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The Football Association
Premier League Limited
Season 2020/21
Foreword
The Chairmen’s Charter is a statement of our commitment and aim to run Premier League football to the highest possible standards in a professional manner and with the utmost integrity.

With that aim we, the Chairmen of the Clubs in membership of the Premier League, are determined:

• To conduct our respective Club’s dealings with the utmost good faith and honesty.
• At all times to maintain a Rule book which is comprehensive, relevant and up-to-date.
• To adopt disciplinary procedures which are professional, fair and objective.
• To submit to penalties which are fair and realistic.
• To secure the monitoring of and compliance with the Rules at all times.

The Charter
The Chairmen’s Charter sets out our commitment to run Premier League football to the highest possible standards and with integrity.

We will ensure that our Clubs:

• Behave with the utmost good faith and honesty to each other, do not unjustly criticise or disparage one another and maintain confidences.
• Will comply with the laws of the game and take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Manager, his staff and Players accept and observe the authority and decisions of Match Officials at all times.
• Follow Premier League and FA Rules not only to the letter but also to their spirit, and will ensure that our Clubs and Officials are fully aware of such rules and that we have effective procedures to implement the same.
• Will respect the contractual obligations and responsibilities of each other’s employees and not seek to breach these or to make illegal approaches.
• Will discharge their financial responsibilities and obligations to each other promptly and fully and not seek to avoid them.
• Will seek to resolve differences between each other without recourse to law.
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Vinai Venkatesham

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Head Coach
Mikel Arteta

Assistant Coaches
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Stephen Round

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Managing Editor (Publications)
Andy Exley

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Emirates

Kit Manufacturer
adidas

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
60,704

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

Directors
Stanley Kroenke
Josh Kroenke
Richard Carr
Lord Harris of Peckham
Tim Lewis

Official Company Name and Number
The Arsenal Football Club Plc
No. 109244

Home kit

Shirts: Red and White
Shorts: White
Socks: Red

Home Goalkeeper

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Alternative kit 1

Shirts: White
Shorts: Maroon
Socks: White

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1

Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Dark Blue
Shorts: Dark Blue
Socks: Dark Blue

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green
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Kit Manufacturer
Kappa

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
42,749

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Christian Purslow

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Aston Villa FC Limited
No. 2502822

Home kit
Alternative kit 1
Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Claret with Pinstripe
Detail and Azure Sleeves
Shorts: White
Socks: Azure

Shirts: Black with Claret
Pinstripe
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Shirts: White and Grey
Camouflage with Lime and Navy Accents
Shorts: Navy
Socks: White and Grey

Home Goalkeeper
Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Shirts: Navy Camouflage with Lime Accents
Shorts: Navy Camouflage with Lime Accents
Socks: Navy Camouflage with Lime Accents
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Kit Manufacturers
Nike

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
30,750

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Paul Barber (Chief Executive and
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Derek Chapman
Robert Comer
Adam Franks
Peter Godfrey
David Jones (Finance Director)
Marc Sugarman
Michelle Walder

Official Company Name and Number
The Brighton and Hove Albion Football
Club Limited
No. 81077

Home kit
Shirts: Blue with White Trim
Shorts: White
Socks: Blue

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Yellow

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Blue
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue
Club Directory: Burnley

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Mike Garlick

Chief Executive
Neil Hart

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Paul Bradshaw
NVQ3 Sports Turf Management

Shirt Sponsor
LoveBet

Kit Manufacturer
Umbro

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
21,744

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

Directors
Mike Garlick (Chairman) John Banaszkiewicz
Brendan Flood
Barry Kilby
Clive Holt
Brian Nelson
Terry Crabb

Official Company Name and Number
Burnley Football & Athletic Company Limited (The)
No. 54222

Home kit
Shirts: Claret with Sky Blue Sleeves
Shorts: White
Socks: Claret

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Grey with Black Sleeves
Shorts: Black
Socks: Grey

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Claret
Socks: Yellow

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Blue
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue
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Shirt Sponsor
Three

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Nike

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
40,834

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 103 metres  Width: 67.5 metres

Directors
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Marina Granovskaia
Eugene Tenenbaum
Guy Laurence
David Barnard

Official Company Name and Number
Chelsea Football Club Limited
No. 01965149

Shirts:
Rush Blue
Shorts:
Rush Blue
Socks:
White

Shirts:
Colbalt Tint
Shorts:
Colbalt Tint
Socks:
Blackened Blue

Shirts:
Ember Glow
Shorts:
Ember Glow
Socks:
Concord

Shirts:
Green Strike
Shorts:
Green Strike
Socks:
Green Strike

Shirts:
Total Orange
Shorts:
Total Orange
Socks:
Total Orange

Shirts:
Pure Platinum
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Socks:
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PUMA

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
25,486

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 101 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Joshua Harris

Official Company Name and Number
CPFC Limited
No. 7270793

Shirt Sponsor
W88

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
25,486

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 101 metres  Width: 68 metres

Directors
Steve Parish
David Blitzer
Joshua Harris

Official Company Name and Number
CPFC Limited
No. 7270793

Shirt Sponsor
W88

Home kit
Alternative kit 1
Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Blue with Red Vertical Stripe
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue with Red and Blue Stripe Top

Shirts: White with Red and Blue Vertical Stripe
Shorts: White
Socks: White with Red and White Stripe Top

Shirts: Black with Red and Blue Vertical Stripe
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black with Red and Black Stripe Top

Home Goalkeeper
Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Yellow
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Socks: Yellow
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Tom Rowell

**Community Chief Executive**  
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**Head of Security and Stadium Safety Officer**  
David Lewis

**Operations Director**  
Alan Bowen

**Head of Engagement and Communications**  
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Darren Griffiths

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Cazoo

**Kit Manufacturer**  
Hummel

**Ground Capacity at start of the Season**  
39,414

**Pitch Dimensions**  
Length: 100.48 metres  
Width: 68 metres

**Directors**  
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Alexander Ryazantsev (Chief Finance and Commercial Officer)  
Dr Denise Barrett-Baxendale (Chief Executive)  
Marcel Brands (Director of Football)

**Official Company Name and Number**  
The Everton Football Club Company Limited  
No. 36624

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**Home kit**  
Shirts: Blue  
Shorts: White  
Socks: White

**Alternative kit 1**  
Shirts: Amber  
Shorts: Blue  
Socks: Amber

**Alternative kit 2**  
Shirts: Mint  
Shorts: Grey  
Socks: Mint

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**Home Goalkeeper**  
Shirts: Green  
Shorts: Green  
Socks: Green

**Goalkeeper Alt kit 1**  
Shirts: Pink  
Shorts: Pink  
Socks: Pink

**Goalkeeper Alt kit 2**  
Shirts: Black  
Shorts: Black  
Socks: Black
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Home kit
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Shorts: Black with White Stripe
Socks: Black and White

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow with White Stripe
Socks: Yellow with White Stripe

