

Yeovil & District Youth Club Entries – 2025/26 Season

YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUNIOR LEAGUE; YOUTH LEAGUE; MINI SOCCER LEAGUE

HANDBOOK 2025-2026

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YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE **Code of Conduct and Respect Guide for Clubs**

The League has signed up to the Football Association's Respect Programme to improve standards of behaviour on and off the field. Their programme is a continuous one and not a one-off initiative. All participants in our League have a responsibility to make their Programme a success and they can help by becoming fully aware of the following Code of Conduct. I understand that if I do not follow their code, action may be taken.

1. For Young Players: As a player you have a big part to play. That is why The FA is asking every player to follow the Respect Code of Conduct and when playing football will:

- Always do your best, even if we are losing or the other Team is stronger.
- Play fairly - I will not cheat, complain, or waste time.
- Never be rude to my Team-mates, the other Team, the Referee, spectators, or my coach/Team Manager.
- Do what the Referee tells me.
- Shake hands with the other Team and Referee at the end of the game.
- Listen to my coach/Team Manager and respect what he/she says.
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the Club welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything at my Club.

2. For Adult Players: We all have responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game and as a player can play my part on and off the field by:

- Adhering to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Avoid bullying, intimidation, and poor behaviour.
- Speak to my Team-mates, the opposition, and my coach/Manager with respect.
- Ask my Team captain to talk to the Referee if I have a problem relating to the game.
- Remember we all make mistakes.
- Shake hands with the opposing Team and the match officials at the end of every game.

3. Spectators and Parents/Carers. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times by:

- Remaining outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Remember that children play for fun.
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning.
- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted pitch side during the match or immediately afterwards.

4. Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct always by:

- Showing respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, Managers, officials, and spectators.
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission.

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- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language
- Place the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Refrain from and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age, and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

5. Referees. Be honest and completely impartial always, irrespective of the Teams, players, or Team and Club officials involved in the match:

- Apply the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm, and confident manner.
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play, and other misconduct.
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials.
- Always support my match official Colleagues.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play.
- Respond in a clear, calm, and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the Team captain.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match.
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

Lose Respect Lose the game.

FA issued documents for Respect.



FA Respect Code of
Conduct.pdf



FA Football
Leadership Diversity



FA Equality
Policy.pdf

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Yeovil & District Football League Founded 1903

SOMERSET COUNTY F.A. INTER-LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

MAVIS TATE CUP - Season 1967-68; 1989-90; 1998-99

DURNFORD CUP - 1962-63; 1972-73; 1973-74; 1988-89; 1998-99, 2004-05, 2006-07

COMPETITIONS:

Junior League, Charity Cup, Les King Open Challenge Cup, Premier League K.O. Cup, John Hayward Memorial Cup, Junior League Division 1 KO Cup, Junior League Division 2 KO Cup,

HEADQUARTERS:

The Old Barn Club, Old Barn Way, Off Forest Hill, Yeovil BA20 2NX What 3 Words cost. liner. moss

LEAGUE MEETING DATES

League Management Committee 3rd Wednesday in the month, September to May inclusive, at 7.00pm

Junior League AGM, Friday 5th June 2026

LEAGUE COLOURS - Red, Black, and White.

PRESIDENT:

Mr Ashley BUSSELL

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

M BAKER Sherborne, B BATEMAN Wincanton, V BEST Martock, R BOWELL Stoke Sub Hamdon, I B RENELL Yeovil, A J FISHER Yeovil, T R HYDE Yeovil, S PIPPARD Stoke sub Hamdon, R PULLEN Martock, P RAISON Stoke sub Hamdon, A N ROSEKILLY Calne, S SOPER Yeovil, D STAUNTON Templecombe, C A SUMISON Yeovil.

CHAIR:

Mr J.D. Shearing, Telephone: (01935) 429384

VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr R. Hodgson, Telephone: 07970 055980

SECRETARY:

Mrs C-A Morgan, Email: ydflgenecretary@outlook.com

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

Mr P Diffey, assistantsec-ydfl@outlook.com

TREASURER:

Mr P. R. Murley, Telephone: Yeovil 01935 475531

FIXTURES & REGISTRATIONS SECRETARY:

Mr N. H. Clarke, Email: yeovilLeague@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.thefa.com/full-time

JUNIOR LEAGUE REFEREE APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY

Mr I Harley, Telephone: 07884 266967 Email: yeovilrefs@gmail.com and yeovilYouthrefs@gmail.com

JUNIOR WELFARE & RESPECT OFFICER

Mr S Thorne 07807 835060 Email: yeovilwelfare@hotmail.co.uk

MINUTES SECRETARY:

Mr S. Bachrach, Telephone: 01935 425685

SPONSORSHIP SECRETARY

Mrs C-A Morgan, Email: ydflgenecretary@outlook.com

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SOCIAL MEDIA SECRETARY
Mr Jake MORGAN

HONORARY AUDITOR:
Mr E. C. Chant, Telephone 01935 864263 Mobile: 07714935303

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LONG SERVICE AWARD
1997 - Mr S.T. Sumsion; Mr W. J. Edwards; 1998 - Mr A. A. Hopkins

TORCH TRUST TROPHY AWARD
1971 Mr S. E. Hodges; 1998 Mr R. E. Hitchcox; 2004 Mr A. N. Rosekilly

LIFE MEMBERS OF AND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNCIL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE

SOMERSET COUNTY F.A. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE:
J.D. Shearing (1995) Junior League; S. Brabbs (2008) Youth League

YEOVIL DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES:
P. Wells (2003); N. Clarke (2000 to 2007/08 and 2009/10)

LIFE MEMBERS:
A. P. Hockley

FRIENDS AND PATRONS:
Mr J. Shearing, Harlequins FC, Merriott FC, Mr S Brabbs

OTHER MEMBERS:

LEAGUE LONG SERVICE AWARDS:

S Brabbs, A Bussell, N Clarke, R. E. Hitchcox, A. P. Hockley, A. Hopkins, P. R. Murley, G. Noyce, C Pippard, T.W. Sainsbury, J. D. Shearing, B.A. Voizey, A. A Weston

ELECTED LIFE MEMBERS:
A.P. Hockley, P.R. Murley, J. D. Shearing

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(formed 1910)

The President (2025), The Chair (1987), Vice-Chairman (1986), Treasurer (1979), Secretary (2014), Fixture & Registrations Secretary (1999), Youth League Fixtures & Registration Secretary (2008), Referee Appointments Secretary (2008), League Welfare & Respect Officer (2018), and Elected Life Members.

JUNIOR LEAGUE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:
Mr Terry LANGDON, Mr Rob LOCKEY

YOUTH LEAGUE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:
Mr Simon BACHRACH, Mr Grahame BAKER, Mr Paul HOLLARD

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES:
Mr Chris HARDING, Mr Alan SIMPSON, Mr Levi SIMPSON

REFEREE'S REPRESENTATIVE:
Mr S Clarke, yeovilleleague@yahoo.co.uk

DORSET COUNTY F.A. REPRESENTATIVE:
To Be Confirmed

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LIST OF COMMITTEES:

Emergency, Finance and Review Board:

Mr S. Bachrach, Mr S. Brabbs, Mr E. C. Chant, Mr A. P. Hockley

Rules Revision:

All Officers and Council League Management Committee members

Junior Representative Team Selection:

Mr Stephen PAINTER, Mr Michael BUNTING, Mr Shaun IRVINE

Jubilee Cup, Charles Goddard Trophy and Noyce-Wells Trophy Representatives:

Chair, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Les King, John Hayward, and Charity Cups

Mr J. Shearing, Mr P. Murley, Mr R Hodgson and Ms C-A Morgan

Premier Division & Knockout Cup

Mr J Morgan, Mr A Bussell and Mr P. Diffey

League Division One & Knockout Cup

Mr T. Langdon and Mr Chris Harding

League Division Two & Knockout Cup

Mr R Lockey and Mr A Simpson

THE TERRY WYNDHAM SAINSBURY FINANCIAL BENEFICIARY FUND

Vice Chairman,

Holder of the Long Service Award and

Life Membership of the Yeovil & District Football League

(1986 -2023)

In accordance with Terry's wishes, a sum of money has been bequeathed to the Yeovil & District Football League, to be used wisely and thoughtfully in his name. This generous gift reflects his deep gratitude for the many hours of enjoyment he experienced through local grassroots football.

To honour his legacy, a **Beneficiary Fund** has been established in memory of Terry — our colleague, friend, and passionate supporter of the game.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support for initiatives that promote and develop grassroots football in the local community, in line with Terry's enduring love for the sport.

The Yeovil & District Football League will continue its established practice of providing monthly financial statements to ensure transparency and accountability in the Fund's use.

The Fund will be overseen and administered by the respective Councils, with any decisions regarding its use subject to final approval by the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Junior, Youth, and Mini Leagues.

Thank you, Terry. Your legacy lives on through the game you loved.

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ADVICE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

If in doubt write to your County Association or your Competition Secretary for advice. Failure to comply with the Rules may cost your Club a League Championship or Cup win.

Make every effort to have good First Aid equipment available and, if possible, a qualified person; there may save limbs, trouble, and anxiety.

Make sure **all** players are registered through FA Whole Game prior to playing any matches. Before signing a Services player, write to their Commanding Officer for permission. If injured while playing for a Civilian Club without permission the Service player may forfeit any wages or pension that he is entitled to receive. There is also necessary when a player joins the Navy, Air Force or Army.

Please be sure to have good telephone contact in case of urgent messages. This can save a lot of trouble.

When cancelling a match (for whatever reason) you must be sure to notify your opponents, the League Fixture Secretary, and the Referees Appointments Secretary (otherwise the Referee will travel at your cost). You must also contact the appointed Referee by email or phone (and receive acknowledgement).

All cancelled fixtures will be dealt with in accordance with League Rule 20 but if you consider there were extenuating reasons for the cancellation these should be put in writing to the General Secretary or Mini Section Secretary, without delay and state if your Club wishes to be in attendance when the matter is discussed. Make every effort to avoid cancellation of fixtures. Two or three weeks of bad weather could, added to cancellations, bring a complication of fixtures to your Club.

It is important that the Fixture Secretary should have the result, or notice of cancellation, of County Cup games immediately; you may be replaying on the following Saturday, and this may enable him to arrange a match for the Team you should have played.

Give all the help you can to your Opponents and Referee. They always welcome good sportsmanship and the provision of good and **secure** changing facilities.

Make sure your ground is marked correctly and distinctly as per rule. Failure to adhere to this could mean the *Referee refusing to play a Match*.

It is the duty of Club Secretaries to clear Referees' fees and expenses before the Match, this will avoid confusion and misunderstanding.

The Yeovil Referees' Society are always pleased and willing to coach and help any candidate who has been brought to their notice. Shortage of Referees is a most difficult problem. Please encourage and invite anyone interested to contact the Yeovil Referees' Society Secretary, Mr I. Harley, telephone: 07884 266967.

Ensure the results and match details are entered onto the FA Fulltime system in a timely manner.

Please cascade the following advice to your Team Managers and Coach's.

ADVICE TO MANAGERS AND COACHES

The start of the season - please ensure that you have verified your email address with FA Fulltime website and checked your mobile number is correct. If you need to change your mobile number please email the League Secretary via YDFLSecretary@yahoo.co.uk for Junior and Youth Teams, or yeovilSecretary@hotmail.com for Mini Teams

Pre-Match Day - you will receive your fixtures via the FA Full Time website. If you are the home Team then please contact the opposition Manager and confirm kick off time and venue. Please contact your allocated Referee using the details provided by FA Fulltime at the very least 24 hours before kick-off. 48 hours recommended (subject to appointments as these can be on the day, if

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necessary). This should confirm KO time, Post code of match and if possible, agree the fee to ensure the correct amount is available on the day (this can be likely to change due to road closures etc). If you do not have a League appointed Referee, then please find someone that can officiate the match and supply the name of the 'stand-in' Referee to the Referee appointments officer.

Please remember that the Referee must be paid on the day before the game. If you do not have a League appointed Referee, then please find someone that can officiate the match. If you have a query regarding Fixtures then please contact the Junior League Fixture Secretary via yeovilLeague@yahoo.co.uk, the Youth League Fixture Secretary via DaveandMonH@aol.com and the Mini League Fixture Secretaries via yeovilu12fixtures@gmail.com and any Referee queries please contact the **Junior League Referee Appointments Secretary via yeovilrefs@gmail.com, Youth League Referee Appointments Secretary via yeovilYouthrefs@gmail.com or Mini League Referee Appointments Secretary via yeovilminisectionrefs@gmail.com**

Match Day - please ensure that someone meets / greets the Referee, confirms who will be their allocated Club assistant Referee for the fixture and shows the Referee and opposition where the changing rooms are etc. You will receive a SMS message from the FA Full Time website regarding the match. After the match please text back the score Home Team score first e.g. 2:1 (Home Team 2 – Away Team 1)

Post-Match Day - you will need to log onto the FA Full Time website. On the website, you will need to enter your squad details, respect marks and Referee marks within 72 hours of the date the game was played. If you have any queries with entering your League stats then please contact the League Results Secretary's via **Junior League yeovilresults@hotmail.com, Youth League DaveandMonH@aol.com, Mini League U12 yeovilu12fixtures@gmail.com (for U12 fixtures) or yeovilminifixtures@gmail.com (for development fixtures)**

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. This means that all organisations running football – and everyone working or volunteering in football – must play their part. The shared and unequivocal goal must be to ensure the game is safe and enjoyable for all.

The FA leads the game with its safeguarding strategy, policy, procedures, and regulatory framework. It also delivers a safeguarding education programme, technological infrastructure, resources, and expertise through its centralised safeguarding Team.

The FA Safeguarding Case Management Team manages the most challenging child protection cases, including all sexual abuse cases. County FA (CFA) Designated Safeguarding Officers may help with these cases.

However, the decision-making, risk assessment and risk management responsibilities sit firmly with The FA.

County FA's and Leagues play a crucial role in enabling Youth football across England. CFAs have the responsibility for overseeing safeguarding at their level of the game.

Consistency is key. The CFA Safeguarding Operating Standard sets out a framework for the consistent delivery of safeguarding across grassroots football. It is intended to support CFAs to meet their responsibilities in relation to the Youth football activity they oversee. As we move into the 2021/22 season certain aspect of the standard have been amended to include Safeguarding Adults in Disability Clubs, there enhances the work already being done.

The Standard Is underpinned by government guidance and aligned to the Sport England/NSPCC national standards for safeguarding and protecting children in sport.

Safeguarding is an ever-present priority for football. It should always be front and centre; it is not about making sure it is in place tomorrow. It must be in place now. It will always require our constant vigilance and professionalism.

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The intention is to enable the safeguarding framework in grassroots football across England to be as robust as it can be. It underpins all our work to fulfil the shared goal: to ensure the game is safe and enjoyable for all.

Thank you to all our volunteers for the continuous work you do to ensure football is safe, not sorry. If you have any queries concerning Safeguarding contact the League Welfare Officers, Junior, and Youth League ydflwelfare@gmail.com , Mini League yeovilwelfare@hotmail.co.uk

FA Issued documents for Safeguarding.



WELFARE

The joys of being a Football Welfare Officer

Every grassroots Club has to have one. Does anybody really want to be one.

The list of jobs is endless. A guarantee at the end you will be friendless.

It seems easy at first look. Wish there were a simple guide book.

Just make sure coaches have a DBS and training I was told. Little did I know how much more would unfold.

There's a system for DBS so surely its easy. It didn't take long to feel uneasy.

A system that loves duplicate or and triplicate users adds to the fun. What I would give for all our coaches just to have one.

I still don't believe the hours it takes. Don't let anybody tell you it's a piece of cake.

My record to date. 40 hours of my time for a DBS that was an epic wait.

Add to that training. Its guaranteed to be more hours of explaining.

We have a clear strategy to ensure we meet FA Rules. Surely every coach appreciates having the right tools.

I spend hours chasing. It often sets my heart a racing.

Over 400 kids are in my charge. Sometimes the pressure feels extra-large.

If only that was all, those really are the simple things. It's the handling of complaints that really creates the stings.

When all games are done it's a waiting game. You never know what is going to be the claim.

Everywhere in football we talk about respect. I am sure we all know what to expect.

But still every week it's in short supply. I really don't understand why.

If only everyone could enjoy the games. There is no need to be calling people names.

Just remember to be kind. Stop losing your minds.

The impact of your behaviour is far reaching. Do you really need more teaching.

For every welfare officer out there. Just remember without you your Club is going nowhere.

Be Safe - Play Safe

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FA Requirements for Affiliation

Please note you will not be allowed to register with the League if you do not meet these requirements or be in the process of complying.

Affiliation Preparation

Ahead of affiliation opening in June you can create your own 'Health Check' to see how many teams will not be able to affiliate due to not meeting the new criteria.



Adult Clubs

Adult Clubs require to name a welfare officer

Adult Teams

Adult Teams require one official to have completed the Concussion Module



Adult Disability Clubs

Disability Clubs require to name a compliant welfare officer with safeguarding adult course

Adult Disability Teams

Adult Disability Teams require one official to have completed the Concussion Module



All Clubs

Club does not have any outstanding debt



Youth Clubs

Youth Team Officials require Safeguarding for Committee Members

Youth Clubs

Youth Club Welfare Officer Fully Compliant

Youth Teams

Youth Team Officials require Safeguarding Children Course

Youth Teams

Youth Team Officials require a DBS

Youth Teams

Youth Teams require one official to have completed the Concussion Module

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GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS (POLICY)

Our Policy

The Yeovil and District Football League (YDFL) is committed to complying with data protection law and to respecting the privacy rights of individuals. The policy applies to all our **League Management Committee (LMC)**, volunteers and supporters.

The General Data Protection Requirement (GDPR) as set out by the UK Government will take priority over their policy where necessary. A full version of the YDFL GDPR Policy is available upon request to the Secretary.

This Data Protection Policy (“**Policy**”) sets out our approach to data protection law and the principles that we will apply to our processing of personal data. The aim of their Policy is to ensure that we process personal data in accordance with the law and with the utmost care and respect.

