of an entire football season.

13.4.1. The General Secretary noted that the Middlesex County FA had produced a Club Fact Folder which had been given out free to affiliated club secretaries. He questioned whether the League might produce a combined fact folder and diary, and undertook to investigate the possibility with the Middlesex County FA.

13.4.2. The Chairman concluded that at the April 2007 League Council meeting, he would ask the club representatives whether they wished for diaries to be produced for clubs as well as League Officers and referees.

13.5. The Management Committee considered proposed League Rule changes which had been compiled by the General Secretary and the Discipline Secretary. After lengthy discussion, a number of Rule changes were approved for consideration at the 2007 Annual General Meeting. The agreed Rule changes are attached as an addendum to these minutes.

14. Vote of thanks to the Chairman

14.1. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.58 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

_____ Chairman _____ (date)

Rule Changes/Revisions for 2007/08

No.	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule	Reason
2B	<p>(B) (i) The Annual Subscription shall be £120-00 per Team payable on or before the 1st AUGUST in each year. Printed handbooks are available at £7-00 per copy.</p> <p>(ii) Any clubs having outstanding debts to this league at the end of the concluding season will not be invited to compete in the competition for the following season.</p> <p>(iii) Any club incurring a disproportionate amount of fines during a season will have their membership questioned at the AGM</p>	<p>(B) (i) The Annual Subscription shall be £130-00 per Team payable on or before the 1st AUGUST in each year. Printed handbooks are available at £7-00 per copy.</p> <p>(ii) Any clubs having outstanding debts to this league at the end of the concluding season will not be invited to compete in the competition for the following season.</p> <p>(iii) All payments made to this league will only be accepted on a club account, the Designated Secretary's personal account or by banker's draft.</p> <p>(iii) Any club incurring a disproportionate amount of fines during a season will have their membership questioned at the AGM</p>	<p>To partially make up the short fall between admin costs and income.</p> <p>To assist the Treasurer in tracing cheques</p>
4C	<p>(C) The Management Committee shall meet Monthly to deal with business as it arises. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee. The League Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary but not less than three times per season. Any Club failing to attend any League Council Meeting shall be Fined £50-00 and otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee decides</p>	<p>(C) The Management Committee shall meet Monthly to deal with business as it arises. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee. The League Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary by the Management Committee Any Club failing to attend any League Council Meeting shall be Fined £50-00 and otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee decides.</p>	<p>To reduce the number of meetings you have to attend, but also to allow for emergencies</p>
7	<p>Failure to return this fully completed notice within 14 days of the AGM will result in the club being fined £50- 00,</p>	<p>Failure to return this fully completed notice within 14 days of the date of issue will result in the club being fined £50- 00,</p>	<p>Never issued at the AGM</p>
8B	<p>(vi) Registration cards must be returned to the League Registrations Secretary or the designated League Officer prior to the Annual General Meeting at the close of the season. Cards will be returned to the Club once the appropriate administration form has been completed. This Players registration list form will advise the club of its player's details, (i.e. Date of Birth, Full address, Full Name, and League Registration number.) This form will be issued along with the Annual General Meeting Paperwork and incorrect information corrected. Once the form is received back by the League Registration Secretary with the information corrected the clubs players registration cards will be issued for the forthcoming season.</p>	<p>(vi) Registration cards must be returned to the League at the Annual General Meeting at the close of the season. Cards will be returned to the Club once the appropriate administration form has been completed. This Players registration list form will advise the club of its player's details, (i.e. Date of Birth, Full address, Full Name, and League Registration number.) This form will be issued along with the Annual General Meeting Paperwork and incorrect information corrected. Once the form is received back by the League Registration Secretary with the information corrected the clubs players registration cards will be issued for the forthcoming season.</p>	<p>More convenient for clubs</p>
8F	<p>(ii) Fourteen players must be registered for each team at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to that team's first game of the season. Failure to comply will entail a fine of £10-00 per player late registered under this rule</p>	<p>(ii) Fourteen players must be registered for each team at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to that teams relevant division's start date as set by the Management Committee Failure to comply will entail a fine of £10-00 per player late registered under this rule.</p>	<p>To standardise the eligibility requirements</p>
8O	<p>(ii) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any Cup Quarter Final, Semi-final or</p>	<p>(ii) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any Cup Semi-final or final tie unless he</p>	<p>Added last year proved at</p>

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10B	<p>(xv) This sheet to be handed to the referee in the match officials changing room at least 30 minutes prior to the appointed kick off time. Clubs will then exchange team sheets. As well as relevant ID cards Clubs will only use the official team sheets supplied by the league for all League & Cup Games.</p>	<p>(xv) This sheet to be handed to the referee in the match officials changing room at least 30 minutes prior to the appointed kick off time. Clubs will then exchange team sheets as well as relevant ID cards. At this time the Home team will also supply the referee with the two match balls Clubs will only use the official team sheets</p>	<p>To clarify when the referee should receive the match balls</p>																																								