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Power Red
Shorts: Power Red with White Stripe
Socks: Power Red with White Stripe

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Signal Green with Black Stripe
Socks: Signal Green with Black Stripe

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Glory Purple with Green Stripe
Socks: Glory Purple with Green Stripe

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Black with Bold Aqua Stripe
Socks: Black with Bold Aqua Stripe

Ground Capacity at Start of the Season
19,359

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 100 metres Width: 65 metres

Directors
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Fulham Football Club Limited
No. 2114486

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BetVictor

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Ground Capacity at Start of the Season
19,359

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 100 metres Width: 65 metres

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Shirt Sponsor
SBOTOP

Kit Manufacturer
adidas

Ground Capacity at start of the Season
37,792

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres Width: 68 metres

Directors
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Angus Kinnear
Paraag Marathe
Andre Tegner

Official Company Name and Number
Leeds United Football Club Limited
No. 06233875

Home kit
Shirts: White
Shorts: White
Socks: White

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Legend Ink with Mystery Green Stripes
Shorts: Legend Ink
Socks: Legend Ink

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Maroon
Shorts: Maroon
Socks: Maroon

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Black with Aqua Side Detail
Shorts: Black with Aqua Side Detail
Socks: Black with Aqua Side Detail

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Signal Coral
Shorts: Signal Coral
Socks: Signal Coral

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Signal Green
Shorts: Signal Green
Socks: Signal Green
Leicester City

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Shirt Sponsor
King Power

Kit Manufacturer
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
32,261

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres Width: 68 metres

Directors
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Shilai Liu (Vice Chairman)
Susan Whelan (Chief Executive)
Apichet Srivaddhanaprabha (Executive Director)

Official Company Name and Number
Leicester City Football Club Limited
No. 4593477

Home kit
Shirts: Royal Blue
Shorts: Royal Blue
Socks: Royal Blue

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Maroon
Shorts: Maroon
Socks: Maroon

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: White
Shorts: White
Socks: White

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Mid Grey
Shorts: Mid Grey
Socks: Mid Grey

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
53,394

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 101 metres Width: 68 metres

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The Liverpool Football Club & Athletic Grounds Limited
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Home kit

Shirts: Red
Shorts: Red
Socks: Red

Alternative kit 1

Shirts: Turquoise
Shorts: Turquoise
Socks: Turquoise

Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Home Goalkeeper

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
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Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Manchester City Football Club Limited
No. 40946

Home kit
Alternative kit 1
Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Light Blue
Shorts: White
Socks: Light Blue

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Dark Denim

Shirts: Whisper White
Shorts: Navy
Socks: Whisper White

Home Goalkeeper
Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green
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Ground Capacity at start of Season
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Pitch Dimensions
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Home kit
Shirts: Red
Shorts: White
Socks: Black

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Dark Green
Shorts: Dark Green
Socks: Dark Green

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: White and Black Stripes
Shorts: White
Socks: White

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Dark Grey
Shorts: Dark Grey
Socks: Dark Grey

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
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Shorts: Coral
Socks: Coral
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
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Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres Width: 68 metres

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Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Alternative kit 1
Shirt: Fizzy Yellow with
Peacoat Shoulder Panel
Shorts: Fizzy Yellow and
Peacoat
Socks: Fizzy Yellow

Alternative kit 2
Shirt: Prism Violet and Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Home Goalkeeper
Shirt: Deep Lagoon
Shorts: Deep Lagoon
Socks: Deep Lagoon

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirt: Pink Glimmer
Shorts: Pink Glimmer
Socks: Pink Glimmer

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirt: Cyber Yellow
Shorts: Cyber Yellow
Socks: Cyber Yellow
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
32,050

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 101 metres Width: 68 metres

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Home kit
Alternative kit 1
Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Red and White Stripes
Shorts: Black with White Stripe
Socks: Red with White Stripe

Shirts: Pink with Grey Stripe
Shorts: Grey with Pink Stripe
Socks: Pink with Grey Stripe

Shirts: Green with Sand Stripe
Shorts: Green with Sand Stripe
Socks: Green with Sand Stripe

Home Goalkeeper
Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Yellow with Blue Stripe
Shorts: Yellow with Blue Stripe
Socks: Yellow with Blue Stripe

Shirts: Green with Blue Stripe
Shorts: Green with Blue Stripe
Socks: Green with Blue Stripe

Shirts: Purple with Green Stripe
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
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Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Shorts: Black
Socks: Red and White

Shirt: Navy
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue

Shirt: White with Red Sash
Shorts: White
Socks: White and Red

Lowkick

Shirt: Blue
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue

Shirt: Pink
Shorts: Pink
Socks: Pink

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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
62,303

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres  Width: 68 metres

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Shorts: Binary Blue
Socks: White

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Socks: Pro Green

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Shorts: University Gold
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Shorts: Total Orange
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Shirts: Green Spark
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
26,688

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres Width: 68 metres

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No. 3295063

Home kit
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Shoes: White
Socks: Navy

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: Green and Yellow Stripes
Shoes: Green
Socks: Yellow

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Red and Yellow Stripes
Shoes: Red
Socks: Yellow

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Green Glimmer
Shoes: Green Glimmer
Socks: Green Glimmer

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Black
Shoes: Black
Socks: Black

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Pink Glimmer
Shoes: Pink Glimmer
Socks: Pink Glimmer
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Shorts: White
Socks: White

Alternative kit 1

Shirts: Sky Blue with Claret
Chest Bands
Shorts: Sky Blue Socks: Sky
Blue with Claret Turnover

Alternative kit 2

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

Home Goalkeeper

Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1

Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow

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Kit Manufacturer
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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
60,000

Pitch Dimensions
Length: 105 metres
Width: 68 metres

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Ground Capacity at start of the Season
32,050

Pitch Dimensions
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Home kit
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Shorts: Black
Socks: Gold

Alternative kit 1
Shirts: White and Blue
Shorts: White
Socks: White

Alternative kit 2
Shirts: Burgundy
Shorts: Burgundy
Socks: Green

Home Goalkeeper
Shirts: Green
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green

Goalkeeper Alt kit 1
Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Orange
Socks: Orange

Goalkeeper Alt kit 2
Shirts: Grey
Shorts: Grey
Socks: Grey
Fixtures
Fixtures

Premier League
Fixture List Season 2020/21

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Kick off times for evening games - 19:45 unless stated otherwise.