To clarify and make the policy more understandable and relevant to YDFL, sections have been reduced by removing references to workers and companies, as necessary. The main requirements have been left in place and the omission of items does not mean the individuals are exempt from the GDPR and Data Protection acts as implemented by the UK Government.

We recognise that we have an important role to play in achieving these aims. It is your responsibility, therefore, to familiarise yourself with their Policy and to apply and implement its requirements when processing any personal data.

This Policy is not an exhaustive statement of data protection law nor of our or your responsibilities in relation to data protection. If at any time you have any queries on the Policy, your responsibilities, or any aspect of data protection law, seek advice. Contact a member of the LCC.

Once registrations are approved and complete the Youth and Mini League Registrations Secretary will destroy all registration forms and ID paperwork.

The League Secretary acts as Data Officer for the League.

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STANDARD CODE OF FEES AND FINES *all Fees & Fines subject to change*

FEES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 A	NEW TEAM ENTRY FEE JUNIOR NEW TEAM ENTRY FEE YOUTH NEW TEAM ENTRY FEE MINI	£25.00 £10.00 £10.00
4 B	TEAM ENTRY FEE JUNIOR TEAM ENTRY FEE YOUTH TEAM ENTRY FEE MINI U7/8 TEAM ENTRY FEE MINI U9/10 TEAM ENTRY FEE MINI U11/12	£70.00 £50.00 £25.00 £35.00 £45.00
4 C	DEPOSIT	£50.00
4 F	CHARITY CUP ENTRY JUNIOR TEAMS PREMIER, DIVISION 1, DIVISION 2 KNOCK OUT CUPS JUNIOR TEAMS SHIELD AND KNOCK OUT CUPS YOUTH HIGH HOLBORN CUP U12 MINI CHAMPIONS CUP AND KNOCK OUT CUPS ALL AGES MINI (Free Entry)	£20.00 £10.00 £5.00 £5.00 £ZERO
7 C, 7 E, 7 G	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£15.00
13 A	TROPHY ENGRAVING AND CLEANING PER TROPHY	£10.00
18 D	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£ZERO
18 H	TRANSFER FEE JUNIOR TRANSFER FEE YOUTH & MINI	£20.00 £10.00
18 O	PLAYER REINSTATEMENT FEE	£20.00
21 F	MATCH RESULT BOOK (PER BOOK)	£10.00
23 E	REFEREE FEES JUNIOR REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U18 REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U15, U16 REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U13, U14 REFEREE FEE MINI 9v9 U11, U12 REFEREE FEE MINI 7v7 U9, U10 REFEREE FEE MINI 5v5 U7, U8	£30.00 £30.00 £26.00 £24.00 £21.00 £17.00 £13.00
23 E	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE JUNIOR ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U18 ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U15, U16 ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE YOUTH – U13, U14 ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE MINI 9v9, U11, U12 ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE MINI 7v7, U9, U10 ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE MINI 5v5, U7, U8	£25.00 £25.00 £22.00 £20.00 £15.00 £8.00 £8.00
23 E	REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE TRAVELING EXPENSES ALL AGES PER MILE (OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACTUAL COST)	£00.35
23 E	REFEREE LEVY JUNIOR REFEREE LEVY YOUTH & MINI (U12 only)	£10.00 £5.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM
2 G	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE to sanctioning authority Somerset FA JUNIOR. FAILURE TO AFFILIATE to sanctioning authority Somerset FA YOUTH & MINI.	£20.00 £10.00
2 I	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£20.00
2 K	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£30.00
2 Q	Failing to inform League Secretary of changes to ground, post code, dressing rooms, Secretary's name, address, and contact details	£15.00
2 R	Failure to return League Affiliation forms by due date Junior. Failure to return League Affiliation forms by due date Youth & Mini. Returning Affiliation form within 7 days of AGM a further Fine to be added Junior, Youth & Mini	£25.00 £10.00 £10.00

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3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
4 B	Failure to pay fees on or before AGM	£20.00
4 C	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£20.00
4 E	FAILURE TO ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL	£15.00
4 G	Failure to set up a Club bank account (Club suspension)	£20.00
5 E	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£10.00
6 H	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£20.00
6 I	FAILURE TO reply to a charge or PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£20.00
6 J	Clubs in breach of Rules, failing to respond to Leagues Fines or charges. (Also suspended from Competition)	£20.00 £70.00MAX
8 H	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£25.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£25.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE electronic affiliation or confirmation form. Failure to return trophy before 31 November or when requested, per trophy	£20.00 £20.00
11 A	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE JUNIOR PLUS LOSS OF DEPOSIT & FEES FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE YOUTH & MINI PLUS LOSS OF DEPOSIT & FEES Team withdrawing after A.G.M. JUNIOR Team withdrawing after A.G.M. YOUTH & MINI	£50.00 £20.00 £20.00 £10.00
11 B	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES JUNIOR PLUS LOSS OF DEPOSIT FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES YOUTH & MINI PLUS LOSS OF DEPOSIT	£25.00 £15.00
11 D	Team withdrawing and failing to return trophy by due date	£30.00
13 A	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY (each trophy) Failure to return trophy before due date (each trophy)	£20.00 £20.00
16 A	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£15.00
18 A	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£20.00
18 B 2	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£20.00
18 F	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£10.00
18 G 2	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£10.00
18 K	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£10.00
18 L	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER PLUS MATCH POINTS DEDUCTED JUNIOR PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER PLUS MATCH POINTS DEDUCTED YOUTH & MINI	£40.00 £20.00
18 M	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER PLUS MATCH POINTS DEDUCTED JUNIOR PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER PLUS MATCH POINTS DEDUCTED YOUTH & MINI	£40.00 £20.00
18 S	Failure to complete and deal with League business	£20.00
19 A	Teams playing in unregistered colours	£10.00
19 F	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£15.00
19 G	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00
19 G	FAILURE TO HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00
19 H	Clubs failing to notify League of change of colours	£15.00
19 K	Teams playing with players names on shirts	£20.00
20 A	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£15.00
20 A	Late Kick Offs (1 st 15 minutes, then additional £2 per 5 minutes)	£10.00
20 A	Late Kick Offs - Cup Semi-Finals or Finals	£20.00
20 A	Failure to provide assistant Referee flags	£15.00
20 B	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED 1 st . FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED 2 nd – 1 point. FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED 3 rd – 2 points	£20, £30, £30 + £10
20 C	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£20.00
20 D	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£10.00

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20 E 1 & 4	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE Cancelled fixture on the day, plus 3-point deduction (Junior) FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE Cancelled fixture on the day, plus 3-point deduction (Youth & Mini)	£30.00 £20.00
20 E	Failure to advise of an unfulfilled fixture (maximum)	£40.00
20 H	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£5.00
20 I	PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S	£50.00
20 M	Failure for Coach or manager to register details on WGS/FT prior to season start	£20.00
21 A	Failure to provide, or late, Team Sheets to the Fixtures Secretary	£5.00
21 B	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£5.00
21C	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£10.00
21 D	Failure to provide FA County Cup result to fixture Secretary	£5.00
21 E	Failure to provide Team sheet to Referee or opponents	£5.00
22 D	Failure to complete fixtures JUNIOR Failure to complete fixtures YOUTH AND MINI	£30.00 £15.00
23 B	Failure to provide name of "Club" Referee	£10.00
23 C	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£5.00
23 E	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£20.00
23 F	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£20.00
23 H	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£10.00
CUP RULES	Failure to play game, Knock Out Competition Fine and ruled out of Competition. Failure to play game, League Basis Competition Fine and Match awarded TO OPPOSITION withdrawing before semi-final Failure to play semi-final. Failure to play final. Failure to play Cup game, Mini Cup and champions League AND RULED OUT OF COMPETITION	£15.00 £15.00 £15.00 £15.00 £30.00 £10.00

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

League Start and Finish Dates

Junior	Start	6 September 2025	Finish	16 May 2026
Youth		7 September 2025		17 May 2026
Mini		6 September 2025		17 May 2026

Annual General Meetings

Mini	Friday 22 May 2026
Youth	Friday 29 May 2026
Junior	Friday 5 June 2026

- Submissions of League Entry Form no later than seven days prior to date of the AGM
- Annual Fees due by Annual General Meeting
- 30 March - Final date for player registrations, transfers, and reinstatements
- 14 April Final Date for registrations
- 26 July Final date for advising County Affiliation confirmation and Insurance Policy Number
- At least 11 players to be registered 7 days prior to start of season.
- 31 October – All Trophies to be returned to the League.

Full League Club Manager, Coach and Secretary meeting, (not compulsory to attend)

Weds 4 September 2025
Weds 4 December 2025
Weds 4 March 2026

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Football Association Disciplinary Procedures

Listed below are the links for the various information with regards to Disciplinary Procedures for your reference for the forthcoming season.

The FA **Handbook 2025-2026**

- <https://www.thefa.com/football-Rules-governance/lawsandRules/fa-handbook>

Grassroots Disciplinary Guide 2025-2026

- [Grassroots Disciplinary Guide 24/25](#)

County FA Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines 2025-2026

- [County FA Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines 24/25](#)

RULES

1. DEFINITIONS	
1.A	<p>In these Rules:</p> <p>“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA.</p> <p>“AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.</p> <p>“Club” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.</p> <p>“Competition” means the [Yeovil & District Football] League.</p> <p>“Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the Jurisdiction of the Competition.</p> <p>“Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.</p> <p>“Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.</p> <p>“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the League Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.</p> <p>“Fines Tariff” means a list of Fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the League Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.</p> <p>“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.</p> <p>“League Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association the League Management Committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.</p> <p>“Match Officials” means the Referee, the assistant Referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.</p> <p>“Non-Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.</p> <p>“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.</p> <p>“Participant” shall have the same meaning as set out in the Rules of The FA from time to time.</p> <p>“Player” means any Contract Player, Non-Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.</p> <p>“Player Registration System” means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.</p> <p>“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.</p> <p>“Rules” means these Rules under which the Competition is administered.</p> <p>“Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA” means [The FA] [the.....County Football Association Limited].</p> <p>“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as defined in The FA Rules.</p> <p>“Season” means the period of time between one AGM and the next AGM.</p> <p>“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to conduct the administration of the Competition.</p> <p>“SGM” means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the</p>

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	<p>Competition.</p> <p>“Team” means a Team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one Team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.</p> <p>“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.</p> <p>“Virtual Meetings” means meetings held electronically.</p> <p>“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.</p> <p><u>“Club Portal” means the system used by Clubs to affiliate Teams as determined by The FA from time to time;</u></p>
1.B	Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to all genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and also the other way around

GOVERNANCE RULES	
2. COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION	
2.A	<p>The Competition will be known as Yeovil and District Football League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt).</p> <p>The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition.</p> <p>A Club which ceases to exist, or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.</p>
2.B	<p>This Competition shall consist of not more than 70 Clubs (inclusive of Junior, Youth and Mini Clubs) approved by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p> <p>The Sanctioning authority Somerset FA may approve an increase of member Clubs if the Competition request an increase.</p>
2.C	The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be that portion of Somerset as defined by SCFA as representing the J Division and other such Clubs admitted subject to the written approval of their parent Division or County Football Association.
2.D	The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be conducted by the League Management Committee in accordance with the Rules, regulations, and policies of The FA.
2.E	<p>All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules.</p> <p>Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the League Management Committee in relation to them, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.</p>
2.F	<p>The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time.</p> <p>In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.</p>
2.G	<p>1. All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association,</p> <p>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>2. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in Divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number.</p>
2.H	<p>Inclusivity and Non-discrimination:</p> <p>The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements including those contained in the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps</p>

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	<p>to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability, or disability or otherwise.</p> <p>Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning authority Somerset FA for investigation.</p>
2.I	<p>Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes.</p> <p>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
2.J	<p>All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children and Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk as determined by The FA from time to time.</p>
2.K	<p>Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other Competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.</p> <p>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
2.L	<p>At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the Divisions at their discretion.</p> <p>When necessary, their Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.</p>
2.M	<p>Only one Team from a Club <u>shall be permitted</u> to participate in a single Division unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries in which case the Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p> <p>This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same Division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than <u>by</u> transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.</p>
2.N	<p>Promotion & Relegation</p> <p>If there are too many Teams for One Division & in the previous season there was more than One Division, the Divisions will be formed from last season's Final League Positions, where Teams may be promoted or relegated, with the flexibility of the League Committee deciding on the Constitution.</p> <p>New Teams to the League will be placed into a Division at the discretion of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>Clarification of how Play-Offs are applied.</p> <p>If the League cannot be determined because there are too many Teams or new age group, a Play Off system is used.</p> <p>Teams are drawn into mini-Leagues, seeded if possible, using last season's percentage results to put Teams into mini-Leagues. The size of groups can vary, dependent on number of Teams.</p> <p>Each Team plays one match against all other Teams in their own group.</p> <p>At the end of all group matches the Teams are divided into two Divisions for the season, dependent on their Final places.</p> <p>The First Division taking the highest placed Teams, the remainder playing in Division Two. Results against Teams that enter the same Division are carried forward into the Division.</p>

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	<p>In the event of too many Teams for two Divisions, the Play-Off groups will be amended as necessary to enable an additional Division to be included.</p>
2.O	<p>A Club applying for membership of the Somerset County League (in accordance with the Feeder League Procedure) or any other Senior League MUST Notify the Competition's General Secretary in writing immediately such application has been made.</p> <p>Any circumstances that effect the constitution of the Competition arising from such action shall be dealt with by Member Clubs at the AGM or at any other time by the Competition Council League Management Committee. Rule 14 also applies.</p>
2.P	<p>Subject to Competition Rules, the election of New Clubs and Clubs seeking re-election shall be conducted in the following sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution of Divisions. 2. Election of Clubs to each Division, commencing with the Premier Division, then consecutively to the Lowest Division. <p>Any vacancy or application arising after the AGM or at any other time may be dealt with as the Competition Council League Management Committee may determine.</p> <p>The radius of the League to be 15 miles from the League's HQ or at the discretion of the Council League Management Committee.</p>
2.Q	<p>Each Club must register its Ground, Post Code, What 3 Words allocation, Dressing Rooms, Secretary's name, address, and telephone number that can be used for urgent messages, with the Competition Secretary no later than the AGM date each year.</p> <p>Any changes that occur during the season must also be notified to the Competition Secretary and all other Member Clubs.</p> <p><u>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</u></p>
2.R	<p>League Entry (Affiliation) forms supplied by the General Secretary shall be completed and returned no later than 7 days prior to an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Defaulting Clubs will be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>For submissions within 7 days prior to an Annual General Meeting an additional Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff will be incurred.</p> <p>Clubs may enter additional Teams after the AGM provided, they meet the requirements for registration and any fees due paid within the dates set by the League Management Committee.</p>
3. CLUB NAME	
3.A	<p>Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA In the event that permission is granted, the Club must advise the Competition Secretary.</p> <p><u>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</u></p>
4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT, CLUB FINANCES	
4.A	<p>Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.</p> <p>Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or an SGM if confirmed by a majority of the accredited voting members present.</p> <p>When Rule 22(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another Division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.</p>

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	<p>21 days prior to the AGM, new Clubs applying for membership must provide a notice of Chair, Secretary and two members of the Club.</p> <p>The Club will be interviewed before the AGM by League Management Committee members of the League if timescale permits.</p>
4.B	<p>The annual subscription shall be payable, in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each-Team payable –at a date agreed at the AGM or set by the Competition.</p> <p>All fees are payable on or before the Annual General Meeting in each year or Clubs in default will be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
4.C	<p>In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the League Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.</p> <p>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
4.D	<p>A Club shall not participate in their Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription, and deposit (if required) have been paid.</p>
4.E	<p>Clubs must ensure that all its Teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the following date []. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
4.F	<p>Entry into Cups is not compulsory, but Clubs are expected to take part. Entry fees are as listed on the tariff of fees.</p>
4.G	<p>A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the “Club Account”). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary, and the Treasurer. Sums shall be drawn from the Club Account by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. Payments may be made via money transfers from the Club Account by the treasurer upon receipt of an invoice for equipment, goods and services rendered including payment to the League treasurer. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule may result in a new Club applying to join the Competition being refused entry into the Competition.</p> <p>The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of six years.</p> <p>The Club shall prepare an annual “Financial Statement,” in such format as shall be available from time to time. A copy of any Financial Statement shall, on demand, be forwarded to the FA.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule by an existing Club may result in a Club being suspended from the Competition and Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION	
5.A	<p>The League Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and Council League Management Committee Members (in the proportion of one member for every four Member Clubs) and Life Members (who shall have served twenty-one years on Council League Management Committee) who shall all be elected at the AGM.</p> <p>A nominated Member of the Yeovil Referees Society, Dorset County Football Association and Somerset Youth Council League Management Committee shall be co-opted to the Competition League Management Committee and shall have full voting rights.</p>

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	<p>All participants shall abide by the Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by the Association from time to time.</p> <p>An award shall be made to a League Management Committee Member upon completing twenty-one years' service, and a long service award after thirty years' service.</p>
5.B	<p>Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 31 March in each year.</p> <p>All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the League Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 31 March in each year.</p> <p>Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination for any office by the date stated in the earlier part of this Rule, nominations may be received at the AGM.</p>
5.C	<p>The League Management Committee shall meet monthly or meet a minimum of twice a season or as and when required.</p> <p>On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the League Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>The President when in attendance may preside at all meetings</p>
5.D	Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
5.E	<p>All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
5.F	Any elected member of the League Management Committee absenting themselves from three successive meetings shall, failing a satisfactory explanation, verbally or in writing, be considered to have resigned and the League Management Committee shall have the power to fill any such vacancy that may occur during the year without recourse to a special meeting of the League Management Committee.
6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT	
6.A	<p>The League Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary.</p> <p>The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the League Management Committee for ratification.</p> <p>The League Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the Jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.</p>
6.B	Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning authority Somerset Fa having been obtained, the League Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call on each Club to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
6.C	<p>Each member of the League Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all League Management Committee meetings and have one vote at all such meetings, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters relating to that member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest.</p> <p>There shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee</p>
6.D	In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