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	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine of £20.00	supplied by the league for all League & Cup Games. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine of £20.00	
10B	(D) The Secretary of the Home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials', The Discipline Secretary and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. <i>The away club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.</i> Any Club failing to comply with this Rule will be fined £40.00.	(D) The Secretary of the Home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location, access to the ground. Type of pitch and time of kick-off to the match officials', The Discipline Secretary and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. <i>The away club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.</i> Any Club failing to comply with this Rule will be fined £40.00.	To cater for the increasing number of artificial surfaces in this league
10	(ii) After the 30th March matches must be played as the bulletin , including midweek fixtures. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £250-00.	(ii) After the 30th March matches must be played as directed including midweek fixtures. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £250-00.	The League no longer issues a bulletin
10F	(L) A Club under suspension by the Football Association or County Association or by a League Decision and whose suspension is not lifted by four clear days before the date of the fixture will not be allowed to fulfil that fixture on the scheduled date. The fixture will be considered unfulfilled and dealt with under the provision of Rule 10 (F) (i)	(L) A Club under suspension by the Football Association or County Association or by a League Decision and whose suspension is not lifted by noon on the Friday before the date of the fixture will not be allowed to fulfil that fixture on the scheduled date. The fixture will be considered unfulfilled and dealt with under the provision of Rule 10 (F) (i)	Because County FAs do not let Leagues know until the Wednesday this allows clubs time to fulfil any obligation outstanding before the League award the game
10L	(M) (i) All clubs shall have a member with either a valid First Aid or Treatment of Injuries Certificate. The members name with photocopies of relevant documents to be submitted to the Registration Secretary not less than seven days before the start of each season. Failure to comply will invoke an initial fine of £40-00 and the matter referred to the Management Committee for any further action.	(M) (i) All clubs shall have a member with either a valid First Aid or Treatment of Injuries Certificate. The members name with photocopies of relevant documents to be submitted to the Designated League Officer not less than seven days before the start of each season. Failure to comply will invoke an initial fine of £40-00 and the matter referred to the Management Committee for any further action.	Change of recipient only
10P	New rule	The league expects any club or official being offered hospitality by any club within this league to partake of said hospitality. Any team or official failing to avail themselves of the hospitality offered by any club within this league will be reported to the Management Committee and liable to being dealt with under rule 5H.	Club status requirement
11A	(A) (i) The Designated League Officer must receive within 3 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. And also the Referee markings, required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £40-00, and the club required to submit a correctly completed result sheet within seven days, this Fine to be doubled every seven days until complied with and	(A) (i) The Designated League Officer must receive within 5 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. And also the Referee markings, required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £40-00, and the club required to submit a correctly completed result sheet within seven days, this Fine to be doubled every seven days until complied with and	More realistic time scale

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	<p>also being dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p> <p>(ii) The Designated League Officer must receive within 3 days of the date played, the fourth copy of the team sheet which must also include the forenames and family names of the team players in block capitals. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20-00, and the club required to submit a correctly completed sheet within seven days. This Fine to be doubled every seven days until complied with and also being dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p>	<p>also being dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p> <p>(ii) The Designated League Officer must receive within 5 days of the date played, the fourth copy of the team sheet which must also include the forenames and family names of the team players in block capitals. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20-00, and the club required to submit a correctly completed sheet within seven days. This Fine to be doubled every seven days until complied with and also being dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p>									
13	<p>(E) Match officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to the following Match Fees:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Referee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Referees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Home Club shall pay the Officials all their fees immediately after the match. If the Management Committee under Rule 12 C (i) decides the cost to be divided, the away club to reimburse home club 50% off the entire fee. If the officials are not paid as per this rule the offending club will be liable to a fine under rule 5(H) and the full cost of the outstanding fees.</p>	Referee	£25.00	Assistant Referees	£18.00	<p>(E) Match officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to the following Match Fees:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Referee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Referees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Home Club shall pay the Officials all their fees immediately after the match. If the Management Committee, under Rule 13 C, decides the cost to be divided, the away club to reimburse home club 50% off the entire fee. If the officials are not paid as per this rule the offending club will be liable to a fine under rule 5(H) and the full cost of the outstanding fees.</p>	Referee	£30.00	Assistant Referees	£20.00	<p>Rise in line with surrounding leagues</p> <p>Change of reference</p>
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17	<p>(E) Any Club or Team failing to complete 75% of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from Membership the following season.</p>	<p>(E) Any Club or Team failing to complete 100% of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from Membership for the following season.</p>	<p>To align with other rules relating to this subject</p> <p>Grammatical correction only</p>								
24	New rule	<p>The Management Committee have full authority at their discretion to negotiate an agreement on behalf of the competition. Clubs shall comply with the provisions of any/all sponsorship deals as recommended by the management committee, but with the minimum requirement being a full page advert in their match day programmes.</p>	<p>Re-introduction of a relaxed rule</p>								

Cup Competition Rule Changes/Revisions for 2007/08

No.	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule	Reason
3	The entrance fee shall be £25.00 per team payable on or before 1st August.	The entrance fee shall be £30.00 per team payable on or before 1st August.	To partially make up the shortfall in costs
9	Any Player who has played in any League Cup Competition, and are then transferred to another League club, will not be eligible to play for their new club/team in the same League Cup Competition, subject to league rule 8(O). Any club/player found to be infringing this rule shall have the fixture awarded to their opponents, and be as per Rule 8(Q).	Any Player who has played in any League Cup Competition, and is then transferred to another League club, will not be eligible to play for their new club/team in any League Cup Competition, subject to league rule 8(O). Any club/player found to be infringing this rule shall have the fixture awarded to their opponents, and be as per Rule 8(Q).	Grammatical correction To align with main rule book
11	The Match Officials fees for all cup games shall be paid by the Home team but shared equally between both teams.	The Match Officials fees for all cup games shall be paid by the Home team but with half the fee being paid to the Home team by the Away team on the day	To clarify the fact that referees payments are the onus of the Home team but the away team must contribute half the fee