Saturday 12 September 2020
- Fulham v Arsenal 12:30 BT Sport
- Crystal Palace v Southampton BT Sport
- Liverpool v Leeds United 17:30 Sky Sports
- West Ham United v Newcastle United 20:00 Sky Sports
- Burnley v Manchester United Postponed - new date/time tbc
- Manchester United v Aston Villa Postponed - new date/time tbc

Sunday 13 September 2020
- West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City 14:00 Sky Sports
- Tottenham Hotspur v Everton 16:30 Sky Sports

Monday 14 September 2020
- Sheffield United v Wolverhampton Wanderers 18:00 Sky Sports
- Brighton & Hove Albion v Chelsea 20:15 Sky Sports

Saturday 19 September 2020
- Everton v West Bromwich Albion 12:30 BT Sport
- Leeds United v Fulham BT Sport
- Manchester United v Crystal Palace 17:30 Sky Sports
- Arsenal v West Ham United 20:00 Sky Sports

Sunday 20 September 2020
- Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur 12:00 BT Sport
- Newcastle United v Brighton & Hove Albion 14:00 Sky Sports
- Chelsea v Liverpool 16:30 Sky Sports
- Leicester City v Burnley 19:00 BBC

Monday 21 September 2020
- Aston Villa v Sheffield United 18:00 Sky Sports
- Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester City 20:15 Sky Sports

Saturday 26 September 2020
- Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester United 12:30 BT Sport
- Burnley v Southampton
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- West Bromwich Albion v Chelsea 17:30 Sky Sports

Sunday 27 September 2020
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Monday 28 September 2020
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Saturday 3 October 2020
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Leeds United     v          Southampton
Leicester City   v          Chelsea
Sheffield United v          Newcastle United
West Ham United  v          West Bromwich Albion
Wolverhampton Wanderers v          Everton

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Liverpool        v          Burnley          20:00
Manchester City  v          Brighton & Hove Albion          20:00

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Arsenal          v          Newcastle United
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Fulham           v          Chelsea
Leeds United     v          Brighton & Hove Albion
Leicester City   v          Southampton
Liverpool        v          Manchester United
Manchester City  v          Crystal Palace
Sheffield United v          Tottenham Hotspur
West Ham United  v          Burnley
Wolverhampton Wanderers v          West Bromwich Albion

Tuesday 26 January 2021
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Burnley           v          Aston Villa
Everton           v          Leicester City
Manchester United v          Sheffield United          20:00
West Bromwich Albion v          Manchester City          20:00

Wednesday 27 January 2021
Chelsea           v          Wolverhampton Wanderers
Newcastle United  v          Leeds United
Southampton       v          Arsenal
Tottenham Hotspur v          Liverpool
Crystal Palace    v          West Ham United          20:00

Saturday 30 January 2021
Arsenal           v          Manchester United
Brighton & Hove Albion v          Tottenham Hotspur
Chelsea           v          Burnley
Crystal Palace    v          Wolverhampton Wanderers
Everton           v          Newcastle United
Leicester City   v          Leeds United
Manchester City  v          Sheffield United
Southampton       v          Aston Villa
West Bromwich Albion v          Fulham
West Ham United  v          Liverpool

Tuesday 2 February 2021
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Burnley           v          Manchester City
Fulham           v          Leicester City
Leeds United     v          Everton
Sheffield United v          West Bromwich Albion
Wolverhampton Wanderers v          Arsenal
Manchester United v          Southampton          20:00

Wednesday 3 February 2021
Newcastle United v          Crystal Palace
Tottenham Hotspur v          Chelsea
Liverpool        v          Brighton & Hove Albion          20:00

Saturday 6 February 2021
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- Aston Villa v Fulham
- Chelsea v West Bromwich Albion
- Everton v Crystal Palace
- Leeds United v Sheffield United
- Leicester City v Manchester City
- Manchester United v Brighton & Hove Albion
- Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur
- Southampton v Burnley
- Wolverhampton Wanderers v West Ham United

#### Saturday 10 April 2021
- Brighton & Hove Albion v Everton
- Burnley v Newcastle United
- Crystal Palace v Chelsea
- Fulham v Wolverhampton Wanderers
- Liverpool v Aston Villa
- Manchester City v Leeds United
- Sheffield United v Arsenal
- Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United
- West Bromwich Albion v Southampton
- West Ham United v Leicester City

#### Saturday 17 April 2021
- Arsenal v Fulham
- Aston Villa v Manchester City
- Chelsea v Brighton & Hove Albion
- Everton v Tottenham Hotspur
- Leeds United v Liverpool
- Leicester City v West Bromwich Albion
- Manchester United v Burnley
- Newcastle United v West Ham United
- Southampton v Crystal Palace
- Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United

#### Saturday 24 April 2021
- Arsenal v Everton
- Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion
- Fulham v Tottenham Hotspur
- Leeds United v Manchester United
- Leicester City v Crystal Palace
- Liverpool v Newcastle United
- Manchester City v Southampton
- Sheffield United v Brighton & Hove Albion
- West Ham United v Chelsea
- Wolverhampton Wanderers v Burnley

#### Saturday 1 May 2021
- Brighton & Hove Albion v Leeds United
- Burnley v West Ham United
- Chelsea v Fulham
- Crystal Palace v Manchester City
- Everton v Aston Villa
- Manchester United v Liverpool
- Newcastle United v Arsenal
- Southampton v Leicester City
- Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield United
- West Bromwich Albion v Wolverhampton Wanderers

#### Saturday 8 May 2021
- Arsenal v West Bromwich Albion
- Aston Villa v Manchester United
- Fulham v Burnley
- Leeds United v Tottenham Hotspur
- Leicester City v Newcastle United
- Liverpool v Southampton
- Manchester City v Chelsea
- Sheffield United v Crystal Palace
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Brighton & Hove Albion v West Ham United
Burnley v Leeds United
Everton v Sheffield United
Manchester United v Leicester City 20:00
West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool 20:00

Wednesday 12 May 2021
Chelsea v Arsenal
Newcastle United v Manchester City
Southampton v Fulham
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Crystal Palace v Aston Villa 20:00

Saturday 15 May 2021
Brighton & Hove Albion v Manchester City
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Sunday 23 May 2021
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UEFA Nations League 2020/21

Iceland v England Saturday 5 September 2020
Denmark v England Tuesday 8 September 2020
England v Wales Thursday 8 October 2020 (International Friendly)
England v Belgium Sunday 11 October 2020
England v Denmark Wednesday 14 October 2020
Belgium v England Sunday 15 November 2020
England v Iceland Wednesday 18 November 2020

The Football Association Challenge Cup (all dates subject to change)
Dates for Matches in Competition Proper - Season 2020/21

Round One Saturday* 7 November 2020
Round Two Saturday* 28 November 2020
Round Three Saturday* 9 January 2021
Round Four Saturday* 23 January 2021
Round Five Wednesday* 10 March 2021
Round Six Wednesday* 20 March 2021
Semi-finals Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 April 2021
Final Saturday 15 May 2020
* games played over a range of days

The English Football League Cup (all dates subject to change)
Season 2020/21

Round One Saturday* 5 September 2020
Round Two Wednesday* 16 September 2020
Round Three Wednesday* 23 September 2020
Round Four Wednesday* 30 September 2020
Round Five Wednesday* 23 December 2020
Semi-finals Wednesday* 6 January 2021
Final Sunday 28 February 2021
* games played over a range of days
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UEFA Club Competition Dates 2020/21 (all dates subject to change)