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6.E	<p>The League Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon, and enforce these Rules and shall also have Jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition.</p> <p>Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.</p> <p>With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the League Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned.</p> <p>The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply to a Club may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the charge and /or submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the League Management Committee; or 2. Accept the charge and notify the Competition Secretary that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the League Management Committee; or 3. Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the League Management Committee; or 4. Deny the charge and notify the Competition Secretary that it wishes to have a hearing before the League Management Committee. <p>Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the League Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.</p> <p>Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the League Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).</p> <p>Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.</p> <p>With the exception of Teams playing at Regional NLS Feeder League of the National League System, the maximum Fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any Fine, the League Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, considering any mitigating circumstances.</p> <p>The maximum Fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Regional NLS Feeder League level is £500.</p> <p>No Participant under the age of 18 can be Fined.</p> <p>All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate sanctioning Association.</p>
6.F	<p>All decisions of the League Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.</p>
6.G	<p>Decisions of the League Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.</p>
6.H	<p>A minimum of 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the League Management Committee or any of its sub-committees.</p>
6.I	<p>The League Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.</p>
6.I	<p>A Club, or any of its members, having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the League Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business or the correspondence of the Competition within 21 days of receipt of notice of such order, or within 21 days of an operative date specified in that order, shall not be allowed to take part in the business of the Competition until the order has been complied with and a reason for the delay has been furnished to the Secretary who shall submit it to the League Management Committee for their adjudication.</p>

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	Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
6.J	<p>Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all Fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.</p> <p>Any Club failing to do so will be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>Further failure to pay the Fine including the additional Fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding Fines are paid.</p>
6.K	A member of the League Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
6.L	The League Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season, subject to the provisions of the National League System Regulations or Women's Football Pyramid Regulations (which shall take precedence if applicable).
6.M	The business of the Competition as determined by the League Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS	
7.A	<p>1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the League Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>2. Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities will not be entertained by the League Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee prior to the commencement of the Match.</p> <p>Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this rule and shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>3. Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the League Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties' subject to these Rules.</p>
7.B	<p>Except in cases where the League Management Committee decide that there are exceptional circumstances, protests, and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 6 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer.</p> <p>A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>A member of the League Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.</p>
7.C	<p>No protest, of whatever kind, shall be considered by the League Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff.</p> <p>This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case.</p> <p>The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.</p>
7.D	<p>All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days before the protest or complaint being heard.</p> <p>All parties must have received a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be</p>

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	<p>instructed to attend.</p> <p>Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response along with the fee set out in the tariff of Fines.</p>
7.E	<p>The League Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the League Management Committee shall direct.</p>
7.F	<p>An intention to appeal against a decision by the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision.</p> <p>A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 14 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld.</p> <p>The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority.</p>
7.G	<p>No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless there is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct</p>
7.H	<p>All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the League Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming, or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and in these circumstances may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>All such protests, claims, complaints, and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within 7 days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.</p>
8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
8.A	<p>The AGM shall be held not later than 7 June in each year the Youth and Mini Leagues AGM's will be held the preceding week or earlier.</p> <p>At this meeting, the following business shall be transacted provided that at least fifteen members are present and entitled to vote:</p> <p>Confirm-the minutes of the last AGM.</p> <p>Adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts from the previous season or accounting period.</p> <p>Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.</p> <p>Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.</p> <p>Election of Competition Officers and League Management Committee members.</p> <p>Appointment of auditors/verifiers.</p> <p>Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).</p> <p>Agree the date for the beginning of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.</p> <p>Agree the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Regional NLS Feeder League which shall be determined by The FA).</p> <p>Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted by the Chair as being relevant to an AGM.</p>
8.B	<p>A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.</p>
8.C	<p>A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning authority Somerset Fa within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.</p>

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8.D	Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
8.E	Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12
8.F	All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands or count of email or virtual responses (for virtual meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.
8.G	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
8.H	1. Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 2. Any Club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
8.I	Officers of the Competition and League Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (See Rule 8.G). Officers of the Competition and League Management Committee members shall not be entitled to represent a Club at an AGM.
8.J	Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.
8.K	To elect new Teams applying to join the League providing that their administrative records and facilities meet the requirements of the League. Any Club, which did not compete in the League the previous season, may be considered for admission to a Division suitable to its status and facilities.
8.L	Any Club seeking membership to the League must be represented at the Annual General Meeting or entry will not be granted for the coming season.
9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS	
9.A	On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call an SGM.
9.B	The League Management Committee may call an SGM at any time
9.C	At least 7 days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.
9.D	Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
9.E	Any Club failing to be represented at an SGM, without good reason, shall be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
9.F	Officers of the Competition and League Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs. but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (See Rule 9.D.).
10. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED	
10.	Declaration By submitting this form, you agree to the following Declaration: On behalf of the above-named Football Club, having been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Yeovil & District Football League, we do thereby jointly and individually for and on behalf of said Football Club, if elected to membership, agree to conform to those Rules and Regulations and accept, abide by, and implement the decisions of the Management of the League subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

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	<p>We, on behalf of said Football Club do also jointly and individually agree to return all trophies won by the Club to the League by 30 November in any season, or within seven days of being requested to do so by the General Secretary, together with a payment in accordance with tariff of fees, per trophy to cover the cost of cleaning and engraving. We will not engrave the trophy ourselves.</p> <p>Failure to return a trophy on time shall incur a Fine in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p> <p>We also agree that should any trophy be lost or damaged whilst under our care, to refund the League the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.</p> <p>The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson named on the affiliation form will receive electronic confirmation that must be returned to the General Secretary within 7 days of receipt.</p> <p>It is mandatory that the Affiliation forms and confirmation forms must be returned prior to the Annual General Meeting or incur a Fine in accordance with tariff of Fines.</p>
11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB	
11.A	<p>Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing of such intention by 31 March each season, their deposit will be returned.</p> <p>This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22.B. A Club withdrawing a Team or Teams after March 31st, and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall be Fined in accordance with Fines Tariff and forfeit their Team(s) deposit. In addition, they shall be liable for its share of any calls which may be made under these Rules.</p> <p>Any Club giving notice of withdrawal after 31st March in any season with the intention of joining another Competition shall be Fined, per Team, in accordance with the Fines tariff.</p> <p>A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all its Teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting and up to the commencement of the playing season.</p> <p>A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw its Team(s) at any other time than those specified in these Rules and shall be Fined Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and shall forfeit all entry fees and deposit in respect of each Team withdrawn and be dealt with as the League Management Committee determine.</p> <p>The Membership for the coming season having been decided at an Annual General Meeting held for that purpose not later than the second week in June.</p> <p>The Competition shall have the right, irrespective of the other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its Team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.</p> <p>Failure to comply with their Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
11.B	<p>The League Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
11.C	<p>In the event of a Member Club which is an unincorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.</p> <p>In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age.</p> <p>Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition.</p>

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	<p>Notwithstanding the powers of the League Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6.I, in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the League Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.</p> <p>If a Club withdraws from the League no player may register for another Club until all outstanding Fines have been paid</p>
11.D	<p>The League Management Committee shall have the power to accept the resignation of any Club or Team during the playing season and to deduct points and goals in respect of all in which the resigning Club or Team has played.</p> <p>Clubs withdrawing a Team when two or more Teams have been playing in the League must withdraw the lesser Team, except by special approval of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>A Club withdrawing a Team from the Competition when they have two or more Teams in membership, in order to enter another Competition, must withdraw in accordance with these Rules.</p> <p>A Club withdrawing a Team under these circumstances must apply for re-election to the Competition at the Annual General Meeting for any Team remaining in the Competition in accordance with these Rules.</p> <p>A Club withdrawing its membership from the Competition at any time must in good order return all trophies held by the Club within 7 days of notice or be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>Any Club withdrawing from the League shall not be permitted to re-join in the following season.</p>
EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
12.A	<p>At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the League Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) remove a member of the League Management Committee from office. (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership. both of which, must be supported by more than two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on their point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the League Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
12.B	<p>At the AGM or at an SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has been undesirable, in the delegates opinion, provided there is supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting.</p> <p>Voting on their point shall be conducted by ballot.</p> <p>A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting</p>
12.C	<p>Any Officer or member of a Club found guilty of either a breach of these Rules, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or League Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of 12.A and/or 12.B of their Rule.</p>
12.D	<p>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 (2/3) of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season</p>

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12.E	<p>The League Management Committee reserves the right to withdraw an existing registration, or refuse the new registration, of any player who in the opinion of the League Management Committee has acted in an inappropriate manner, contrary to the Laws of the Game or the provisions of the Football Association's Respect Programme or League's Code of Conduct, such behaviour having been reported to an appropriate County Football Association.</p> <p>In addition, the League Management Committee shall have the power to act upon reports received from interested parties which indicate that Clubs or individual Club members have behaved contrary to the League's Football Association's Respect Programme or League's Code of Conduct thereby bringing the League into disrepute.</p> <p>Such reported conduct shall be the subject of a Review Board set up by the League Management Committee to adjudicate and determine if the Football Association's Respect Programme or League's Code of Conduct has been infringed and shall take place in the presence of the reported Club or individual.</p>
12.F	<p>Where a complaint of misconduct of any player, coach, Club officer or supporter of a Club breaches the welfare, respect and safeguarding Rules, guidelines or codes of conduct published by the League Management Committee or Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA, in accordance with GDPR and Child Protection laws.</p> <p>These complaints must be received by the League Welfare and respect officers within 3 days of the incident.</p> <p>The welfare or respect officer will then decide if the League Management can deal with the issue or if it requires the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA to investigate the issue.</p> <p>If the issue is accepted by the sanctioning authority Somerset FA to process, See rule 12.G, the League Management Committee will have no further discussion unless it is requested to act by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p> <p>Any issue passed to the League Management Committee will be dealt with within these Rules and any decision will be communicated to the Club or Clubs involved within 3 days of such a decision.</p> <p>Any Fines will be in accordance with the tariff of Fines and a Team or Club may have fixtures withdrawn for a fixed period, determined by the League committee, depending on the severity of any breach of the guidelines. All League and League Cup Competition games missed during this period will be rearranged by the League or a team may be ruled out of a Cup Competition as failing to play on previously agreed date in accordance with the Cup Rules. Please also note that if during this period you are in the County Cup you are free to play these games as they are outside of the League's jurisdiction. The League Management Committee reserves the right to withdraw a Club or specific Team's Participation if they see fit.</p> <p>Clubs may appeal any sanction imposed by the League Management Committee as described in rule 7.A to 7. H.</p>
12.G	<p>In accordance with Rule 12.F the Sanctioning Authority Somerset FA, should they decide to progress any misconduct report, will use the "Traffic Light" process detailed in appendix 5 of this document. The League Management Committee will have no further discussion unless it is requested to act by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p>
13. TROPHY	
13.A	<p>An agreement similar to the one below must be signed under the requirements of Rule 10 to cover a Clubs responsibility for any Cups or trophies won.</p> <p>The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or trophy:</p> <p>"We (A)(name) and (B)..... (name), the Chair and Secretary of..... FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Cup or trophy, and the Cup or</p>

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	<p>trophy having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 31st October. If the Cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."</p> <p>A charge will be made on the Club for cleaning and engraving upon its return in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p> <p>Failure to comply will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
13.B	<p>At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.</p> <p>With the exception of the Mini League, The Competition Trophies and a maximum 16 Player's mementoes, plus one for the Club Secretary and or Manager (subject to funds being available), may be presented at a Presentation Event or as determined by the League Management</p> <p>Applications for extra mementoes will not be entertained unless a player has played in more than half the matches.</p> <p>All applications for extra mementoes must be made in writing to the Competition Secretary by 31st May of the current season. Clubs must state the dates played in the application.</p> <p>A memento will be presented on the first occasion that a player represents a Competition in any Inter-League Competition.</p> <p>A Club Secretary who has served one Club for a period of ten years looking after business of both Club and Competition shall receive a suitable memento.</p>
13.C	<p>A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees.</p> <p>If a Competition is discontinued for any reason Cup or Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide, held in trust or, if not, otherwise dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.</p>
13.D	<p>If a Cup or trophy having been awarded to a Club is lost or damaged whilst under their care the League Management Committee reserve the right to order the Club to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value, the value of replacement or the cost of its thorough repair.</p> <p>A charge will be made on the Club for cleaning and engraving upon its return in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p> <p>Failure to comply will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
13.E	<p>Excluding the Mini League (see Rule 13.F), The Yeovil & District League will provide the following number of player trophies where applicable for League and Cup winner and Runner Up</p> <p>Players 16 in number, Club Secretary 1 in number, additional trophies may be ordered and purchased by the Club.</p>
**	<p><i>The following rule applies to the Mini League and is in addition to the above within section 13</i></p>
13.F	<p><i>The Mini League will provide the following number of player trophies where applicable.</i></p> <p><i>5v5 format = 10</i> <i>7v7 format = 14</i> <i>9v9 format = 16.</i></p> <p><i>Additional trophies may be ordered and purchased by the Club</i></p>
ALTERATION TO RULES	
14.A	Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA- shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an SGM specially

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	<p>convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9.</p> <p>Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season, except in exceptional circumstances and approved by Sanctioning authority Somerset FA and The FA</p>
14.B	<p>Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st March in each year.</p> <p>The proposals, together with any proposals by the League Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 31 April and any amendments to these proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM.</p> <p>The proposals and proposed amendments to these proposals shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM.</p> <p>A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if 60% [a majority] of those present and entitled to vote and voting are in favour.</p>
14.C	A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.
14.D	<p>Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the League Management Committee subject to Rule 6.</p> <p>Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.</p>
FINANCE	
15.A	The League Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
15.B	All expenditure in excess of £1000.00 shall be approved by the League Management Committee.
15.C	The fiscal year of the Competition will end on 31 March each year.
15.D	The accounting records or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be <i>audited or verified</i> annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.
15.E	All Fines and charges shall be paid direct to the Competition Treasurer
15.F	<p>Honorariums are seen as a monetary gift for services or responsibilities rendered to the League.</p> <p>These are paid on an annual basis and are subject to review, by the League Council League Management Committee, at the conclusion of each season.</p> <p>Such payments are recorded under the financial heading 'League Expenses.'</p>
INSURANCE	
16.A	All Clubs must have valid Public Liability Insurance cover for a minimum of ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
16.B	<p>All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time.</p> <p>The Players' Personal Accident Insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p> <p>In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.</p>
16.C	Failure to comply with these Rules will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
DISSOLUTION	
17.A	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at an SGM by a majority of

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	three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
17.B	In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the League Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
17.C	<p>The League Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:</p> <p>Any surplus assets save for a trophy or any other presentation remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up and approved in writing by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.</p> <p>If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA may decide.</p>

MATCH RELATED RULES

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS	
18.A	<p>A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. 2. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed. <p>For Clubs registering Players by the Player Registration System, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System, or Tiers 1-4 of the Women Pyramid System. 2. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. <p>Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.</p> <p>3. Excluding the Mini League where Rule 18.DD applies, Each Team must have at least 11 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season.</p> <p>All players must be registered onto the Player Registration System.</p> <p>4. In the event of a Non-Contract Player changing their status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, or with a Club in another Competition their registration as a Non-Contract Player will automatically be cancelled or declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18. B.1.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.C	A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) shall be permitted to register for a Club but <i>will</i> be suspended from football activities if the Player does not comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.
18.D	No fee shall be paid by the Club or Team for the registration of players.

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18.E	<p>The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.</p> <p>In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club in the Competition, the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence.</p> <p>The League Management Committee shall consider the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below. (ii) For Youth and Mini Leagues, a Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or b. Except for the purpose of a transfer. And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C). <p>The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.</p>
18.F	<p>It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to: -</p> <p>Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.</p> <p>Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply, <i>or where the Competition adopts rule 18.P.</i></p> <p>Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected too accurately or fully complete.</p> <p>For Youth and Mini Leagues, Submit a signed registration form as per Rule 18 V and Rule 18 DD</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.G	<p>The League Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of these Rules.</p> <p>The League Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel, or suspend the registration of any Player or may Fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).</p> <p>The League Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the Somerset County Football Association.</p> <p>Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.</p> <p>If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request. If a Player's registration is cancelled, he/she will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of 7 days from the date of cancellation.</p> <p>Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.</p>

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	<p>A Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months.</p> <p>Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the Jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition may consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.</p> <p>(Note: Action under Rule 18.G. para 3, shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA or The FA.</p> <p>All decisions must include the period of restriction.</p> <p>For the purpose of this rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match-based discipline, in any Competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)</p>
18.H	<p>Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2 when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer notification to the Competition and players current Club, via the Player Registration System.</p> <p>A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff will be required.</p> <p>Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition, to the Club for which the player is registered.</p> <p>Should the Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 7 days of receipt of the notification.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 7 days, the League Registration Secretary may, on behalf of the League Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 7 days after receipt of such transfer.</p> <p>In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the League Management Committee for a decision.</p> <p>In the event of a Non-Contract Player without a written contract changing their status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition registration as a Non-Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18.B.</p> <p>Transfer and Reinstatement fees must be paid by the Club by Cheque, Cash or Bacs prior to the player taking part in any games for which these fees were due.</p>
18.I	A Player may not be registered for a Club in the Competition after 14 April except by special permission of the League Management Committee, nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 30 March
18.J	Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only and shall be cancelled on 01 June unless the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Rules otherwise.
18.K	A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22.A) unless the Player has played 10 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
18.L.	A Team shall not include any Player who has played in 10 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 <u>clear</u> days has elapsed since they played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again without having applied for

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	<p>reinstatement to Junior status.</p> <p>For the purpose of this rule a senior Competition(s) shall be defined as one in which each of the competing Teams is either the first Team of a Senior Club registered as such with its County Football Association, or a Team (other than a Youth Team) attached to a Professional Club.</p> <p>Applications for reinstatement from Senior to Junior status shall be made by Email to the Competition's Registration Secretary. A fee will be payable in accordance with the fee tariffs.</p> <p>After being reinstated a player may take part in a further ten senior matches before their reinstatement is cancelled.</p> <p>A player shall not be allowed more than one reinstatement per season.</p> <p>Clubs may apply for no more than three reinstatements during any calendar month, and no reinstatements will be allowed after the 31 of March each year.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.M	<p>Subject to Rule 18.F, 18.H and 18.L. any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a Fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>The League Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18.L. only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.</p> <p>Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18.L. above, the League Management Committee may also, at its discretion: order one or more of the following (if appropriate)</p> <p>Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed.</p> <p>Levy penalty points against the Club in default.</p> <p>Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the League Management Committee).</p>
18.N	<p>The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time education: Priority must be given at all times to activities of colleges, schools, and school organisations.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The availability of children and young people must be cleared with the Head Teachers or Principals.</p> <p><u>To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.</u></p>
18.O	<p>A Player who has played in a senior League or higher Division, 10 or more times shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the League Management Committee.</p>
18.P	<p>A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played and shall produce such records upon demand by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>Clubs are encouraged to use the League website to facilitate there and will be considered sufficient for the purpose of this rule.</p>
18.Q	<p>A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of</p>