**English Representatives**
UEFA Champions League – Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea
UEFA Europa League – Arsenal, Leicester City, Tottenham Hotspur

**UEFA Champions League**

- Third Qualifying Round: Tues/Weds 15/16 September 2020
- Play-Off (First Leg): Tues/Wed 22/23 September 2020
- Play-Off (Second Leg): Tues/Wed 29/30 September 2020
- Group Stage - Match 1: Tues/Wed 20/21 October 2020
- Group Stage - Match 2: Tues/Wed 27/28 October 2020
- Group Stage - Match 3: Tues/Wed 3/4 November 2020
- Group Stage - Match 4: Tues/Wed 24/25 November 2020
- Group Stage - Match 5: Tues/Wed 1/2 December 2020
- Group Stage - Match 6: Tues/Wed 8/9 December 2020
- Round of 16 (First Leg): Tues/Wed 16/17 and 23/24 February 2021
- Round of 16 (Second Leg): Tues/Wed 9/10 and 16/17 March 2021
- Quarter-finals (First Leg): Tues/Wed 6/7 April 2021
- Quarter-finals (Second Leg): Tues/Wed 13/14 April 2021
- Semi-finals (First Leg): Tues/Wed 27/28 April 2021
- Semi-finals (Second Leg): Tues/Wed 4/5 May 2021
- Final: Saturday 29 May 2021

**UEFA Europa League**

- Second Qualifying Round: Thursday 17 September 2020
- Third Qualifying Round: Thursday 24 September 2020
- Play-Off: Tuesday 1 October 2020
- Group Stage – Match 1: Thursday 22 October 2020
- Group Stage – Match 2: Thursday 29 October 2020
- Group Stage – Match 3: Thursday 5 November 2020
- Group Stage – Match 4: Thursday 26 November 2020
- Group Stage – Match 5: Thursday 3 December 2020
- Group Stage – Match 6: Thursday 10 December 2020
- Round of 32 (First Leg): Thursday 18 February 2021
- Round of 32 (Second Leg): Thursday 25 February 2021
- Round of 16 (First Leg): Thursday 11 March 2021
- Round of 16 (Second Leg): Thursday 18 March 2021
- Quarter-finals (First Leg): Thursday 8 April 2021
- Quarter-finals (Second Leg): Thursday 15 April 2021
- Semi-finals (First Leg): Thursday 29 April 2021
- Semi-finals (Second Leg): Thursday 6 May 2021
- Final: Wednesday 26 May 2021
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A.1.17. “Average Goals Per Game” means the figure calculated by dividing the total number of goals scored by the Club in a Competition by the number of League Matches played at that point;

A.1.18. “Average Points Per Game” means the figure calculated as follows:
• dividing the total number of points obtained by the Club in a Competition by the number of League Matches played at that point;
• multiplying the resulting figure by 38; and
• subtracting from the resulting figure any points deducted as a result of disciplinary action under these Rules;

A.1.19. “Bankruptcy Order” means an order adjudging an individual bankrupt;

A.1.20. “Bankruptcy Restriction Order” and “Interim Bankruptcy Restriction Order” mean orders made under the provisions of Schedule 4A of the 1986 Act;

A.1.21. “Basic Award Fund” means the fund established out of UK Broadcast Revenue and distributed in accordance with Rule D.17.1;

A.1.22. “Behind Closed Doors” has the meaning set out in Appendix 15 to these Rules;

A.1.23. “Board” means the board of directors for the time being of the League (or its designee);

A.1.24. “Board Directive” means a directive issued by the Board in accordance with Rule C.29;

A.1.25. “Broadcaster” means a Radio Broadcaster, a UK Broadcaster or an International Broadcaster;

A.1.26. “Cash Losses” means aggregate Adjusted Earnings Before Tax after:
(a) write back of:
(i) amortisation and/or impairment of Players’ registrations, and
(ii) profit or loss on the transfer of Players’ registrations, and
(b) inclusion of net cash flow in respect of transfers of Players’ registrations;

A.1.27. “Chair of the Judicial Panel” means the individual appointed to that position in accordance with Rule W.34 and the terms of reference of the Judicial Panel, set out at Appendix 13 to these Rules;

A.1.28. “Central Funds” has the meaning set out in Rule E.19.1;

A.1.29. “Chairman” means the Person appointed as the Chairman pursuant to Article 42 of the Articles or any acting Chairman appointed pursuant to Article 57.1;

A.1.30. “Champions’ Features” has the meaning set out in Rule K.105;

A.1.31. “Child” and “Children” mean any Person or Persons under the age of 18 years;

A.1.32. “clear days” in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

A.1.33. “Close Season” means the period between the end of one Season (ie, from the end of the relevant Club’s final League Match of the Season or, if the relevant Club qualifies for the FA Cup Final in that Season, the end of the FA Cup Final) and the commencement of the next Season (ie, midnight on the day before the first League Match in that Season);

A.1.34. “Club” means an association football club in membership of the League and:
(a) for the purposes of Rules E.33 to E.42 inclusive includes any club which is entitled to be promoted from The Football League to the League;
(b) for the purposes of Rules A.1.52, A.1.60, A.1.203, and Sections F and H of these Rules (including any Forms prescribed therein) includes any Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, or Parent Undertaking of such Club; and
(c) for the purposes of Section G of these Rules, Rules I.1 to I.7 and Rule J.3 (and including any Forms prescribed therein) includes any Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of such Club;

A.1.35. “club” means an association football club not in membership of the League;

A.1.36. “Club Radio Contract” means any contract upon terms complying in all respects with any directive issued by the League pursuant to Rule D.6 and made between any Club and the local or regional independent radio station or BBC local radio station within whose transmission area the Club’s Stadium is situated;

A.1.37. “Club Shirt Sponsor Contract” means any contract between any Club and any Person (not being the manufacturer, producer or distributor of that Club’s Strip) providing for the exhibition upon that Club’s Strip of the agreed prime brand of that Person in accordance with Rule M.30;

A.1.38. “Commercial Contract” means any contract entered into by the League relating to sponsorship or like transactions or other matters materially affecting the commercial interests of Clubs other than an International Broadcast Contract, a UK Broadcast Contract or a Radio Contract;

A.1.39. “Commercial Contract Revenue” means revenue received by the League under any Commercial Contract;

A.1.40. “Commission” means a commission appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel under the provisions of Rule W.16;

A.1.41. “Community Development Expenditure” means:
(a) net expenditure by a Club directly attributable to activities (whether in the United Kingdom or abroad) for the public benefit to promote participation in sport and advance social development; and
(b) donations made by the Club:
(i) to United Kingdom charities in a form recognised by such charities; and/or
(ii) for foreign charitable purposes in a form which (had the donations been made to registered United Kingdom charities) would have been recognised as charitable.
A.1.42. "Company Secretary" means the Person whose particulars are registered or registrable as the secretary of the League pursuant to section 276 of the Act, and shall include any joint, assistant or deputy secretary;

A.1.43. "Compensation Fee" means any sum of money or other consideration (exclusive of value added tax) payable by a Transferee Club to a Transferor Club upon the permanent transfer of the registration of a Contract Player or in respect of an Out of Contract Player;

A.1.44. "Compensation Fee Account" means the account bearing that name at Barclays Bank Plc into which Compensation Fees, Loan Fees (including, in both cases, instalments thereof) and Contingent Sums are payable as set out in Rule V.29;

A.1.45. "Competition" means the men’s first team football competition called the ‘Premier League’, organised by the League and comprising the 380 League Matches required by Rule C.1, to be completed over the course of a Season, unless otherwise curtailed in accordance with these Rules;

A.1.46. "Contract Party" means any Person with which any relevant Person is acting in concert within the meaning of paragraphs (2) to (5) (inclusive) of the definition of “acting in concert” in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, or would be so acting in concert if the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers applied in the relevant case;

A.1.47. "Conditional Contract" means a playing contract between a Club and a Player which is determinable by the Player at any time;

A.1.48. "Connected Person" means any Person who directly or indirectly possesses or is entitled to acquire more than 30 per cent of: (a) the issued ordinary share capital of the company; (b) the loan capital (save where loan capital was acquired in the ordinary course of the business of lending money) and issued share capital of the company; or (c) the assets of the company which would be available for distribution to equity holders in the event of winding up of the company;

A.1.49. "Content Session" has the meaning set out in Rule K.90;

A.1.50. "Contingent Sum" means any sum of money (exclusive of value added tax) additional to a Compensation Fee, payable upon the happening of a contingent event by a Transferee Club to a Transferor Club consequent upon the transfer of the registration of a player (whether that transfer is permanent or temporary);

A.1.51. "Contract Player" means any player (other than an Academy Player) who has entered into a written contract of employment with a Club;

A.1.52. "Control" means the power of a Person to exercise, or to be able to exercise or acquire, direct or indirect control over the policies, affairs and/or management of a Club, whether that power is constituted by rights or contracts (either separately or in combination) and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Control shall be deemed to include:

(a) the power (whether directly or indirectly and whether by the ownership of share capital, by the possession of voting power, by contract or otherwise including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) to appoint and/or remove all or such of the members of the board of directors of the Club as are able to cast a majority of the votes capable of being cast by the members of that board; and/or

(b) the holding and/or possession of the beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other persons) or by contract including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 30 per cent or more of the total voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club.

For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a Nominee for any Person or of an Associate of any Person or of a Connected Person to any Person shall be attributed to that Person;

A.1.53. "Conviction" means a finding by a court anywhere in the world that a Person has committed an offence or carried out the act for which he was charged, and Convicted shall be construed accordingly;

A.1.54. "Countdown to Kick-Off" means, in respect of each League Match, the document agreed between the Home Club and the Match Manager (and approved by the League) in advance, setting out the timings according to which (among other things) the participating Clubs should line up in the tunnel area and process onto the pitch;

Guidance

The Countdown to Kick-Off in respect of each League Match must be approved by the Premier League in advance. Where Clubs wish to engage in in-Stadium activity of any kind: (a) in the period between 15 minutes prior to kick-off and the kick-off itself, (b) during half-time and/or (c) in the period between the final whistle and 15 minutes following the conclusion of the League Match (whether by way of remembrance, tribute, celebration or otherwise), such activity must be notified to the League as far in advance of the League Match as reasonably practicable (and, in any event, no later than seven days prior to the League Match). Any such activity that is not notified to the League within that deadline will only be approved by the Board in exceptional circumstances.

A.1.55. "COVID-19 Costs" means lost revenues and/or exceptional costs incurred by a Club that are directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic and that are identified and calculated in accordance with such guidance as issued by the Board;

A.1.56. "Crowd Doctor" means the Official described in Rules O.9 to O.11;

A.1.57. "Curtailment Resolution" means a Resolution tabled by the Board in accordance with Rule C.25, which would, if passed, bring an end to the Competition, notwithstanding that all of the League Matches referred to in Rule C.1 have not been played;

A.1.58. "DBS" means the Disclosure and Barring Service, being a non-departmental public body of the Home Office which, amongst other things, processes requests for criminal records checks and barred list information, or any successor body which carries out its functions;

A.1.59. "Declaration" means a declaration in Form 4;
A.1.60. Subject to Rule A.1.61, “Director” means any Person occupying the position of director of a Club whose particulars are registered or registrable under the provisions of section 162 of the Act and includes a shadow director, that is to say, a Person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of the Club are accustomed to act, or a Person having Control over the Club, or a Person exercising the powers that are usually associated with the powers of a director of a company;

A.1.61. For the purposes of Rules H.1 to H.9:
(a) a person shall be excluded from the definition of Director set out in Rule A.1.60 if (and only if):
(i) he falls within the said definition of Director solely because Rule A.1.52(b) applies to him;
(ii) his aggregate interest (of the kind set out in Rule A.1.52(b)) in the Shares conferring voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club is less than 50%; and
(b) the Official referred to in Rule J.1.1 shall be included in that definition;

A.1.62. “Disciplinary Panel” means the panel of individuals of that name appointed in accordance with the terms of reference of the Judicial Panel; set out at Appendix 13 to these Rules;

A.1.63. “Disclosure” means the service provided by the DBS to Persons registered with it;

A.1.64. “Earnings Before Tax” means profit or loss after depreciation and interest but before tax, as shown in the Annual Accounts;

A.1.65. “Equal Share Distribution Method” means, in respect of the League’s distribution of any element of Central Funds, the distribution of such funds in equal shares, with one share distributed to each Club;

A.1.66. “Events of Insolvency” means the events set out in Rule E.23;

A.1.67. “Facility Fees Fund” means the fund established out of UK Broadcast Revenue and distributed in accordance with Rule D.17.3;

A.1.68. “Faculty” has the meaning set out in Rule O.10;

A.1.69. “F.A. Cup” means the Football Association Challenge Cup competition;

A.1.70. “Fair Market Value” means the amount for which an asset could be sold, licensed or exchanged, a liability settled, or a service provided, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm’s length transaction;

A.1.71. “Feature Session” has the meaning set out in Rule K.103;

A.1.72. “Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking” has the meaning set out in section 1161(4) of the Act;

A.1.73. “FIFA” means the Fédération Internationale de Football Association;

A.1.74. “Financial Institution” means any entity which is incorporated in, or formed under the law of any part of the United Kingdom, and which has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry on the regulated activity of accepting deposits (within the meaning of section 22 of that statute, taken with Schedule 2 and any order under section 22) but such definition shall not include:
(a) a building society (within the meaning of section 119 of the Building Societies Act 1986); or
(b) a credit union (within the meaning of section 31 of the Credit Unions Act 1979);

A.1.75. “Fixed Central Funds Distribution Ratio” means a ratio reflecting the fact that, in respect of any one Season, the maximum possible Central Funds distribution that one Club could receive is an amount equal to 180% of the minimum possible Central Funds distribution that one Club could receive;