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	<p>registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary by way of electronic record and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all League Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged.</p> <p>Registrations are valid for one Season only and are cancelled on 01 June unless the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Rules otherwise.</p> <p>In the event of a player without a written contract changing their status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition their registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in these Rules.</p> <p>In order to play in the League again either for their original Club or for another Club it will be necessary for him to be reinstated as required by these Rules.</p>
18.R	<p>To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.</p> <p>Players Under the age of eighteen must be registered on Player Registration System and the email address of their parent or guardian entered onto the registration.</p> <p>The FA will email the parent or guardian to ensure permission to play is agreed.</p> <p>The player is not registered for the Club or eligible to play until the FA has confirmation of permission from the parent or guardian.</p> <p><u>It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to ensure their process is completed.</u></p>
18.S	<p>A Club (Junior, Youth or Mini) failing to satisfactorily deal with the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition within 21 days of the notification.</p> <p>If the notice is not paid in the time allocated, an additional Fine will be issued and must be paid within 14 days or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>Business includes the correct registration of players prior to the start of the season and supplying the coach and officer details to the League Secretary if not supplied on the affiliation form.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
**	<p>The following Rules apply to the Youth League and are in addition to the above within section 18</p>
18.T	<p>Transition from Under 12 9x9 to the Youth League Under 13 11x11 will be decided by play offs for placement in the appropriate Division, (see Rule 2.N)</p> <p>For Teams that are placed in the same Division following play offs, the play off result will stand.</p> <p>No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will be permitted to play in this Competition.</p> <p><u>Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on the FA web site.</u></p>
18.U	<p>A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: -</p> <p>1) Registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition.</p> <p>2) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by their/their parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match.</p>

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	<p>The Player shall not play again in a subsequent match on the Competition Day until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner.</p> <p>3)The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Players' parents or guardians.</p> <p>These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.</p> <p>Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed_and the player classed as unregistered.</p> <p>4)If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed.</p> <p>5)For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18 (A) two registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via the Player Registration System Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process.</p> <p>The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.V	<p>A registered Youth playing member of a Club is one who has been registered in accordance with Junior League Rule 18 by an officer of the Club and that the Registration Form must have been countersigned by their /their parent or guardian as confirmation of date of birth.</p> <p>The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's parents or guardians.</p> <p>These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.</p> <p>All Club Secretaries must input their players details on the Whole Game player registration system and post or email, the fully completed registration form, countersigned by their/their parent or guardian with proof of age for all new players, to the Registration Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to do so may result in the players' registration being cancelled.</p> <p>Any player released from an Academy or Centre of Excellence Club must be accompanied by a letter releasing the player from the Academy or Centre of Excellence Club.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18.W	<p>A Signed and fully and correctly completed Competition registration Form in ink including date of birth and postcode, such form having been posted to the Youth League Registration Secretary, bearing a post mark earlier than the day of the match, 18(C) also applies.</p> <p>On match days Competition Registration Forms must be delivered to the Youth League Registration Secretary, or in their/their absence to any other Officer or Council League Management Committee Member of the Competition and be countersigned and dated by them before the time of kick off for the player to play in the match.</p> <p>No more than two players may be registered in this manner.</p>

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18.X	<p>A child is permitted to play up in the age group above their or their chronological age group (1 year), irrespective of any changes of format or Competition structure for that playing season.</p> <p>The age groups that children are eligible to play in in the Youth League are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups.</p> <p>Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:</p> <p>For the purposes of this rule provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches.</p> <p>The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, subject to Rule 4(F), along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. For the purposes of this Rule, provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season</th> <th rowspan="2">Eligible Age Groups</th> <th rowspan="2">Maximum Permitted Format</th> <th colspan="2">Minimum</th> <th colspan="2">Maximum</th> <th rowspan="2">Recommended Goal Sizes in feet</th> <th rowspan="2">Ball Size</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Yards</th> <th>Metres</th> <th>Yards</th> <th>Metres</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">1</td> <td>Under 13</td> <td rowspan="2">11v11</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>100 x 60</td> <td>91.44 x 54.9</td> <td>21 x 7</td> <td rowspan="2">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 14</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>100 x 60</td> <td>91.44 x 54.9</td> <td>21 x 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">2</td> <td>Under 14</td> <td rowspan="2">11v11</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>100 x 60</td> <td>91.44 x 54.9</td> <td>21 x 7</td> <td rowspan="2">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 15</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>110 x 70</td> <td>100.58 x 64</td> <td>24 x 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">3</td> <td>Under 15</td> <td rowspan="2">11v11</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>110 x 70</td> <td>100.58 x 64</td> <td>24 x 8</td> <td rowspan="2">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 16</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>110 x 70</td> <td>100.58 x 64</td> <td>24 x 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">4</td> <td>Under 16</td> <td rowspan="2">11v11</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>110 x 70</td> <td>100.58 x 64</td> <td>24 x 8</td> <td rowspan="2">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Under 17</td> <td>90 x 50</td> <td>82.3 x 45.75</td> <td>130 x 100</td> <td>118.87 x 91.44</td> <td>24 x 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Under 18</td> <td>11v11</td> <td>100 x 50</td> <td>91.44 x 45.75</td> <td>130 x 100</td> <td>118.87 x 91.44</td> <td>24 x 8</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum		Maximum		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size	Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres	1	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4	Under 14	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	2	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4	Under 15	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	3	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5	Under 16	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	4	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5	Under 17	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5	Under 18	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
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A child under the age of fifteen as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season, shall not be permitted to play in a match during that playing season where any other player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

18.Y	<p>In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly designated by a name, in such cases, players will be registered for one Team only.</p> <p>A player so registered will be allowed to play in a younger or older age group, within the provisions of these Rules, for that Club only.</p> <p>It shall not be permissible for a player to sign for one Club in a specific age group and then sign for another Club in the same age group without first obtaining a transfer except where rule 18.E applies.</p> <p>The exception to this rule is where a player plays for a Team in a Cup Competition, refer to specific Cup Competition Rules.</p> <p>League Rule 18.H refers. or where the Competition adopts rule 18. P</p>
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18.Z	<p>The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time education.</p> <p>Priority must be given at all times to the activities of schools and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday League Competitions).</p> <p>A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.</p> <p>Clubs with two or more players taking part in school activities may apply in writing to the Youth Secretary to have a match postponed, a letter of verification from the school naming the players concerned must accompany the application and must be received by the Youth League Secretary at least 4 days in advance of the fixture,</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in the match being dealt with as a cancelled fixture.</p>
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18.AA	A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for those in the under 11 age-group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL Academy (such consent can be withdrawn at any time).
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	<p>Trial players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them.</p> <p>The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging Talent Centre, or an FA Professional Game Academy may play in this Competition subject to the FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules.</p>
**	<p>The following Rules apply to the Mini League and are in addition to the above within section 18</p>
18.BB	<p>A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.</p> <p>The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or Competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season. Girls in all female Teams may also be permitted to play an age group down in accordance with Rule 18.</p> <p>The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, subject to Rule 18, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups.</p> <p>Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:</p>
18. CC	<p>Club Secretaries must input their players details on the Player Registration System and post or email, the fully completed registration form, countersigned by their/their parent or guardian with proof of age for all new players, to the Registration Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to do so may result in the players' registration being cancelled.</p> <p>Any player released from an Academy or Centre of Excellence Club must be accompanied by a letter releasing the player from the Academy or Centre of Excellence Club.</p> <p>A Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration Form in ink including date of birth and postcode, such form having been posted (or electronically delivered) to the Mini League Registration Secretary, bearing a post mark earlier than the day of the match.</p> <p>If a player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition must accept an original birth certificate or a photocopy.</p> <p>In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition is required to accept a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth.</p> <p>These documents will not be held on record by the Mini League Registration Secretary.</p> <p>A Player registered with a Premier League or Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted</p>

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	<p>to play in this Competition.</p> <p>Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website.</p> <p>A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Program for Excellence (Female) Regulations</p> <p>If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.</p> <p>Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.</p> <p>A registered Mini Football playing member of a Club who has been registered on WGS with the addition of a completed League Registration Form along with proof of age for all new players, there will include Name, FAN Number and Date of Birth.</p> <p>Failure to do so may result in the players' registration being cancelled.</p> <p>If NO Registration Forms are received by the League, then that Team will not receive fixtures until the forms have been received and WGS has been checked and confirmed correct by the Mini League Registration Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>										
18.DD	<p>All Mini Football Clubs shall register at least the minimum number of players per Team 7 days prior to the date determined by the Annual General Meeting for the start of the season or be dealt with in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p> <p>If NO Registration Forms are received by the League, then that Team will not receive fixtures until the forms have been received and WGS has been checked and confirmed correct by the Mini League Registration Secretary.</p> <p>For the Mini League only, Each Team must have the following number of Players registered Seven days before the start of each Playing Season:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="525 1215 1176 1428"> <thead> <tr> <th>FORMAT</th><th>MINIMUM NUMBER</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5v5</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>7v7</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr> <td>9v9</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr> <td>11v11</td><td>11</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER	5v5	5	7v7	7	9v9	9	11v11	11
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	9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	3
		Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	
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		Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x	
	11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x	4
		Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	
	12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	4
		Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	

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<p>18.G</p> <p>A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for those in the under 11 age-group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL Academy (such consent can be withdrawn at any time).</p> <p>Trial players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them.</p> <p>The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging Talent Centre, or an FA Professional Game Academy may play in this Competition subject to the FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules.</p>	<p>18.HH</p> <p>Priority must be given at all times to the activities of schools and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday League Competitions).</p> <p>A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.</p>
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CLUB COLOURS

<p>19.A</p> <p>Every Team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by AGM and the Competition Secretary shall decide as to their suitability. The Sanctioning authority Somerset FA may request that any Team or Club colours be forwarded to them for approval, or dispensation in any dispute.</p> <p>Failing which a Fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	<p>19.B</p> <p>Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Competition Secretary in advance of making that change.</p>
<p>19.C</p> <p>Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.</p>	<p>19.D</p> <p>No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.</p>
<p>19.E</p> <p>Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents of the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper's jersey) at least 3 days before the Competition Match.</p>	<p>19.F</p> <p>If, in the opinion of the Referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the home Team shall make the change.</p> <p>Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
<p>19.G</p> <p>Shirts must all be numbered, and no two shirts shall have the same number, failing which a Fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	<p>19.H</p> <p>Clubs fielding unregistered colours shall be Fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. in each individual case.</p>
<p>19.I</p> <p>The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the League Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.</p> <p>The League Management Committee may request the Team or Club forward to the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA any Team or Club colours for approval, or dispensation in any dispute.</p>	

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19.J	Any Club wishing to change its colours must obtain permission from its affiliated County Association and from the League Management Committee and from the Council League Management Committee of this Competition in writing.
19.K	Players names are not permitted to be printed on shirts, failing which a Fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Rule 2.I may also be invoked.
PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, DURATION OF GAMES, POWER PLAY. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES	
20.A	<p>All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board for Junior (open age), Youth, Mini and Youth Futsal Handbook, or, for 9v9 football, The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football.</p> <p>Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition.</p> <p>All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the League Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.</p> <p>The League Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.</p> <p>Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches, - https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register</p> <p>All Football Turf Pitches used must be evaluated (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA.</p> <p>The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.</p> <p>The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20.C.</p> <p>Within the Leagues all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes, except small sided (MINI) Competition matches will have a shorter time suitable for the age of the players as detailed in separate Rules below. All other Competition Matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the Referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.</p> <p>Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.</p> <p>The times of kick-off shall be agreed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs, the Competition Fixture Secretary, and the Referee.</p> <p>Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition and inform the Team captain's their intention to do so.</p> <p>Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be Fined a sum in accordance with the tariff of Fines for the first quarter hour or part thereof and in accordance with the tariff of Fines for each succeeding five minutes or part thereof or be otherwise dealt with as the League Management Committee may determine.</p> <p>Teams arriving late for a Final, Semi-final or Deciding matches shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p> <p>A Club desiring to kick off at any other time must first obtain the permission of the</p>

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	<p>Competition Secretary or Fixture Secretary.</p> <p>Permission will only be granted subject to the agreement of the opponents and match officials concerned. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be Fined a sum in accordance with the tariff of Fines or otherwise dealt with as the League Management Committee may determine.</p> <p>The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the Referee shall make a report to the Competition If not provided.</p> <p>Both home and away Clubs shall provide a flag for use by their respective Club assistant Referees for all Cup rounds and League games where a neutral assistant is not appointed by the association or League."</p> <p>Note: Only 2 Teams per home Pitch is permissible.</p> <p>Any fixture arranged or rearranged by the Fixtures Secretary is a fixture and the non-fulfilment of same shall be dealt within these Rules.</p> <p>Clubs to be informed not later than five days prior to the date of a match, except during the last fourteen days of the season, in which case 48 hours' notice shall be given.</p> <p>All other matches must be considered subservient.</p> <p>Clubs shall not enter any other Competition without first seeking the approval of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>A Team having two or more players selected to play (or as reserves to attend) with a Competition representative Team, can, if necessary, postpone a match under the Jurisdiction of the Competition in which the selected players would have been involved and inform the Competition Fixture Secretary accordingly.</p> <p>The Home Club must ensure the field of play is correctly marked with white lining, or other permitted colour agreed with the Competition League Management Committee, prior to the time of kick-off.</p> <p>In the event of a Club failing to ensure adequate white, or other permitted colour, lines for a match it will be dealt with as the League Management Committee deem necessary.</p> <p>All Clubs must provide changing accommodation for the visiting Team and separate secure accommodation for the Referee, with hot water after the game for both.</p> <p>Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 Mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.</p> <p>Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are removed for all affiliated matches at Regional NLS Feeder League level.</p> <p>For those Leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues, Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance with the laws of the game.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.B	<p>Except by permission of the League Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally agreed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions.</p> <p>All other matches must be considered secondary.</p>

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	<p>Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition match with the consent of the Competition, Clubs must also give notice to the Fixtures Secretary the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, and the match officials.</p> <p>In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition five clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.C	<p>An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 4 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at least 3 days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not provided, the relevant Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition.</p> <p>In the event of a Team intending to play a scheduled fixture at a ground other than that detailed in the Competition's Handbook, they shall give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, there ground, to the Fixtures Secretary, Secretary of the opposing Team and Match Officials at least two clear days prior to the playing of the match.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.D	<p>In accordance with the Laws of the Game, with the exclusion of the mini-League, the minimum number of Players which will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. The mini-League minimum number of players is shown in Rule 20.R</p> <p>With the exception of matches listed in Mini League Rules No match shall commence with less than seven players on either side being on the field of play.</p> <p>In the event of a Club presenting less than seven players for a match it shall be dealt with as the League Management Committee deem necessary</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.E	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee decide whether it should either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals) <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. <p>In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. impose a Fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), 5. deduct points from the defaulting Club, 6. order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents, 7. Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Competition Secretary, Referees Appointments Officer, fixture Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.9. In the event of a Competition Match not being played or being abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Competition.10.11. Failing such agreement and notification to the Competition within 2 days, the Competition shall have the power to order the Match to be played on or before a given date.12.13. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition the League Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.14. <p>Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for 20 persons, or car allowance at 30 p per mile for transporting 4 persons or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police, and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">15. Where a Competition Match has been abandoned for any reason both Clubs must, within 24 hours, give notice to the Competition []. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff <p>The League Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">16. The League Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the deterioration of the pitch or weather conditions.17. The welfare of all participants must be considered where games are abandoned.18. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the League Management Committee may order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.19. In all cases where the League Management Committee are satisfied that a Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall award the points for the Match to the opponent.20. In cases where a Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the League Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Match, and it shall not be replayed.21. No Fine(s) can be applied by the League Management Committee for an abandoned Match.
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In matches ordered to be replayed owing to a breach of the Rules or misconduct, only players who were eligible to play in the original fixture shall be allowed to play.