Guidance
For the purposes of calculating the Fixed Central Funds Distribution Ratio, the ‘maximum’ referred to is the total that a Club would receive if it finished the Season as League Champions and received the highest possible number of facility fees. The ‘minimum’ is the total that a Club would receive if it finished in 20th position and received the lowest possible number of facility fees;


A.1.77. “The Football Association Rules” means the rules and regulations for the time being of The Football Association;

A.1.78. “Football Creditor” has the meaning set out in Rule E.29;

A.1.79. “The Football League” means The Football League Limited and/or the league competitions organised by it, as appropriate;

A.1.80. “The Football League Cup” means the cup competition organised by the board of The Football League;

A.1.81. “Force Majeure Event” means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of the Board and Clubs, including any strike, lock-out, or labour disputes, act of God, fire, flood, storm, war, riot, civil commotion, terrorism, epidemic or pandemic and which renders the staging of League Matches strictly in accordance with Sections K (Stadium Criteria and Broadcasters’ Requirements), L (Fixtures) and R (Supporter Relations) of these Rules impossible for a period of 14 clear days;

A.1.82. “Form” means the appropriate form or substantially the same form as that prescribed in these Rules;

A.1.83. “Future Financial Information” has the meaning set out in Rule E.11;
A.1.84. "Gambling Related Agreement" means any agreement: (i) which concerns any advertising, marketing, promotion, supply or provision of betting, gaming, lottery or other gambling related products, services, brands or facilities (whether as part of a Club Shirt Sponsor Contract, the appointment of a gambling partner or otherwise); and/or (ii) where the business activities of any of the parties (or of an Associated Undertaking or Group Undertaking of any of the parties) to such agreement include the provision of betting, gaming, lottery or other gambling related products, services or facilities.

A.1.85. "General Meeting" means any meeting of the members of the League duly called in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.

A.1.86. "Goal Line Technology" means all necessary equipment for the purpose of assisting the referee to determine whether, in a League Match, a goal has been scored.

A.1.87. "Group Accounts" mean accounts that a Club is required to prepare pursuant to section 399 of the Act, or which its Parent Undertaking is required to deliver to the registrar of companies pursuant to section 400(2)(e) or section 401(2)(f) of the Act.

A.1.88. "Group Undertaking" has the meaning set out in section 1161(5) of the Act.

A.1.89. "Hardwiring" means the permanent installation of cabling, to the League's specification, to enable the uninterrupted live Transmission of League Matches and "Hardwired" shall be construed accordingly.

A.1.90. "Head of Safeguarding" means the member of Staff appointed to that role by each Club in accordance with Rule 5.4.

A.1.91. "HMRC" means Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs or such other government department(s) that may replace the same.

A.1.92. "Holding" means the holding and/or possession of the beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other Persons) or by contract including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) which confer any voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club.

For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a Nominee for any Person shall be attributed to that Person, that is to say any rights or powers which another Person possesses on his behalf or may be required to exercise at his direction or on his behalf and any rights or powers of any other Person which is a Connected Person to any Person shall be attributed to that Person.

A.1.93. "Home Club" means the Club at whose Stadium a League Match is or was or should be or should have been played or, where the Clubs participating in that League Match share a Stadium, the Club whose name first appears in respect of that League Match on the League's fixture list.

A.1.94. "Home Grown Player" means a Player who, irrespective of his nationality or age, has been registered with any Club (or club) affiliated to The Football Association or the Football Association of Wales for a period, continuous or not, of three Seasons or 36 months prior to his 21st birthday (or the end of the Season during which he turns 21) and, for the purposes of this definition of "Home Grown Player", a Season will be deemed to commence on the date on which the relevant Summer Transfer Window closes and expire on the date of the final League Match of the Season.

A.1.95. "Host Broadcaster" has the meaning set out in Rule K.112.1.

A.1.96. "Image Contract" means any contract whereby a Player transfers to any Person the right to exploit his image or reputation either in relation to football or non-footballing activities.

A.1.97. "Image Contract Payment" means any payment made or liability incurred by or on behalf of a Club to such a Person in order to acquire that right.


A.1.99. "Intermediary" means any Person who qualifies as an Intermediary for the purposes of the FA Regulations on Working with Intermediaries (as amended from time to time).

A.1.100. "International Broadcaster" means a Person with which the League has entered into an International Broadcast Contract and which is entitled to effect the Transmission of League Matches in accordance with the terms of that contract.

A.1.101. "International Broadcast Contract" means any contract entered into by the League for the Transmission of League Matches outside the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

A.1.102. "International Broadcast Revenue" means revenue received by the League under any International Broadcast Contract.

A.1.103. "International Broadcast Revenue Excess" means, in respect of any one Season, the Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue in excess of the International Broadcast Threshold Amount.

A.1.104. "International Broadcast Threshold Amount" means the figure notified to Clubs each Season, calculated to reflect an increase from the Season three years prior in accordance with the Three-Year Compound CPI Formula.

A.1.105. "International Content Session" has the meaning set out in Rule K.98.

A.1.106. "International Content Session Plus" has the meaning set out in Rule K.102.

A.1.107. "International Transfer" means the transfer of the registration of a Player to a Club in respect of which an international transfer certificate is required under the provisions of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

A.1.108. "International TV Commentary Positions" means the commentary positions more particularly described in Rules K.53 and K.54.

A.1.109. "Interview Backdrops" means backdrops against which interviews must, where specified by these Rules, be conducted. The Interview Backdrops will be provided to Clubs from time to time by the League.

A.1.110. "Judicial Panel" means the panel of individuals, comprising the Disciplinary Panel and Appeals Panel, appointed in accordance with the terms of reference of the Judicial Panel, set out at Appendix 13 to these Rules.
### A.1.111. “Lead Disclosure Officer” means the member of Staff appointed to that role by each Club in accordance with Rule S.21;

### A.1.112. “League” means The Football Association Premier League Limited;

### A.1.113. “League Champions” has the meaning set out in Rule C.11;

### A.1.114. “League Match” means a first team match played under the jurisdiction of the League;

### A.1.115. “League Office” means the registered office for the time being of the League;

### A.1.116. “League Table” means the table referred to in Rule C.3;

### A.1.117. “Licensing Manual” means the manual in which are set out procedures agreed between The Football Association and the League relating to applications for and the granting of licences enabling Clubs (or clubs) to play in UEFA Club Competitions;

### A.1.118. “Limited Return of Supporters” has the meaning set out in Appendix 15 to these Rules;

### A.1.119. “Loan Fee” means any sum of money (exclusive of value added tax) payable by a Transferee Club to a Transferor Club upon a Temporary Transfer;

### A.1.120. “Manager” means the Official of a Club responsible for selecting the Club’s first team;

### A.1.121. “Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal” has the meaning set out in Rule Y.1;

### A.1.122. “Mandatory Medical Equipment Form” means the document referred to Rule O.8, in such form as prescribed by the Board from time to time;

### A.1.123. “Match Day Information Sheet” means, in respect of each League Match, the administrative document produced by the League and distributed to the Home Club and Visiting Club in advance, containing relevant information for match day operations including (but not limited to) approved Strips, the identity of the relevant Match Officials, the Countdown to Kick-Off and the identities and contact details of the Match Manager and other League representatives;

### A.1.124. “Match Day Medical Requirements Form” means the document referred to Rule O.7, in such form as prescribed by the Board from time to time;

### A.1.125. “Match Day Protocol (COVID-19)” means the document of that name set out at Appendix 15 to the Rules;

### A.1.126. “Match Manager” means a representative of the League who may be appointed to act in relation to a League Match and whose responsibilities include (without limitation):

(a) liaising with Clubs, Match Officials, Broadcasters and any Person with whom the League has entered into a Commercial Contract to promote the delivery by the League of all match day requirements and entitlements of Broadcasters and such Persons pursuant to these Rules;

(b) assisting Clubs to comply with their obligations pursuant to Rule D.3 insofar as those obligations must be fulfilled at League Matches; and

(c) working with Clubs and Broadcasters to enable the referee to ensure that the kick-off, and re-start after half-time, of each League Match take place promptly;

### Guidance

The appointment of a Match Manager in relation to a League Match does not absolve Clubs from compliance with their responsibilities under Rules L.29 and L.30 (which provide for prompt kick-offs and re-starts of League Matches) or with any of the provisions of Section K concerning Broadcaster access requirements.

### A.1.127. “Match Officials” means referees, assistant referees and assistant video assistant referees and includes reserve officials and fourth officials;

### A.1.128. “Material Transactions” has the meaning set out in Rule H.1;

### A.1.129. “Medical Coordinator” means the Official described in Rule O.7;

### A.1.130. “Memorandum” means the Memorandum of Association of the League;

### A.1.131. “Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Action Plan” means a document setting out internal roles and responsibilities regarding mental and emotional wellbeing, internal initiatives and processes for support, education and monitoring the mental and emotional wellbeing needs of employees (including Players) and such other matters as advised by the Board from time to time;

### A.1.132. “Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Lead” means the board-level Official designated that role in accordance with Rule S.23;
A.1.133. “Merit Based Distribution Method” means, in respect of the League’s Distribution of UK Broadcast Revenue and (if applicable) International Broadcast Revenue, the distribution of such funds in shares in accordance with the following table:

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A.1.134. “Merit Payments Fund” means the fund established out of UK Broadcast Revenue and distributed in accordance with Rule D.17.2;

A.1.135. “Mixed Zone” means the area in which media interviews with Players and Managers may be conducted after the conclusion of a League Match, as more particularly described in Rules K.69 and K.70;

A.1.136. “Monthly Contract” has the meaning set out in Rule T.11.2;

A.1.137. “Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue” means, in respect of any one Season, the total sum that is distributed to Clubs and Relegated Clubs out of International Broadcast Revenue (ie, following the deductions referred to at Rules D.18.1 and D.18.2 and adjusted to take account of any foreign exchange and/or gain);

A.1.138. “New Registration” has the meaning set out in Rule U.14;

A.1.139. “Nominee” means, in connection to any Person, another Person who possesses rights or powers on his behalf, or which he may be required to exercise at his discretion;

A.1.140. “Official” means any director, secretary, servant or representative of a Club, excluding any Player, Intermediary or auditor;

A.1.141. “Out of Contract Player” means a Contract Player whose contract of employment with a Club has expired;

A.1.142. “Outside Broadcast Compound” means the area for the exclusive use of TV Broadcasters’ vehicles more particularly described at Rules K.79 to K.81;

A.1.143. “Parent” means a Person who has parental responsibility for a Child;

A.1.144. “Parent Undertaking” has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Act;

A.1.145. “PAYE and NIC” means any and all payments required to be made by a Club in respect of income tax and national insurance contributions;

A.1.146. “Person” includes any natural person, legal entity, firm or unincorporated association and in the case of a Person which is incorporated any of its Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking;

A.1.147. “PGB” has the meaning set out in Rule B.22;

A.1.148. “PGMOL” means the Professional Game Match Officials Limited;

A.1.149. “Player” means any Contract Player, Out of Contract Player, Amateur Player or Academy Player who is registered to play for a Club;

A.1.150. “Player’s Image” means the Player’s name, nickname, fame, image, signature, voice and film and photographic portrayal, virtual and/or electronic portrayal image or representation, reputation, replica and all other characteristics of the Player including his shirt number;

A.1.151. “Post-Match Media Conference” has the meaning set out in Rules K.128 to K.131;

A.1.152. “Pre-Match Media Conference” has the meaning set out in Rule K.106;

A.1.153. “Pre-Match Player Feature” means footage of no less than 60 seconds in duration, recorded on the day of the relevant League Match, in which one or more Players (one of whom must be the Club’s captain or another regular first team Player) provides a preview of that League Match and which must be provided to the Host Broadcaster no later than 45 minutes prior to kick-off;

Guidance
The Pre-Match Player Feature may be recorded by one of the Players featured on his own recording device (whether a phone, tablet, computer, camera or otherwise) or recorded by another individual on a similar device and may be approved by the Club before it is provided to the TV Broadcaster or the League in accordance with Rule K.112A.

A.1.154. “Pre-Match Positions” has the meaning set out in Rule K.108;

A.1.155. “Premier League Appeals Committee” means the committee constituted in accordance with Rule Z.2;

A.1.156. “Premier League Match Centre” means the facility, staffed by representatives of the League and PGMOL during each League Match, that provides support for all on-field football and the League’s match day operational matters;
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A.1.157. “Premier League Safeguarding Standards” means the document by that name published by the League from time to time;

A.1.158. “Pre-Season Content Session” has the meaning set out in Rule K.139;

A.1.159. “Professional Football Compensation Committee” means the committee constituted in accordance with the Regulations of the Professional Football Compensation Committee;

A.1.160. “Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme” means the pension scheme organised by the Professional Footballers’ Association which provides benefits for Players and their dependants during their playing career and after they retire;

A.1.161. “Professional Game Youth Fund” means the fund of that name managed by the League which shall award grants from the fund’s resources to qualifying Clubs and Football League clubs;

A.1.162. “Promoted Club” means a Club which became a member of the League at the end of the previous Season pursuant to Rule B.4;

A.1.163. “PSR Calculation” means, save as indicated below, the aggregation of a Club’s Adjusted Earnings Before Tax for T, T-1 and T-2.