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	<p>The League Management Committee shall review any Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association.</p> <p>In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above.</p> <p>Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.</p> <p>Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture, or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.</p> <p>Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee who may inflict a penalty it deem suitable.</p> <p>If there are exceptional circumstances the cancelling Club shall state the reasons for cancelling in writing, within seven days, to the Competition's Fixture Secretary.</p> <p>The operation of this rule shall be at discretion of the League Management Committee.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.F	<p>For Junior, Youth and Mini games, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.</p> <p>A Club may name up to 5 substitute Players of whom not more than 5 may be used. Rule 20.Q also applies to Mini League games.</p> <p>For Junior, Youth and Mini games, a Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being conducted in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game, Rule 20.Q also applies to Mini League games.</p> <p>Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, Team may use up to 5 from 5 named substitute Players in a Competition Match. Rule 20.Q also applies to Mini League games.</p> <p>The Referee [and a representative of the opposing Club] shall be informed of the names of the Players taking part in the Match (including the substitutes) not later than 15 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.</p> <p>There is no need to name substitutes in Mini League games.</p> <p>A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.</p> <p>A player who has been selected, either as a player or substitute, in any match may not take part as a player or be named as a substitute in a second match until the first match has been completed.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.G	<p>The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes.</p> <p>The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.</p>
20.H	<p>The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who shall</p>

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	<p>wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their Teammates.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.I	<p>Where a suspension imposed in relation to a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a Club by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by 2 days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).</p>
20.J	<p>The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules.</p> <p>No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date.</p> <p>Original fixtures arranged by the Competition Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date named by the Annual General Meeting.</p>
20.K	<p>Every Club shall play its best available qualified Team in all matches in the Competition.</p> <p>Note: The intention of this rule is not to interfere with normal Team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened Team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another Team or to boost the strength of another or lower Team.</p> <p>It is not intended that Clubs must field higher Team players in lower Teams when a higher Team has no engagement.</p> <p>If in the opinion of the League Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rules is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the League Management Committee may determine.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
20.L	<p>The Competition shall require all players and Club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if requested by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>Prior to each match the participating Teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating Teams to offer 'three cheers and handshakes to the opposing Team after the match.</p>
20.M	<p>All Managers, or Coaches, will give their email address and mobile number, to be verified on Full Time before the start of the season.</p> <p>Managers will receive an SMS from Full Time after every game for their results.</p> <p>The SMS must be replied to within 2 hours of the fixture, or a Fine will be incurred.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
**	<p><i>The following Rules apply to the Youth League and are in addition to the above within section 20</i></p>
20.N	<p>The home Team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the Referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.</p> <p>A size 4 ball will be used for age groups U13 to U14.</p> <p>A size 5 ball will be used for all other age groups.</p>

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20.O	<p>Duration of games</p> <p>Youth League Matches Shall be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, and as detailed below.</p> <p>The maximum number of players allowed to take part in a game for a team is. U13 to U16 – 16 Players</p>							
	Age Group	Minimum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
	Under 13 and Under 14	N/A	N/A	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long League table
	Under 15 and Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long League table
	Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long League table
**	<p><i>The following Rules apply to the Mini League and are in addition to the above within section 20</i></p>							
20.P	<p>Mini League Matches Shall be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, and as detailed below.</p>							
	Age Group	Minimum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
	Under 7 and Under 8	5	10	10	20	40	60	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2-week

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Under 9 and Under 10	10	12.5	20	25	60	90	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4-week
Under 11	N/A	N/A	20	30	80	120	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6-week
Under 12	N/A	N/A	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long League table

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per quarter cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per quarter may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

Competition Matches for age groups from U7 to U10 can be played in either quarters or halves. This Competition uses quarters. This rule also applies to Development Matches within this Competition.

20.Q	Mini League games the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:										
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	Substitutes may be used, for ages groups 11 and 12, in accordance with Rule 20.F										
	Any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the Match Official.										
	Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play.										
	A Player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another Player.										
	A Team must not have a <u>match day</u> squad greater than double the size of its Team in an age group.										
	Maximum number of players allowed to take part in a game for a team is. U7s and U8s – 10 Players U9s and U10s – 14 Players U11s and U12s – 14 Players										

20.R	POWER PLAY
	To ensure that players are challenged and enjoy the game the FA have introduced the idea of a Power Play for mini-Football 5v5 and 7v7 formats only .

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	<p>Normal mini-Football Rules apply except for the following: -</p> <p>If a Team is losing by a four-goal difference, they can put an additional player on – so 5v5 becomes 6v5.</p> <p>If the score returns to less than a four-goal difference the Team takes off a player, becoming 5v5 again.</p> <p>It does not have to be the last player to come on.</p> <p>If a Team goes on to be losing by a six-goal difference a further additional player can be added – so 6v5 becomes 7v5, If the score returns to less than a four-goal difference the Team takes off a player, becoming 6v5 again.</p> <p>Power Play is available in all mini-Football formats 5v5 and 7v7.</p> <p>Power Play can only be used for Development Games.</p> <p>Normal Rules will apply for Cup games.</p> <p>It is the losing Team's coach or Manager that has sole discretion for using power play Rules.</p> <p>The losing Team must inform the Referee and winning Team coach of the power play use; they cannot refuse to allow it.</p>
20.T	Transition from Development Football and Mini League U11 to Under 12 competitive League and positions within the U12 Divisions will be decided on the U11 results from the preceding season results.
REPORTING RESULTS	
21.A	<p>With the exception of the Mini League U7, U8, U9, and U10 age groups, all Teams, including Mini League U11 and U12 age groups, the Competition results and fixture Secretary must receive a copy of the white Team sheet and the opposition's blue Team sheet within 72 hours of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner.</p> <p>Copies may be posted or emailed to the results and fixtures Secretary.</p> <p>There must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition such as Referee fees. The white sheet also has to be signed by the match Referee.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
21.B	<p>Both Clubs shall use telephone/SMS/email/ FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the results or fixture Secretary within 24 hours.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
21.C	<p>The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Team, or as prescribed by the Competition.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
21.D	<p>When Clubs participate in County FA Cup matches the Secretaries of the Yeovil League Clubs involved must inform the Fixtures Secretary of the result or report any un-played matches before 7.00 p.m. that same evening.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
21.E	With the exception of the Mini League U7, U8, U9, and U10 age groups, all Teams,

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	<p>including Mini League U11 and U12 age groups, shall be responsible for ensuring that a copy of the Competition's Team Sheet, (Blue copy) listing the players that it intends to use in the match, including nominated substitutes is given to a representative of the opposition prior to the scheduled kick off time.</p> <p>Player's names must correspond to their shirt numbers on the Team Sheet.</p> <p>In the event of a Team playing a player who has not been listed on the Team Sheet, but who is in all other respects qualified to play, they shall inform their opponents immediately on spotting the error to enable their copy of the Team Sheet to be amended.</p> <p>When submitting its Team Sheet, Clubs must include the blue copy of the Team Sheet received from their opponents.</p> <p>The Referee's copy of the Team Sheet (yellow copy) shall be handed to him or their at least 15 minutes before the kick-off by the Team captain or Club nominated officer, such action will enable the Referee to speak to the captains as to how he/she expects them to act within the remit of the Respect Programme.</p> <p>Each Team shall be responsible for completing the Team and match details on Full Time within <u>72 hours</u> following the date played.</p> <p>Clubs will be given access to the FA Full Time Web site for them to use for results, respect marks and match official's marks.</p> <p>These must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players, and the Referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
21.F	<p>With the exception of the Mini League U7, U8, U9, and U10 age groups, all Teams, including Mini League U11 and U12 age groups, shall purchase a match results book, one per Team, to be collected at AGM.</p> <p>The results book can be posted at an extra cost to the Club.</p> <p>The charge for the result book is shown in the Fines tariff.</p>
**	<p><i>The following rule apply to the Youth League and are in addition to the above within section 21</i></p>
21.G	<p>The Home Club shall communicate the result of each match to the Youth League Secretary by 5.30pm on the Sunday or 9.00pm on the day for midweek games. All the Teams shall likewise communicate to the League Youth Secretary; the result of any County Cup match they have played in.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
**	<p><i>The following Rules apply to the Mini League and are in addition to the above within section 21</i></p>
21.H	<p>The Home Club shall communicate the result of each match to the Mini League Fixture and results Secretary by 5.30pm on the Sunday or by 9.00pm on the day for midweek games. All the Teams shall likewise communicate to the Mini League Secretary's any, result of County arranged match they have played in.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
21.I	<p>The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s.</p> <p>Any Competition, or Club failing to abide by this rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA.</p> <p>The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for the awarding of a trophy.</p>

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	<p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff</p>
DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP	
22.A	<p>Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.</p> <p>In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by the following criteria, in the order of priority in which they appear:</p> <p>(NB: for Regional NLS Feeder Leagues criteria 1 & 2 are mandatory; for all other Competitions they are optional):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>[Goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).</i> 2. <i>In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.]</i> 3. In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest. 4. In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head-to-head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest. 5. One-off fixture or play-off games as determined by the League management committee.
22.B	<p>Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first 2 Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 Teams in each Division except as provided for below subject to the provisions of Rule 2.L.</p> <p>Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one Division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.</p> <p>Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:</p> <p>retention of otherwise relegated Team(s). or additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the Division below. or election. At the discretion of the League Management Committee</p> <p>The last 2 Teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule22. B.1 above.</p> <p>Save for where Rule 2(M) applies, when a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which the reserve (or other less senior) Team of the same Club is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve (or other less senior) Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division. Should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division, the reserve (or other less senior) Team of the same Club automatically retires from the Competition.</p> <p>Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the Divisions have its senior Team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to</p>

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	<p>the next highest Team or Teams in the Division concerned.</p>
22.C	<p>In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22.B, a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs).</p> <p>The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows :</p> <p>The aggregate score from home and away games.</p> <p>In the event of a draw on aggregate an extra period of two halves of 15 minutes shall be played with the winner decided on goals scored.</p> <p>If there results in a draw then penalties shall be taken until a winner is resulting.</p>
22.D	<p>In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table.</p> <p>For the purposes of this rule 22.D a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the League Management Committee.</p> <p>In the event of a Team failing to complete its Competition engagements it shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines.</p>
22.E	<p>Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions 2 Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the senior Competition at their AGM.</p> <p>Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the second or third placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions.</p> <p>Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions, Yeovil & District Football League Clubs may provisionally apply for promotion to the County Football League providing they notify in writing the Secretary of the Yeovil & District Football League and the County Football League by the 31st of December.</p> <p>Failure to notify will mean automatic rejection of the application.</p> <p>The Clubs applying will need to finish either Champions or runners up of the top Division and will also need to meet the appropriate grading criteria of the County Football League.</p> <p>Should the Champion Club not wish for promotion or alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the runner up Club will be eligible under the same conditions.</p> <p>A maximum of one Club will be allowed promotion to the County Football League in any one season.</p> <p>At the end of each Season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from the senior Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either (a) to accept a Club from the senior Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition.</p> <p>The bottom 2 Clubs in the senior Competition will be relegated.</p> <p>Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the Competition or to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.</p> <p>REGIONAL NLS FEEDER LEAGUES ONLY: The bottom 2 Clubs in the County Competition will be relegated; Any Club not maintaining the ground grading set for the Competition may be relegated at the end of the Playing Season. Each relegated Club will be allocated to the highest Division in either League Competition or the Competition</p>

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	<p>recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.</p> <p>5 Clubs will be promoted to the County Competition, one maximum from each feeder League Competition, and the County Competition providing that each Club is either the Champion Club or Runner-up or [] placed Club and has the necessary grading criteria.</p> <p>In the event of there being no eligible Clubs wishing promotion or not having the necessary grading criteria from any of the Competitions, there will reduce the number of Clubs to be relegated from the County Competition.</p> <p>If only 2 Clubs are eligible or wish for promotion, the bottom 2 Clubs in the County Competition will be relegated. If only 1 Club is eligible or wishes promotion, only the bottom Club in the County Competition will be relegated.</p> <p>If no Clubs are eligible, or wish for promotion, no Clubs will be relegated from the County Competition.</p> <p>In the event of a [] Competition Club not being placed in the bottom [] Clubs at the end of the Playing Season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the Playing Season, or having been excluded under Rule [] only [] Clubs will be relegated at the end of the Playing Season.</p> <p>In the event of a [] Competition Club opting to be relegated or being relegated under Rule [] such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation.</p>
MATCH OFFICIALS	
23.A	<p>Registered Referees (and assistant Referees, where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the League Management Committee and by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA.</p>
23.B	<p>In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior assistant Referee shall take charge, and a substitute assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams.</p> <p>In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee.</p> <p>An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status, and Jurisdiction of a registered Referee.</p> <p>Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age Competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any Competition.</p> <p>Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in Competitions where the players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the Referee, for example, a 15-year-old Referee may only officiate in Competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.</p> <p>When a substitute Referee is mutually agreed upon, it shall become the responsibility of the home Club Secretary to report the result of the match to the Fixtures Secretary and enter the Referee's name onto Full Time plus any marks where appropriate.</p> <p>Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23.C	<p>The League Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the competing Clubs, appoint assistant Referees, if available, to any match.</p> <p>Where assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant Referee.</p>

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	<p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23.D	<p><u>Regional NLS Feeder Leagues:</u> No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground.</p> <p>In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA “Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions.”</p> <p>Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Jurisdiction, the visiting Club, and the Match Officials.</p> <p><u>For those Leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues:</u> The appointed Referee, who will be expected to be in attendance 30 minutes prior to the start of the match, shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and their decision shall be final, subject to either, in the case of a ground of a Local Jurisdiction or the owners of a ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.</p>
23.E	<p>Subject to any limits or provisions laid down by the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA, Match Officials appointed under this rule shall be paid a match fee and travel expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff.</p> <p>Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before or immediately after the Competition Match.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>Clubs must insert on the result sheet the amount paid to the Referee and the Referee must sign the sheet to accept the amount.</p> <p>A sum of £10.00 Junior and £5.00 Youth and Mini (U12 only) will be levied on each Team to support and maintain a good coverage of Referees.</p> <p>At the end of the season any Club paying more than £40.00 Junior, £30.00 Youth and £25.00 Mini on any fixture will be reimbursed annually the amount over the sum subject to match report (Team sheets) being correctly submitted in accordance with Rule 21.</p>
23.F	<p>In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses.</p> <p>Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee, and expenses.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this rule will result in a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
23.G	<p>A Referee not keeping their engagement and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.</p>
23.H	<p>Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the Referee for each Competition Match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided and through the League website on FA Fulltime in line with the Guidance For Marking Referees at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Referee Marks shall be entered onto the Fulltime system within 24 hours of the completion of the Match.</p>

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	<p>Clubs failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to be Fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the League Management Committee shall determine.</p> <p>Clubs who award less than 60 marks to a Referee after a match will, as per F.A. instructions, submit a written report to the Referee Appointments Officer explaining the reasons for doing so.</p> <p>Referees having completed ten or more seasons service to the League shall receive an appropriate award.</p>
23.I	The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to the Sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.
23.J	<i>Where required, The Referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the Competition Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.</i>
23.K	Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
23.L	Match Officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA and/or Sanctioning authority Somerset FA adopted by the Competition.
23.M	The Yeovil & District Football League supports training Referee's and offer a bursary to assist with the cost towards Referee qualification. Applications & criteria requests should be directed to the Yeovil League Referee's Appointments Secretary by email: yeovilrefs@gmail.com
24	General
24.A	Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be determined by the League Management Committee (Council League Management Committee) with, if appropriate, reference being made to the Rules of Somerset County Football Association and the Football Association

Yeovil and District Football League Benevolent Fund

1. The fund shall be called The Yeovil and District Football League Benevolent Fund.
2. The fund shall be under the entire control and management of the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee and its business shall be conducted by the Secretary of the League.
3. All applications for grants must be submitted on a specified form by the Secretary of the Club with whom the incapacitated person is connected and if the League Management Committee so desire the facts of the case must be substantiated by a medical certificate.
4. Registered Referees of the League shall be eligible to apply for grants on the same conditions as stated in Rule 3.
5. The fund shall be subject to annual audit with the remainder of the League's Accounts.

The Ron Escott Trophy

1. The award shall be called the Ron Escott Trophy and shall be managed by an adjudicating committee of the Yeovil & District Football League Management Committee.
2. The award shall be presented to the Junior Club attaining the highest average assistant Referee mark throughout the current season.
3. A Club assistant Referee will be marked out of 100 by the appointed Referee for all League and Cup fixtures. Where more than one Club assistant is used during the match, the mark will be an average of those used.

The Club assistant mark will be submitted to the Referee Appointments Secretary on the prescribed form and who will collate the marks for the adjudicating committee.

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5. The adjudicating committee shall consist of the League Chair (or their deputy), the League General Secretary, the League Referees Appointments Secretary, and the Yeovil Referees Society Representative on the League Council League Management Committee. The adjudicating committee's decision shall be final, and the Trophy will be presented at the League's Annual General Meeting.
6. Any matter arising other than is covered by these Rules shall fall under the Jurisdiction of the League Management Committee (Council League Management Committee).

Yeovil & District Football League Cup Competitions

Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition (1908) Cup presented by G. E. Templeman, Esq.

1. The Competition shall be called the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
2. The Competition shall be open to all affiliated Clubs playing in the League's highest two Divisions.
3. The closing date for entry by member and non-member Clubs shall be the AGM; the payment of the £20 entrance fee shall be no later than the AGM.
4. Registration of Players.
 - (a) Clubs in membership of the Yeovil League — Registration for the Junior League in accordance with League Rule 18 shall be deemed registration for this Competition.
 - (b) No registration will be accepted after the reserved date for the semi-final or 31st March dependant on the date fixed for the final except by special permission of the Committee. No reinstatement will be accepted after the reserved date of the round in which the Club is first drawn to play unless the player concerned has played in all previous rounds of this Competition and participated in at least 50% of all League matches.
 - (c) No player may play for more than one Club in the current season.
5. Referees
 - (a) Referees' fees and Assistant Referees (if available) fees and travelling expenses, shall be in accordance with the tariff of fees or if in the Final the Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a memento in place of a fee and expenses.
 - (b) A contribution to expenses may be considered upon receipt of an email request made within two weeks (fourteen days) of the date that the Final was played to the Referee Appointment Secretary.
6. Matches
 - (a) The ties shall be drawn, the dates fixed, and the matches played as the League Management Committee may determine. Teams drawn at home whose ground is unavailable on the reserved date for a round of the Competition, other than from the result of adverse weather conditions, **must find an alternative venue or play the tie on their opponents' ground**. Where a venue is deemed unplayable due to adverse conditions the tie will be switched to the opponents' ground, The 'away' Team becomes the 'home' Team and is responsible for match officials fees and expenses. The 'home' Team is responsible for informing the League, match officials, opponents etc.
 - (b) In all matches up to and including the Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties (penalty shoot-out). Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time
 - (c) If, before both Teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.

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(d) If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, with the kicks taken by the remaining Team players not involved in the first five kicks, in the same order until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks), and one has scored more than the other. In the event that the score is still equal after all players have taken kicks the Rules C and D will be repeated until there is a result.

7. In the event of any Club failing to conduct an engagement on the agreed date, (unless engaged in a Competition which has precedence), they shall be Fined not less than in accordance with the tariff of Fines and be ruled out of the Competition. Where a Competition is to be run on a League basis, all cancellations will incur a Fine in accordance with the tariff of Fines and the game will be awarded to the opposition. In the event of any Club failing to complete a Semi-Final or Final Tie it shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines respectively and be dealt with at the discretion of the Council League Management Committee. Any Club withdrawing from the Competition prior to the Semi-Final shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines.

8. The money taken at all matches shall be divided as follows: -

- Matches up to and including Semi-Final Ties, the Home Club shall retain the gross gate.
- In the case of matches played on neutral grounds prior to the Semi-Final Ties expenses shall be equally shared by both Clubs. Monies in excess of match expenses shall be equally shared by both Clubs. Matches prior to the Semi-Final Ties played on "Home" Team ground, the following shall apply: - Home Clubs shall be responsible for all match expenses (Referee, Ground, etc.) Visiting Clubs shall pay their own travelling expenses. In Semi-Final Ties played on the "Home" Team ground the Teams shall share the match officials' fees. The "Home" Team shall pay all other match expenses. Visiting Clubs shall pay their own travelling expenses.
- The gross gate receipts of the Final Tie shall go to the Competition fund. The Competition shall pay all Final Tie match expenses.

9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Charity and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

10. A Challenge Cup will be held by the winners of the Competition returnable upon request or by **31st October** and seventeen mementos may be presented to the winning Team and runners-up, plus a memento for the Club Secretary.

11. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be governed by the Yeovil and District Football League, Somerset County Football Association, and the Football Association Rules.

Yeovil and District Premier Division K.O. Cup Competition (1934)

Cup presented by Yeovil and Petters United F.C.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

- This Competition shall be called the Yeovil and District Premier Division K.O. Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
- The Competition shall be open to members of Junior League Premier Division of the Yeovil and District Football League.
- The closing dates for the entries shall be the AGM and the payment of the entrance fee shall be the AGM in accordance with the tariff of Fines.
- Registration for the Junior League shall be also deemed registration for this Competition, subject to the applicable provisions of the Charity Cup Rules.
- The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

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The Les King Open Challenge Cup (1974)

Cup presented by Castle Cary F.C. in memory of the late Les King.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

1. The Competition shall be called the Les King Open Challenge Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
2. The Competition shall be open to Yeovil and District Football League Clubs only.
4. (c) Any Club entering two or more Teams in this Competition must supply the League with separate Team list for each Team entered and players may only play for the Team specified.
9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Division 1 Knock-Out Cup Competition (1955)

Cup presented by The League.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

1. The Competition shall be called the League Division 1 Knock Out Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
2. Only members of Junior League Division 1.
4. Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in a YDFL League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition, except a player having played two or more consecutive Division 1 or 2 games in the current season immediately prior to a Cup Round or Semi-Final Tie.
9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Division 2 Knock-Out Cup Competition (1959)

Cup presented by Mr and Mrs W. J. Hockey

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

1. The Competition shall be called the League Division 2 Knock Out Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
2. Only members of Junior League Division 2.
4. Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in our League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition, except a player having played two or more consecutive Division 2 games in the current season immediately prior to a Cup Round or Semi-Final Tie.
9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Division 3 Knock-Out Cup Competition (1964)

(Competition currently inactive)

Cup presented by Mr and Mrs W. J. Bissett

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

1. The Competition shall be called the League Division 3 Knock Out Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.

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- 2 Only members of Junior League Division 3.
- 4 Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in our League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition, except a player having played two or more consecutive Division 3 games in the current season immediately prior to a Cup Round or Semi-Final Tie.
- 9 The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District John Hayward Memorial Cup (1962) Cup presented by Mrs Hayward.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

- 1 The Competition shall be called the John Hayward Memorial Cup and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
- 2 The Competition shall be open to all affiliated Clubs playing in the League's lowest two Divisions. Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in our League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition.
- 4 (d) Any Club entering two or more Teams in this Competition must supply the League with separate Team list for each Team entered and players may only play for the Team specified.
- 9 The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Chairman's Plate Competition (2019) Trophy presented by Mr John Shearing

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

- 1 The Competition shall be called the Chairman's Plate and managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Council League Management Committee.
- 2 The Competition shall be open to members of Junior League Division One of the Yeovil and District Football League.
- 4 Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in our League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition, except a player having played two or more consecutive Division 1 or 2 games in the current season immediately prior to a Cup Round or Semi-Final Tie.
- 9 The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Vice-Chairman's Plate Competition (2019) Trophy presented by Mr Terry Sainsbury

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

- 1 The Competition shall be called the Vice-Chairman's Plate and managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
- 2 The Competition shall be open to members of Junior League Division Two of the Yeovil and District Football League.

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- 4 Any player who has played more than five games in a higher Division in our League in the current season shall not be allowed to play in the Competition, except a player having played two or more consecutive Division 2 games in the current season immediately prior to a Cup Round or Semi-Final Tie.
- 9 The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

Yeovil and District League Treasurer's Plate Competition (2019)

Trophy presented by Mr Paul Murley

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Charity Cup Competition with the following exceptions:

- 1 The Competition shall be called the Treasurer's Plate and managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
- 2 The Competition shall be open to members of Junior League Premier Division of the Yeovil and District Football League.
- 3 The closing date for entry shall be the date of the AGM. Competition entry will be included within League affiliation.
- 4 No reinstatement will be accepted after the reserved date of the semi-final (remainder as Charity Cup)
- 6 (b) First round matches will be played on a League basis with the top side in each Division progressing to the semi-finals with the best-placed side finishing second. In Semi-Final and Final ties, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of 'penalties (penalty shoot-out).' (Remainder of rule as Charity Cup)
- 9 The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE CLUB INFORMATION SEASON 2025-2026
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YEOVIL & DISTRICT YOUTH LEAGUE Founded 1927 NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

This Competition shall be designated the Yeovil and District Youth Football League, consisting of Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority Somerset FA Somerset FA.

The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed Youth formats published under FA Rule C4(A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).

COMPETITIONS

Youth League, Youth K.O. Shield, Under 16's, Under 15's, Under 14's and Under 13 K.O. Cups.

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YOUTH LEAGUE MEETING DATES

Council League Management Committee 3rd Wednesday of the month,
September to May inclusive, at 7.00pm
Youth League AGM, Friday 29th May 2026

YOUTH LEAGUE & KNOCKOUT CUPS REPRESENTATIVES'

Mr S. Bachrach, Mr G Baker, Mrs M. Hayden, Mr P Hollard

YOUTH TEAM SELECTION

The President, Chair, Vice-Chairman, Secretaries and Treasurer are members of all Committees.

YOUTH LEAGUE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

Mr S. Bachrach, Mr G. Baker, Mr P Hollard

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Yeovil and District Football Youth League (1927)

Trophies presented by:

UNDER 16's WINNERS CUP	-	Mr and Mrs Bown.
UNDER 16's RUNNERS-UP	-	Edgar Vincent & Son.
UNDER 15's WINNERS CUP	-	Marneys Sports Ltd.
UNDER 15's RUNNERS-UP CUP	-	Yeovil & District Referees Society.
UNDER 14's DIVISION 1 WINNERS CUP	-	The League.
UNDER 14's DIVISION 1 RUNNERS-UP	-	Sherborne Boys' Brigade.
UNDER 13's WINNERS CUP	-	Mr. S. F. Matthews.
UNDER 13's RUNNERS-UP CUP	-	Mr A. Hopkins.

Yeovil and District Youth Knock out Cup and Shield Competitions and Rules

Yeovil and District Youth Knock-Out Shield Competition (1903)

Shield presented by B. W. Southcombe, Esq.

1. The Competition shall be called the Yeovil and District Youth Knock-Out Shield Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Under 15 and Under 16 Teams only.
3. The entrance fee shall be £10 per Team, payable not later than September 1st, which shall be the closing date for entries. (The League Management shall have power to extend the entry date).
4. No player may play for more than one Club in the current season. No player having played in the Competition for a Team may play for another Team within the same Club at the same age group or a higher age group within the Club, these players are "Cup tied" to the Team they first played for. No registration will be accepted after 31st March. To be eligible a player shall not have reached the age of 16 years or be a minimum age of not less than 14 years, before the 1st of September immediately prior to current season. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game and permission granted by the Football Association, use three substitute players in any match in this Competition. Player's eligibility for each Competition as specified in Rule 18 of the Yeovil and District League Rules. Playing times and ball sizes to be as specified in Rule 20 of Yeovil and District League Rules.
5. Referees' Fees prior to the Final and Assistant Referees (if appointed), plus travelling expenses shall be in accordance with the tariff of Fines. The Final Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a memento in place of fee and expenses.
6.
 - (a) The ties shall be drawn, the dates fixed, and the matches played as the League Management Committee may determine. Teams drawn at home whose ground is unavailable on the reserved date for a round of the Competition, other than from the result of adverse weather conditions, **must find an alternative venue or play the tie on their opponents' ground**. Where a venue is deemed unplayable due to adverse conditions the tie will be switched to the opponents ground, The "away" Team becomes the "home" Team and is responsible for match officials fees and expenses. The "home" Team is responsible for informing the League, match officials, opponents etc. Where there is a first leg score that could be considered decisive, the opposing side may, if it is not to the detriment of the Competition, choose to forfeit the second leg without penalty. The Semi-Final and Final shall be played as determined by the League Management Committee.
 - (b) In all matches up to and including the Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties (penalty shoot-out). Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time whistle.
 - (c) If, before both Teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.

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(d) If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, with the kicks taken by the remaining Team players not involved in the first five kicks, in the same order until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks), and one has scored more than the other. In the event that the score is still equal after all players have taken kicks the Rules C and D) will be repeated until there is a result.

7. In the event of any Club failing to conduct an engagement on the agreed date, (unless engaged in a Competition which has precedence), they shall be Fined not less than in accordance with the tariff of Fines and be ruled out of the Competition. Where a Competition is to be run on a League basis, all cancellations will incur a Fine in accordance with the tariff of Fines and the game will be awarded to the opposition. In the event of any Club failing to complete a Semi-Final or Final Tie it shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines respectively and be dealt with at the discretion of the League Management. Any Club withdrawing from the Competition prior to the Semi-Final shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines.

8. The money taken at all matches shall be accounted for within eight days and shall be divided as follows:

(a) Matches preceding the Final Tie played on the Home Team's ground the following shall apply: Home Clubs shall be responsible for all match expenses (Referee, Assistant Referees, Ground and Advertising, etc.). All visiting Clubs shall pay their own travelling expenses. In Semi-Final matches played on neutral grounds the Competition shall pay all match expenses, and both Teams shall pay their own travelling expenses.
In the case of matches played on neutral ground prior to Semi-Final Ties, both Teams shall pay their own travelling expenses, both Clubs shall equally share all other match expenses.

(b) The gross gate receipts of the Final Tie shall go to the Competition funds. The Competition shall pay all Final Tie match expenses.

9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football League Football and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.

10. A Challenge Shield will be held by the winners of the Competition, returnable upon request or by **31st October** at the latest, and seventeen mementoes may be presented to the winning Team and runners-up. There may include a memento for the Club Secretary.

11. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be governed by the Yeovil and District Football League, The Yeovil and District Youth League, Somerset County F.A. and the English F.A. Rules.

12. In the event of the Competition being played on a group or Mini League basis any Team cancelling a fixture or proven guilty of registration irregularities shall be dealt with as if the offence had occurred in a League match.

Youth Knock-Out Cup Competitions

Under 16's K.O. Cup - Paul Belben Memorial Cup

Under 15's K.O. Cup - Shumend Trophies Ltd

Under 14's K.O. Cup - Presented by Norman Burfield

Under 13's K.O. Cup - Presented by Martock United F.C.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Youth Knock-Out Shield Competition with the following exceptions:

1 The Competition shall be called the Yeovil and District Youth Knock-Out Cup Competition and shall be managed by the Yeovil and District Football League Management Committee. Player's eligibility for each Competition as specified in Rule 18 of the Youth League Rules. Playing times and ball sizes to be as specified in Rule 20 of Yeovil and District League Rules.

6.(b) In all matches up to and including the Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties (penalty shoot-out). Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time whistle.

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Ashcott u15	Kieran Mooney	kieranmooney1989@hotmail.co.uk	07896 876887	Red / Black / Black
Ashcott u16	Colin MacPherson	colin.macpherson@ashcottfc.co.uk	07886 210168	Red / Black / Red

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U15	Ben Flower	Flower89133@hotmail.com	07707 084192	Red/Black/Red

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U16 Combe Eagles	Darren Bagg	darrenpbagg@gmail.com	07427 629676	Red/ Black/ Black

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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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U16 Weavers	Scott Isaacs	scotti6@yahoo.co.uk	07875 309222	Sky blue/Navy/Navy

East Coker Cockerels		Long Furlong Lane, East Coker, BA22 9LQ		
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Emergency	James Rowe	treasurer@eastcokercockerels.co.uk	07557 887044	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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U15	Adam Knight	aknight79@hotmail.co.uk	07970 834916	navy red / red / navy
U16	Adam Mitchell	adsmitch7@gmail.com	07562 658587	Red / Black / Red

Forton Rangers YFC		Forton Lane, Tatworth and Forton, Chard, Somerset, TA20 2LZ		
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Welfare	Kerry Farquhar	kezzia_@msn.com	07917 863762	
Emergency	Joe Carbin	Joe@carbinheating.com	07725 040042	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13	John Paul Doyle	jpdoyle46@gmail.com	07846 997680	Purple/ purple / purple

Ilchester YFC		Ilchester Sports Field, Roman Road, Ilchester, BA22 8NZ		
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Emergency	Jason Pack	ilchesterchairman@gmail.com	07807 295455	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Ilchester Tigers	Stuart Horne	stumax01@live.co.uk	07835 766098	Black & Blue stripes/blue/blue
U13 Ilchester Tornadoes	Daniel White	danwhite84@hotmail.co.uk	07780 113173	Blue & Black/blue/blue
U13 Ilchester Diamonds	Wayne Pike	Wayne.pike@hotmail.co.uk	07800 893048	Blue & Yellow/Blue/Blue
U14 Ilchester Hurricanes	Glenn Mahoney	glennmahoney978@btinternet.com	07786 446859	Blue/Black/Blue
U14 Ilchester Phoenix	Dom Civale	enzocivale386@btinternet.com	07816 486668	Blue & Purple/blue/blue
U14 Ilchester Rangers	Andrew Chamberlain	achamberlain607@gmail.com	07496 124993	Blue & Orange/Blue/Blue
U15 Comets	Barry Mcgeough	barryandgina1@gmail.com	07946 556349	Blue/Blue/Blue
U16 Wolves	Wayne Pike	Wayne.pike@hotmail.co.uk	07800 893048	Blue / Blue / Blue
U16 Spitfires	Gordon Childs	gordybox@hotmail.com	07875 344118	Blue/Blue/Blue

Ilminster YFC		Archie Gooch Pavilion, Brittens Field, The Rec, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 9FE		
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Lions	Dean Loveless	deanoloveless@icloud.com	07752 246439	Navy / Navy / Navy
U13 Tigers	Jonathan Wood	Js.wood@yahoo.co.uk	07823 338473	Navy / Navy / Navy
U14 Hawks	Paul Clark	Pclark76161@outlook.com	07752 230592	Navy / Navy / Navy
U14 Falcons	Matt Wood	matt_wood72@yahoo.com	07407 249381	Navy / Navy / Navy
U15 Dynamos	Andy Watts	andywatts81@gmail.com	07590 604896	Navy / Navy / Navy
U15 Rangers	Eric Fish	eaifish33@gmail.com	07875 378663	Navy / Navy / Navy
U16	Chris Snook	cs@ilmminsteryouthfc.co.uk	07708 197243	Navy / Navy / Navy

Martock Rovers		Martock Recreation Ground, Stoke Road, Martock, TA12 6AF		
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Martock Rovers	Sean Frost	frostyhonda250@yahoo.co.uk	07792 973413	Green/ Green/ Green
U14 Blacks	Josh Hughes Jemma Birley	jmh-roofing@outlook.com jemseyb@gmail.com	07803 436369 07958 138838	Green/Green/White
U14 Rockets	Joe Cook	Joerockets90@gmail.com	07983 666756	Green/Green/ Green
U16 Martock Rovers	Ben Harris & Dan Collett	Ben - harris84bl@gmail.com Dan - 1dancollett@gmail.com	074703 23212 07427 22617	Green/Green/Green

Merriott YFC		Merriott Recreation Ground, Broadway, Merriott, TA16 5QH		
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Welfare	Monica Hayden	daveandmonh@aol.com	07552 816073	
Emergency	Paul Hollard	paul.hollard@wessexwater.co.uk	07717 891658	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Milborne Port FC		Memorial Playing Fields, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, DT9 5RE		
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Welfare	Ellie Darey	milborneportwelfare@outlook.com	07984 43772	
Emergency	Matthew Lockey	matty_lockey@yahoo.co.uk	07837 568021	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U15	Steven Hill	hillsteven531@gmail.com	07752 150588	Yellow/Green/Yellow

Misterton FC		Unity Lane, Misterton, TA18 8 NA		
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Pen Mill		Yeovil Sports and Social Club, Johnson Park, Coronation Avenue Yeovil, BA21 3DY		
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Emergency	Derrick Mapletoft	derrickmapletoft455@btinternet.com	07917 655529	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Predators	Jason Corke	jasoncorke123@gmail.com	07738 257560	Green and Black/ Green and Black/ Black
U14 Fusions	Gareth Taylor	tylrgareth@aol.com	07969 788585	Green/Green/Green
U15 Trojans	Joe Wheeler	wjoe432@gmail.com	07949 818345	Green/Green/Green
U16 Lions	Chris Whitburn	chriswhitburn59@yahoo.co.uk	07581 464190	Green/ Green /Green
U16	Grace Diamond	Penmill-ladies@hotmail.co.uk	07837 769038	White & Blue/Blue/Blue

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Emergency	Carla Guppy	Ac_guppy@sky.com	07580 028883	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U16	Wayne Mears	Wmears18@gmail.com	07827 013155	Green/Black/Green

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Welfare	Rob Elstob	smsfcwelfare@gmail.com	07545 562442	
Emergency	Dan Hynds	dannyhynds@hotmail.co.uk	07900 197117	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U14	Dean Loxton	dmlloxton@googlemail.com	07936 409911	Black & White Quarters/Black/Red
U16	Dan Hynds	dannyhynds@hotmail.co.uk	07900 197117	Black & White Quarters/Black/Red

Sherborne Town YFC		Terrace Playing Fields, Dancing Hill, Sherborne, DT9 5NS		
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Welfare	Mark Woolmington	moley66@hotmail.com	07772 175858	
Emergency	Glenn Hannam	ghannam8@hotmail.com	07436 003599	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Panthers	Dominic Brice	dombrice98@gmail.com	07841 107219	Black & White / Black /Black
U14 Vipers	Lee Davies	leed1000@live.co.uk	07711053859	Black & White / Black / Black
U15 Rovers (formerly Whites)	Mark Woolmington	moley66@hotmail.com	07772 175858	Black & White / Black / Black
U16	Steve House	house115@btinternet.com	07753 959754	Black & White / Black / Black

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Welfare	Louise Cullen	welfare@somertontownyfc.com	07718 992371	
Emergency	Jenna Cullen	jenna.cullen@somertontownyfc.com	07841 359849	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Rangers	Dean Wood	wood1807@hotmail.co.uk	07791 119483	White and black / black/ black
U13 United	Matt Kwong	mattkwong@live.co.uk	079972702695	White and black / black/ black
U14 Vikings	John Winter	Snowy.winter1@gmail.com	07711 717832	Black & White/Black / Black
U14 Warriors	Dave Walton	Djwalton79@hotmail.com	07476 206224	Black & White/Black / Black
U15	Martin Sandford	martinsandford@btinternet.com	07710 580067	Black & White/Black / Black
U16	Scott Smith	scottyyvll@btinternet.com	07730 038979	Black & White/Black / Black

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Welfare	Naomi Molyneux	naomimolyneux@live.co.uk	07772 016295	
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Staplegrove YFC		Huish Episcopi Academy (Lifestyle Fitness), Wincanton Road, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9SS		
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Welfare	Cheri Reece	cherireece1@gmail.com	07960 561674	
Emergency	Steve Scorse	Stevescorse07@icloud.com	07467 937248	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U15 Scorchers	Steven Scorse	Stevescorse07@icloud.com	07467 937248	Green/Green/Green

Stoke YFC		Stoke Sub Hamdon Recreational Ground, TA14 6QE		
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Welfare	Kim Campbell	welfarestokefc@gmail.com	07973 630121	
Emergency	Kim Campbell	welfarestokefc@gmail.com	07973 630121	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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U14 Centurions	Joe Marriott	caspermarriott@hotmail.co.uk	07795 664765	Navy & Yellow
U15	Lee Uhlyk	uhlyk_69@hotmail.co.uk	07500 830914	Blue & yellow
U16 Spitfires	Shaun Edwards	shaunfootballcoach@aol.com	07938 956322	Blue & yellow

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Welfare	John Grundy	info@streetfc.co.uk	07927 402124	
Emergency	Jo Stimpson	info@streetfc.co.uk	07810 484763	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13	Gav Seaward	Seaward22@btinternet.com	07956 593848	Green & White
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U16	Craig falconer	craigfalconer1980@gmail.com	07703 924269	Green & White

Templecombe Knights		Vine street, Templecombe, BA8 0JY		
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Welfare	Aaron Hearn	Aaronhearn90@hotmail.com	07837 833864	
Emergency	Alex Frapple	Alexfraps10@hotmail.co.uk	07399 567522	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Emergency	Ben Jones	chairman@tintinhullyfc.co.uk	07737 469832	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Tone YFC		Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre, Huish Episcopi Academy, TA10 9SS		
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Welfare	Martin Tidy	cwotoneyouth@gmail.com	07535 093904	
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
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Welfare	Charlotte Walker-Doyle	welfare@wellscityfc.org.uk	07988 682977	
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Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13	Gregory Casseleux	gcasseleux@hotmail.com	07495 623208	Blue/Blue/Blue
U14	Gerard Donnelly	gerarddonnelly555@gmail.com	07860 207450	Blue/Blue/Blue
U16	Steve Parfitt	Bcfc_2@hotmail.com	07918 697858	Blue/Blue/Blue
U16 Blue	John Widdall	jpawiddall@gmail.com	07767 791111	Blue/Blue/Blue

Wessex YFC		Walton Village Hall, BA16 9LA		
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Welfare	Jen Stinchcombe	welfare@wessexfc.co.uk	07375 454991	
Emergency	Simon Hegarty	simon@onlinesparks.co.uk	07971 675080	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U14 Fusions	Chris Hegarty	chris@heglimited.co.uk	07795 104401	Blue/blue/blue
U14 Wallabies	Gary Difford	denisecase07@aol.com	07717 412480	Blue/blue/blue
U15 Raptors	Matt Croucher	raptors@wessexfc.co.uk	07897 517789	Blue/blue/blue
U16 Warriors	Elliot Foster	elclf0z@yahoo.com	07967 445151	Blue/blue/blue

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Emergency	Phil Wells	philswells@hotmail.com	07919 915144	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Lynx	Matt O'Brien	mattyob5@hotmail.co.uk	07780 574949	Sky /Navy/Sky
U14 Wasps	Luke Parsons	lukeparsons@sky.com	07470 005496	Sky /Navy/Sky
U15 Gazelles	Matt Rackham	rackhammatthew14@yahoo.co.uk	07717 893139	Sky/Navy/Sky

Wincanton YFC		Wincanton Racecourse, Wincanton, BA9 8BJ		
Secretary	Clair Burridge	secretarywinkyyouthfc@gmail.com	07710 265787	
Welfare	Carol Osborn	cwowinkyyouthfc@gmail.com	07818 566097	
Emergency	Tom Okeeffe	okeefe1979@icloud.com	07508 555127	
Team Name	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/Shorts/Socks
U13 Jaguars	Stu Parr	stuparr77@gmail.com	07814 481812	Yellow & Black/ Black/Black
U14 Lions	Lee Matthews	lee.n.matthews1975@gmail.com	07974 289493	Yellow and Black/Black/Black
U15 Vipers	Andy May	andymay79@icloud.com	07947 205975	Yellow & Black/Black/Black

YEOVIL & DISTRICT FOOTBALL MINI LEAGUE
Founded 1986

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

This Competition shall be designated the Yeovil and District Football Mini League, consisting of Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority Somerset FA.

The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed Youth and Mini Football formats published under FA Rule C4(A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).

COMPETITIONS

Mini League U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, Development Status Groups, competitive group Cups, shields and champions Leagues, U12 Competitive Division, Cups, High Holborn.

HEADQUARTERS:

The Old Barn Club, Old Barn Way, Off Forest Hill, Yeovil BA20 2NX What 3 Words allocation

MINI LEAGUE MEETING DATES

Council League Management Committee 2nd Wednesday in the month, September to May inclusive, at 7.00pm

Mini League AGM, Friday 22nd May 2026

Manager & Coach quarterly through the season

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Fixture Secretary's function as Results Secretary for U12 and Development

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Vacant

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Mrs M Hayden, Mr D Mapletoft

MINI LEAGUE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES
Vacant

HONORARY AUDITOR:
Mr E. C. Chant

Yeovil and District Mini Knock out Cup and Plate Competitions and Rules

The format of all Cup Competitions may vary from season to season depending on number of sides available.

All Cup Competitions shall be opened to all Teams from the relevant age group of the Yeovil & District Football Mini League.

Under 9 Knock Out Cups and Knock Out plates

U9 Football Incorporated Knock Out Cup and Knock Out Plate opened to all U9 Teams registered to Yeovil & District Football Mini Leagues Under 9.

1. The U9 Competition shall consist of a knock out Cup and knock out Plate with Teams allocated as determined by the League Management Committee. The Yeovil & District Football Mini League Management Committee shall manage the Competitions.
2. The Competition shall be open to all Under U9 Teams correctly affiliated to the League and Sanctioning authority Somerset FA only.
3. The entrance fee shall be as listed in the tariff of fees At the AGM payable per Team, payable not later than September 1st, which shall be the closing date for entries. The League Management Committee shall have power to extend the entry date).
4. No player may play for more than one Club in the current season. No registration will be accepted after 31st March. To be eligible a player shall not have reached the age of 9 years or be a minimum age of not less than 8 years, before the 1st of September immediately prior to current season. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game and permission granted by the Football Association, use five substitute players in any match in this Competition. Player's eligibility for each Competition as specified in Rule 18 of the Yeovil and District League Rules. Playing times and ball sizes to be as specified in Rule 20 of Yeovil and District League Rules
5. Referees' Fees prior to the Final and Assistant Referees (if appointed), plus travelling expenses shall be in accordance with the tariff of fees. The Final Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a memento in place of fee and expenses.
6.
 - (a) The ties shall be drawn, the dates fixed, and the matches played as the League Management Committee may determine. Teams drawn at home whose ground is unavailable on the reserved date for a round of the Competition, other than from the result of adverse weather conditions, **must find an alternative venue or play the tie on their opponents' ground**. Where a venue is deemed unplayable due to adverse conditions the tie will be switched to the opponents ground, The "away" Team becomes the "home" Team and is responsible for match officials fees and expenses. The "home" Team is responsible for informing the League, match officials, opponents etc. Where there is a first leg score that could be considered decisive, the opposing side may, if it is not to the detriment of the Competition, choose to forfeit the second leg without penalty. The Semi-Final and Final shall be played as determined by the League Management Committee.
 - (b) In all matches up to and including the Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties (penalty shoot-out). Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time whistle.
 - (c) If, before both Teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.
 - (d) If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, with the kicks taken by the remaining Team players not involved in the first five kicks, in the same order until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more

flies), and one has scored more than the other. In the event that the score is still equal after all players have taken kicks the Rules C) and D) will be repeated until there is a result.

7. In the event of any Club failing to conduct an engagement on the agreed date, (unless engaged in a Competition which has precedence), they shall be Fined not less than in accordance with the tariff of Fines and be ruled out of the Competition. Where a Competition is to be run on a Group or Mini League basis, all cancellations will incur a Fine in accordance with the tariff of Fines and the game will be awarded to the opposition, any Team cancelling a fixture or proven guilty of registration irregularities shall be dealt with as if the offence had occurred in a League match. In the event of any Club failing to complete a Semi-Final or Final Tie it shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines respectively and be dealt with at the discretion of the League Management Committee. Any Club withdrawing from the Competition prior to the Semi-Final shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines.
8. The money taken at all matches shall be accounted for within eight days and shall be divided as follows:
 - (a) Matches preceding the Final Tie played on the Home Team's ground the following shall apply: Home Clubs shall be responsible for all match expenses (Referee, Assistant Referees, Ground and Advertising, etc.). All visiting Clubs shall pay their own travelling expenses. In Semi-Final matches played on neutral grounds the Competition shall pay all match expenses, and both Teams shall pay their own travelling expenses. In the case of matches played on neutral ground prior to Semi-Final Ties, both Teams shall pay their own travelling expenses, both Clubs shall equally share all other match expenses.
 - (b) The gross gate receipts of the Final Tie shall go to the Competition funds. The Competition shall pay all Final Tie match expenses.
9. The net proceeds of the Competition shall be devoted to Yeovil and District Football Mini League and distributed by the decision of the League Management Committee.
10. A Challenge Trophy shall be held by the winners of the Competition, returnable upon request or by **31st October** at the latest, and mementoes may be presented to the winning Team and runners-up in accordance with Rule 13.E. There may, in addition, include a memento for the Club Secretary.
11. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be governed by the Yeovil and District Football League, The Yeovil and District Mini League, Somerset County F.A. and the English F.A. Rules.

Under 10 Knock Out Cups and knock out plates

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Mini League Under 9 Knock Out Cups and knock out plates.
Competition with the following exceptions:

Nigel Broome /Clive Gibbs opened to all U10 Teams Registered to Yeovil & District Football Mini Leagues U10.

1. The U10 Competition shall consist of a knock out Cup and knock out Plate with Teams allocated as determined by the League Management Committee.

Under 11 Knock Out Cups and knock out Plates

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Mini League Under 9 Knock Out Cups and knock out plates.
Competition with the following exceptions:

Terry Hazell U11 Knock out Cup and Plate. Presented by The-League Management Committee in memory of Terry Hazell. Opened to all U11 Teams registered to Yeovil & District Football Mini Leagues Under 11.

1. The U11 Competition shall consist of a knock out Cup and knock out Plate with Teams allocated as determined by the League Management Committee.

U12 Knock Out Cups and knock out Plates.

High Holborn Shield 1986: Presented by Mr. Healy.

Straight knock out for all Teams registered to Yeovil and District Football Mini League Under 12.

First round restricted to Division Two and Division Three Teams

Division One Teams are entered into the Competition in the second round draw.

Final hosted by Yeovil Town Football Club where possible.

Entry fee shall be in accordance with the tariff of- Fees.

St Johns Plate: Presented by St Johns F.C

Knock Out Competition for U12 Teams who are eliminated from 1st round of High Holborn Shield, there is

Competition is restricted to Division two and Division three Teams.

Division 1 Knock Out Cup Bill Bisset Trophy.

Presented by W Bisset.

Straight knock out for all U12 Teams who qualify for Division 1.

Division 2 Knock Out Cup Richard Blackie Trophy.

Presented by Richard Blackie.

Straight knock out for all U12 Teams who qualify for Division 2.

Division 3. Knock out Cup. David Trophy.

Presented by Ernie David.

Straight knock out for all U12 Teams who qualify for Division 3.

All Rules as the Yeovil and District Mini League Under 9 Knock Out Cup and knock out plate.

Competition with the following exceptions:

1. The U12 Competitions shall consist of a **knock out** Cup and or **knock out** Plate with Teams allocated as determined by the League Management Committee and shall be constituted as detailed above. All Cup Competitions shall be opened to all Teams from the relevant age group of the Yeovil & District Football Mini League.

6b) In all matches up to and including the semi Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of 'penalties (penalty shoot-out).' For the final, If after full time the result is a draw, an extra period (extra time) of 10 minutes shall be played in two equal halves of 5 minutes. If after extra time the result is still a draw the match shall be decided by the taking of 'penalties (penalty shoot-out).' Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time whistle.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE COMPETITIONS.

- 1) Only Teams in the age groups under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's and 11's and correctly registered with the Yeovil and District Football Mini League shall be allowed to enter this Competition. Player's eligibility for each Competition as specified in Rule 18 of the Yeovil and District League Rules. Playing times and ball sizes to be as specified in Rule 20 of Yeovil and District League Rules.
- 2) The format will be a first round consisting of a League, or group, Cup basis followed by Knockout rounds as determined by the League Management dependant on the number of Teams involved in each Competition.
- 3) There will consist of Cup, Plate and Vase Competitions (as Appropriate) depending on number of Teams per age group.
- 4) It is not compulsory to enter Teams as there is a competitive Competition.
- 5) All YDFL Mini Teams will be entered into this Competition unless they notify the League Secretary by 31st December.

- 6) The Yeovil & District Football Mini League Management Committee shall manage the Competitions.
All players must be registered with the Yeovil & District Football Mini League. Failure to do so will result in the Team being withdrawn from the Competition and shall be Fined accordance with the tariff of Fines.
- 7) The ties shall be drawn, the dates fixed, and the matches played as the League Management Committee may determine. In the event of any Club failing to conduct an engagement on the agreed date (unless engaged in a Competition which has precedence) or agreed with the League Management Committee shall be Fined accordance with the tariff of Fines and be ruled out of the Competition.
- 8) Home Clubs shall be responsible for all matches (Referee, Assistant Referee, grounds etc.) Away Teams are to supply 1 Referee's assistant.
- 9) In case of matches played on neutral ground prior to the final, both Clubs shall share expenses for pitch and officials, equally.
- 10) Duration of play shall be as per the maximum playing times detailed in rule 20.P. The result at the end of normal time will stand during League based matches. Once into knock out stages then the following Rules apply.
 - b) In all matches up to and including the Final, the following shall apply. If after full time the result is a draw, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties (penalty shoot-out). Subject to the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both Teams shall take five kicks, the kicks being taken alternately, and only by players who were on the field of play at the full-time whistle.
 - (c) If, before both Teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.
 - (d) If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, with the kicks taken by the remaining Team players not involved in the first five kicks, in the same order until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks), and one has scored more than the other. In the event that the score is still equal after all players have taken kicks the Rules C) and D) will be repeated until there is a result.
- 11) The results all Cup of matches must be reported as per Rule 21, or Teams shall be liable to a Fine in accordance with the tariff of Fines.
- 12) Teams must report respect and Referee marks according to Rule 21, failure to report Referee's marks Teams shall be Fined accordance with the tariff of Fines.
- 13) All Trophies shall be held by the winners and returned by **31st October**. Failure to meet that date a Club shall be Fined in accordance with the tariff of Fines. Mementoes will be presented at the final for both Teams in accordance with rule 13.E.
- 14) The Yeovil and District Football League Rules adjusted by the Yeovil & District Football Mini League Management Committee and The Football Association Mini Football Rules shall govern any matter, not provided for in these Rules.

MINI LEAGUE CLUB INFORMATION SEASON 2025-2026
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U12 Raiders	Kevin Bird	kevbird33@btinternet.com	07875 449732	Red, Red, Black

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U10 Cobras	Clint Buncher	Clint.Buncher@elis.com	07951 527603	Sky /Navy /Navy
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Perry Street Youth FC – no entry 25/26 season

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Wells City FC

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Welfare	Alex Petheram	alex@soldigroup.co.uk	07753 225844	
Emergency	Gino Nicodemi	gino.nicodemi@btinternet.com	07570 977837	
Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
U11	Sam Beasley	beasleysam@outlook.com	07590 602954	Blue/Blue/Blue
U12	Oliver Hartley	olih21@live.com	07958 173160	Blue/Blue/Blue
U12 Whites	Simon Crutchley	sicrutchley@hotmail.co.uk	07915 659434	Blue/Blue/Blue
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Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
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U8 Wizards	Sam Cook	cooksquad@gmail.com	07782 102314	Blue/Blue/Blue
U9 Wasps	Laurie Henderson	lawrence9h@hotmail.co.uk	07725 802087	Blue/Blue/Blue
U10 Lions	Rachel Seaward	rachaelb42@hotmail.com	07920 761724	Blue/Blue/Blue
U10 Falcons	Dan Fouracres	danfouracres@hotmail.co.uk	07584 484981	Blue/Blue/Blue
U11 Eagles	Sam White	samwhite14184@gmail.com	07955 130214	Blue/Blue/Blue
U11 Wildcats	Lewis Thomson	lewisthomson12@me.com	07807 322583	Blue/Blue/Blue
U12 Rebels	Andy Walmsley	Aswplumbingandpropertyservices@gmail.com	07522 205601	Blue/Blue/Blue

West & Middle Chinnock Youth FC

West & Middle Chinnock Sports Club, Oxleaze, Middle Chinnock, Crewkerne, TA18 7PN				
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Welfare	Eliza Ryan	elizaryan350@gmail.com	07442 213466	
Emergency	Eliza Ryan	elizaryan350@gmail.com	07442 213466	
Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
U11 Rockets	Mark Ryan	markryan350@gmail.com	07770 928378	Blue & Yellow

Westland Sports Youth FC

Alvington Development Centre, Alvington Lane, Yeovil, BA22 8UX				
Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
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U7 Whirlwinds	Matty Taylor	Matt.taylor89@outlook.com	07721 893050	Blue/Blue/Blue
U8 Sea Kings	Matty Day	Matty.day9911@hotmail.co.uk	07402 094550	Blue/Blue/Blue
U9 Spitfires	Glenn Felstead	glenn_felstead@hotmail.com	07598 408078	Blue/Blue/Blue
U10 Wildcats	Jon Rictchie	jonritchie41@outlook.com	07875 697585	Blue/Blue/Blue
U10 Merlins	James Smith	j.smith804@btinternet.com	07595 426832	Blue/Blue/Blue
U11 Apaches	Matt Allam	allammatt@gmail.com	07922 487057	Blue/Blue/Blue
U12 Sports	Jon Rictchie	jonritchie41@outlook.com	07875 697585	Red & White/Red/Red
U12 Hawks	Wes Pitman	waynewespitman@yahoo.co.uk	07920 406213	Blue/Blue/Blue
U12 Sharks	Luke Nutland	nutty1984@yahoo.co.uk	07412 861357	Blue/Blue/Blue

Wincanton Youth FC

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Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
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U8 Warriors	Chris Hibberd	cphibberd@hotmail.com	07966 101860	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U9 Pumas	Kezia Fowler	kezia711@icloud.com	07792 136834	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U9 Pythons	Oliver Perrett	oliperrett@hotmail.co.uk	07767 753223	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U10 Hawks	Chris Fenton	chrisfenton1306@gmail.com	07738 012757	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U10 Wasps	Neil Locke	neillocke@btinternet.com	07856 705547	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U11 Panthers	Adam Underwood	a.underwood23@hotmail.co.uk	07795 211930	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U11 Wolves	Matt Isaacs	isaacsmauthew078@gmail.com	07810 012559	Yellow & Black/Black/Black
U12 Wildcats	Chris Hibberd	cphibberd@hotmail.com	07966 101860	Yellow & Black/Black/Black

Winsham United Youth FC

Bakersfield, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4JN				
Team	Manager/Coach	Email	Phone	Shirts/shorts/socks
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Appendix 1

GUIDANCE FOR MARKING REFEREES

The mark awarded by a Club must be based on the Referee's overall performance, and it is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games.

The Referee's performance should be determined by the list below, which should function as a guide for the overall mark, which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

Overall Decision Making (**Mark 1-40**)

Judgement of Major Decisions (**Mark 1-30**)

Overall Control and Player Management (**Mark 1-30**)

Mark Range / Comment

91-100 The Referee was extremely accurate in decision-making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game.

81-90 The Referee was fully accurate in decision-making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play.

71-80 The Referee was accurate in decision-making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players, making a positive contribution towards fair play.

61-70 The Referee was reasonably accurate in decision-making, controlled the game quite well and communicated with players, establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.

51-60 The Referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision-making and control, with only limited success in communicating with the players resulting in variable fair play.

50 The Referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision-making and control with poor communication with players which resulted in low levels of fair play.

Clubs who award less than 60 marks to a Referee must, as per F.A. instruction, submit a written report to the Referee Secretary explaining the reasons.

Appendix 2

Temporary Dismissal (Sin Bin) for Yellow Card (YC) C2 Offences - Dissent

Players Only

Temporary dismissals apply to all players (including goalkeepers) but not for C2 Offences committed by a substitute or substituted player.

Referee's Signal

The Referee will indicate a temporary dismissal by showing a yellow card (YC) and then clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area (usually the player's technical area).

The Temporary Dismissal Period

The length of the temporary dismissal will be 10 minutes for the Junior League and 8 minutes for the Youth League. The temporary dismissal period begins when play restarts after the player has left the field of play. The Referee should include in the temporary dismissal period any time 'lost' for a stoppage for which 'additional time' will be allowed at the end of the half (e.g. substitution, injury, time wasting etc...). Where neutral assistant Referees or 4th officials are appointed, they will help the Referee time the dismissal period – alternatively each Club should nominate where possible a Team official to assist. The Referee remains the sole judge of the time. Once the temporary period has been completed, the player can return from the touchline with the Referee's permission, which can be given while the ball is in play. The Referee has the final decision as to when the player can return.

A temporary dismissed player cannot be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the first half (or the end of the second half when extra time is to be played) the remaining part of the temporary dismissal period is served from the start of the second half (start of extra time). A player who is still serving a temporary dismissal at the end of the match is permitted to take part in Kicks from the Penalty Mark (penalties).

Temporary Dismissal Area

A temporarily dismissed player should remain within the technical area (where one exists) or with the Team's coach/technical staff, unless 'warming up' (under the same conditions as a substitute).

Offences during a Temporary Dismissal

A temporarily dismissed player who commits a cautionable (YC) or sending-off (RC) offence during the temporary dismissal period will take no further part in the game and may not be replaced or substituted.

Further disciplinary action

All temporary dismissals will be reported in the same manner as other cautionable offences. Further disciplinary action will be taken in relation to suspension for accumulating a number of cautions and RESPECT sanctioning for Clubs. Sin Bin Offences attract the £12 Administration fee.

Temporary Dismissal causing abandonment.

If a player receives a 2nd temporary dismissal in the same match and cannot be replaced or substituted, which results in their Team going below seven players, the match is to be abandoned at that point.

Temporary Dismissal Systems

IFAB have authorised the use of one of the following temporary dismissal systems:
System A – for all cautions (YCs) or System B – for some but not all cautions (YC).

The FA will be using System B – Temporary Dismissal for some not all cautions (YCs) and will apply for C2 Offences – Dissent

All other cautionable offences are punished with a caution as normal (YC).

- A player who has been temporarily dismissed and then receives a caution (YC) they receive a red card and are dismissed from the game and cannot be replaced.
- A player who has received a caution (YC) and then receives a temporary dismissal cannot continue to play after the end of the temporary dismissal period and receives a red card dismissal.

- A player who receives a second temporary dismissal in the same match will serve the temporary dismissal and then take no further part in the match. The player may be replaced by a substitute at the end of the second temporary dismissal period (subject to the next bullet point).
- A player who receives a second temporary dismissal in the same match and has also received another temporary dismissal takes no further part in the match and the player cannot be replaced/substituted a red card is also issued.

Info Graphic:



SIN BINS

Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sin bins' - are mandatory for acts of dissent across all of grassroots football.

HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go into the sin bin for dissent cautions



For use of words, gestures, questioning or undermining the referee's decisions



Shouting at the referee, questioning the referee's ability, slamming the ball into the ground and sarcastically clapping a decision

EXAMPLES OF DISSENT:

Shouting at the referee, questioning the referee's ability, slamming the ball into the ground and sarcastically clapping a decision

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin



For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of:
1st half: Continues into the 2nd half
2nd half: Continues into extra time
Extra time: Players can participate in the penalty shoot out

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



Dissent



Dissent caution: Referee issues a Yellow Card and directs the player to the touchline



Whilst in the sin bin, if the player commits a Yellow or Red Card offence they are sent off and can not be substituted



A player can only return to the field of play with the referee's permission at a stoppage in play



If a player receives a second Yellow Card for any type of offence, they will be shown a Red Card and dismissed from the field of play

Sin bins only apply to a player's first Yellow Card. If they receive a second Yellow Card they are dismissed from the field of play.

Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or actions is still a Red Card offence!

Appendix 3

Standard Code of Club Rules

1. Name

The Club shall be called _____ (the "Club")

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities, promote the game of Association Football, to arrange matches and social activities for its members and community participation in the same.

3. Status of Rules

These Rules (the "Club Rules") form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. Rules and Regulations

- (a) The members of the Club shall so exercise their rights, powers and duties and shall, where appropriate use their best endeavours to ensure that others conduct themselves so that the business and affairs of the Club are carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited ("The FA"), County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated ("Parent County Association") and Competitions in which the Club participates, for the time being in force.
- (b) No alteration to the Club Rules shall be effective without prior written approval by the Parent County Association. The FA and the Parent County Association reserve the right to approve any proposed changes to the Club Rules.
- (c) The Club will also abide by The FA's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct, and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy, as shall be in place from time to time.

5. Club Membership

- (a) The members of the Club from time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the "Membership Register") which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.
- (b) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the discretion of the Club Committee and granted in accordance with the anti-discrimination and equality policies which are in place from time to time. An appeal against refusal may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the Membership Register.
- (c) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, their or their name shall be removed from the Membership Register.
- (d) The FA and Parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

6. Annual Membership Fee

- (a) An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to community participation. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable.
- (b) The Club Committee shall have the Jurisdiction to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

7. Resignation and Expulsion

(a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if, and from the date on which, he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their/their resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than two (2) months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in its opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. An appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club Committee in accordance with the Complaints Procedure in force from time to time.

(c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the income and assets of the Club (the "Club Property").

8. Club Committee

(a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Minutes Secretary and up to 5 other members, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

(b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"). One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time.

The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club.

Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting.

The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall

be Chaired by the.....or in their absence the..... The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be three.

(c) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(d) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than seven days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than four meetings a year.

(e) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.

(f) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of the FA, the Parent County Association and any applicable Competition, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(g) The position of a Club Officer shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of The FA that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football Club.

9. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

(a) An AGM shall be held in each year to:

- (i)receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year.
- (ii)receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year.
- (iii)elect the members of the Club Committee; and
- (iv)consider any other business.

(b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the meeting.

(c) An EGM may be called at any time by the Club Committee and shall be called within 21 days of the receipt by the Club Secretary of a requisition in writing, signed by not less than five members stating the purposes for which the Meeting is required, and the resolutions proposed. Business at an EGM may be any business that may be transacted at an AGM.

(d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address written notice of the date of a General Meeting (whether an AGM or an EGM) together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the meeting.

(e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be.....

(f) The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the Chair. Each member present shall have one vote, and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

10. Club Teams

At its first meeting following each AGM the Club Committee shall appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football Teams. The appointed members shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the Team. The appointed members shall present to the Club Committee at its last meeting prior to an AGM a written report of the activities of the Team.

11. Club Finances

(a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the "Club Account"). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Club Secretary, and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the three designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

(b) The Club Property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club. The distribution of profits or proceeds arising from the sale of Club Property to members is prohibited.

(c) The Club Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club (although a Club shall not remunerate a member for playing) and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

(d) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

(e) The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

(i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.

(ii) employ members (although not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services,

on fair terms set by the Club Committee without the person concerned being present.

(iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting Teams and guests; and

(iv) indemnify the Club Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

(f) The Club shall keep accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all payments and receipts so as to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position, including the assets and liabilities of the Club. The Club must retain its accounting records for a minimum of six years.

(g) The Club shall prepare an annual "Financial Statement," in such format as shall be available from The FA from time to time. The Financial Statement shall be verified by an independent, appropriately

qualified accountant and shall be approved by members at general meeting. A copy of any Financial Statement shall, on demand, be forwarded to the FA.

(h) The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in not less than two and no more than four custodians, one of whom shall be the Treasurer ("the Custodians"), who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.

(i) The Custodians shall be appointed by the Club in a General Meeting and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution passed at a General Meeting,

(j) On their removal or resignation, a Custodian shall execute a Conveyance in such form as is published by The FA from time to time to a newly elected Custodian or the existing Custodians as directed by the Club Committee. The Club shall, on request, make a copy of any Conveyance available to the FA. On the death of a Custodian, any Club Property vested in them shall vest automatically in the surviving Custodians. If there is only one surviving Custodian, an EGM shall be convened as soon as possible to appoint another Custodian,

(k) The Custodians shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the Club Property for all expenses and other liabilities reasonably incurred by them in performing their duties.

12. Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.

(b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.

(c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them for related community sports.

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Appendix 4

Yeovil & District Football League Referee Bursary Scheme

The **Yeovil & District Football League Referee Bursary** is designed to support individuals who wish to become qualified Referees and officiate within the League. Bursary applications are considered on a **case-by-case basis**, subject to available funds.

Successful applicants may be eligible for:

- **Reimbursement of 50% of the course cost upon qualification** as a Referee.
- **A further 50% reimbursement** after officiating **15 matches** in the Yeovil League.

Please review the application process and criteria below:

Application Process and Conditions

1. **Application** must be made by the individual enrolling on the Basic Referees Course.
2. Applications should be submitted **prior to registering** for the course.
3. Send your request via email to the **Yeovil League Referees Appointments Officer** at:
 yeovilrefs@gmail.com
4. You will be notified by the Yeovil League Referees Appointments Officer if your bursary application has been approved.
5. The applicant is responsible for paying **the full cost** of the Referee course upfront.
6. **Proof of payment** will be required for reimbursement purposes.
7. Once the **face-to-face training session** has been completed, notify the Appointments Officer so that a record of games officiated in the Yeovil League can be maintained.
8. Upon **qualification as a Referee** (which includes completing five 9v9 or 11v11 games and receiving your FA Certificate), inform the Yeovil League Referees Appointments Officer.
9. The Yeovil League Referees Appointments Officer will verify that all initial criteria have been met and forward the details to the League Treasurer to process the **first 50% reimbursement**.
10. After Refereeing a **further 10 matches** in the Yeovil League (15 total), you may request the **final 50% reimbursement** from the Yeovil League Referees Appointments Officer.

Please Note:

All applications are assessed individually and are subject to the availability of funds at the time of application.



Appendix 5

Traffic Light System – Guidelines Season 2024/25

The Traffic Light System is a County wide behaviour system that has been developed to empower and assist you as clubs to improve behaviour across grassroots football.

	All teams start on green. Good respect scores, no reported problems. Nothing to worry about. Good role models. Positive environment.	
	Reported incident. Poor practice or misconduct. Details passed onto SFA.	The duration spent on amber is 3 months (unless immediately actioned e.g. manager/player removed from team)
	Referee incident. Zero tolerance for referee abuse. Serious incident. Escalation from amber.	If a second incident happens whilst on amber this triggers a red status. Teams remain on red for a maximum of 6 months - this is reviewed by the league monthly, and changes can be made depending on track record/circumstances. Red status = 3 months before returning to amber.
	Meeting with league / CFA with possible removal from the league via SGM.	Two reds = blue OR another report whilst a team is on red.

TLS Status will carry over between seasons. E.g. Red status in May 23/24 will pause and carry over to start of season September 24/25 for that team.

Key Messages for Managers, Spectators and Players

Zero tolerance for referee abuse.

You get a maximum of 2 chances for anything else.

If you are called to an SGM then the vote is likely to go against you!

Team Managers – you don't just manage the players! You need to manage the match day situation, manage yourself, manage your assistants and manage your spectators.



How does it work?

Reports are sent to the league via managers. All reports will include correspondence with either the club secretary, welfare officer or chair. This ensures that club committees are always informed of any issues with teams in their club and can intervene themselves if appropriate.

Reports can also be received via: matchday experience report, low referee marks, referee reports etc.

Minor respect issues dealt with by the league are moved to amber. This also includes off-pitch behaviours e.g. social media.

League has a tracker of cases that are sent

to the CFA. This is updated on a weekly basis. If charged, team remain on red unless positive action shown to be taken. May be moved back to amber and on rare occasions back to green (e.g. removal of manager).

League officials deal with reports as appropriate and can resolve or escalate depending on the nature of the incident.

Any reports involving disciplinary matter that is an aggravated case (discrimination), referee abuse etc sent straight to CFA and DSO. Team advised on red pending CFA outcome.

Any movement on the TLS will be supported by the CFA.

Interventions

The purpose of the TLS is to empower clubs to act knowing that they have support from the league and CFA. The TLS is not intended to ever reach blue – leagues operating this system have found that teams respond quickly when on amber or red to return to green status as quickly as possible.

Any of the below interventions will be supported by the league and CFA. If clubs are on amber/red status they can take actions to reduce this/return to green.

Codes of Conduct	Clubs supported to use Codes of Conduct wherever possible. This can help them manage player/spectator/coach behaviour.
Access to refresher training/CPD	Clubs on amber supported to ensure problem coaches attend some form of face-to-face CPD provided by the CFA.
Team Meetings	CFA support at meetings, parents contacted directly if clubs have concerns or require additional support.
Independent Matchday Monitors	Monitors sent anonymously to clubs – these reports will hold weight with any investigation.
Conversation and Education	Some clubs may simply not know where it is going wrong – help from CFA and league to educate.
Random spot checks from league	League officials may monitor games to support clubs.
Spectator/parent training	Ensure parents understand expectations. Safeguarding Courses

**Respect the referees.
Respect the managers/coaches.
Respect teammates and the opponent.
Respect the game.**

**The Traffic Light System is fully supported by the league and County FA.
Abuse/Respect issues WILL have consequences for your team.**

SGM – Special General Meeting

It is highly unlikely that a team will reach this stage (blue). The TLS is designed to give teams the opportunity to act before getting to this.

Will only be called when interventions have been ignored or joint interventions with CFA have failed.

Can only be called after prior consultation with CFA. A club/team must have been subject to an FA charge before it can be subjected to an SGM.

Can be called by the league management committee at any time/can be called by 2/3 of clubs in membership.

The purpose of the SGM is to consider conduct of team and decide on appropriate action via a vote from the member clubs:

- Remainder of the season = sanctioned friendlies.
- No sanctioned games – withdrawal of fixtures.
- Removal from the league with a requirement to re-apply for membership.

The Traffic Light System is a new process for us all – the guidelines above may change for the benefit of the system, and we will update the guidelines if any specific scenarios arise where we feel adjustments need to be made.

e.g. "This week x situation arose. As a result, we did Y. An amendment has been added to the guidelines as a result."