In respect of Season 2020/21, the PSR Calculation shall be the aggregation of:

(a) the mean of the Adjusted Earnings Before Tax of T and T-1;
(b) the Adjusted Earnings Before Tax of T-2; and
(c) the Adjusted Earnings Before Tax of T-3;

A.1.164. “Radio Commentary Positions” means the commentary positions more particularly described in Rule K.55;

A.1.165. “Radio Contract” means any contract entered into by the League other than an International Broadcast Contract or a UK Broadcast Contract for the Radio Transmission of League Matches;

A.1.166. “Radio Contract Revenue” means revenue received by the League under any Radio Contract;

A.1.167. “Radio Broadcaster” means a Person with which the League has entered into a Radio Contract and which is entitled to effect the Radio Transmission of League Matches in accordance with the terms of that contract;

A.1.168. “Radio Transmission” means any terrestrial or satellite broadcast or transmission by cable of sounds of and/or commentary upon any League Match or inclusion thereof in a cable programme service and/or on the Internet and/or any relay of sound of and/or commentary upon any League Match whether to an open or closed user group by any means now existing or hereafter invented not consisting solely of storage and distribution of recorded sounds in tangible form whether such radio transmission is on a live or recorded basis in whole or as excerpts;

A.1.169. “Relegated Club” means a Football League club which was relegated under the provisions of Rule C.14 at the end of any of the three previous Seasons and which remains relegated;

A.1.170. “Relegated Club Shares” means: (a) one share of the Basic Award Fund; and (b) one share of all Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue distributed to Clubs by the League in accordance with the Equal Share Distribution Method for the relevant Season. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not include any element of any International Broadcast Revenue distributed to Clubs by the League in accordance with the Merit Based Distribution Method;

A.1.171. “Related Party Transaction” means a transaction disclosed in a Club’s Annual Accounts as a related party transaction or which would have been disclosed as such except for an exemption under the accounting standards under which the Annual Accounts were prepared;

A.1.172. “Representation Contract” means an agreement to which a Club and an intermediary are party and pursuant to which the intermediary acts for the Club or a Player in the context of either the registration or transfer of the registration of a Player or the employment of a Player by a Club;

A.1.173. “Resolution” has the meaning set out in Article 1;

A.1.174. “Respondent” has the meaning set out in Rule W.19.2;

A.1.175. “Retired Player” means a Player who has stopped playing competitive football;

A.1.176. “Rules” means the rules for the time being of the League and a letter and a number following a reference to a Rule identifies the Section in which it is comprised and its number within that Section;

A.1.177. “Safeguarding Officer” means the member of Staff to whom safeguarding duties may be delegated by the Head of Safeguarding in accordance with Rule S.5;

A.1.178. “Scout” means any Person employed or engaged by a Club (whether on a full-time or part-time basis and whether or not he is remunerated in any way for his services) whose duties include identifying to his Club players whose registration his Club may wish to secure;

A.1.179. A “Season” means the period commencing on the date of the first League Match on the fixture list of the Competition and ending on the earlier of the following: (a) at midnight on the date on which the last League Match of those referred to in Rule C.1 is completed; (b) immediately upon the passing of a Curtailment Resolution or (c) 80 clear days from the date of the last League Match in the Competition (scheduled in accordance with Rule L.1.1), pursuant to Rule C.28;

A.1.180. “Season 2019/20 Contract Extension” means an agreement which extends the terms of a contract of employment between a Club and a Player, which is otherwise due to expire on 30 June 2020, to midnight on the day after the Club’s last Season 2019/20 match in any of the competitions listed in Rule L.9. A Season 2019/20 Contract Extension must be agreed by the Player and the Club (and submitted to the League) by no later than 25 June 2020 and must not increase any element of the remuneration payable to the Player (whether in terms of basic wage or otherwise) above that payable under the contract which was in place before the extension was agreed.
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Whilst a Season 2019/20 Contract Extension must not increase any element of the remuneration previously payable to the Player, it may include provision for additional and/or alternative insurance cover for the benefit of the Player.

A.1.181. “Season 2019/20 Loan Extension” means a contract that extends the term of a loan agreement (whether that agreement relates to a Temporary Transfer or international loan) so that it expires on midnight on the day after the Club’s last Season 2019/20 match in any of the competitions listed in Rule L.9. A Season 2019/20 Loan Extension must be agreed by the two Clubs and the Player and submitted to the League at least two days prior to the expiry of the initial loan agreement;

A.1.182. “Season 2019/20 Reduction” means an amount calculated as the difference between:
   (i) the Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue, and
   (ii) the amount of UK Broadcast Revenue and International Broadcast Revenue actually received by the League in respect of Season 2019/20, less the deductions referred to in Rules D.15 and D.18;

A.1.183. “Section” means a Section of these Rules;

A.1.184. “Secure Funding” means funds which have been or will be made available to the Club in an amount equal to or in excess of any Cash Losses which the Club has made in respect of the period from T-2 and is forecast to make up to the end of T-2. Secure Funding may not be a loan and shall consist of:
   (a) contributions that an equity participant has made by way of payments for shares through the Club’s share capital account or share premium reserve account;
   (b) an irrevocable commitment by an equity participant to make future payments for shares through the Club’s share capital account or share premium reserve account. This irrevocable commitment shall be evidenced by a legally binding agreement between the Club and the equity participant and may if the Board so requires be secured by one of the following:
      (i) a personal guarantee from the ultimate beneficial owner of the Club, provided that the Board is satisfied that (a) he is of sufficient standing and (b) the terms of the guarantee are satisfactory;
      (ii) a guarantee from the Club’s Parent Undertaking or another company in the Club’s Group, provided that the Board is satisfied that (a) the guaranteeing company is of sufficient standing and (b) the terms of the guarantee are satisfactory;
      (iii) a letter of credit from a Financial Institution of sufficient standing and an undertaking from the Club’s directors to the Premier League to call on the letter of credit in default of the payments from the equity participant being made;
      (iv) payments into an escrow account, to be paid to the Club on terms satisfactory to the Board;
      (v) such other form of security as the Board considers satisfactory; or
      (c) such other form of Secure Funding as the Board considers satisfactory;

A.1.185. “Senior Safeguarding Lead” means the board-level representative appointed to that role by each Club in accordance with Rule S.3;

A.1.186. “Shares” means shares or other equity securities;

A.1.187. “Significant Interest” means the holding and/or possession of the legal or beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 10 per cent or more of the total voting rights exercisable in respect of any class of Shares of the Club. All or part of any such interest may be held directly or indirectly or by contract including, but not limited to, by way of membership of any Concert Party, and any rights or powers held by an Associate, Nominee or Connected Person shall be included for the purposes of determining whether an interest or interests amounts to a “Significant Interest”;

A.1.188. “Signing-on Fee” means a lump sum payment payable under the terms of a contract between a Club and a Contract Player and which is expressed to be a signing-on fee;

A.1.189. “Spent Conviction” means a conviction in respect of which the offender is treated as rehabilitated for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 or, where this statute does not apply for any reason, a conviction which would be so treated had the provisions of the statute applied;

A.1.190. “Squad List” means the list of up to a maximum of 25 Players eligible to participate in League Matches during a Season of whom a maximum of 17 may not be Home Grown Players;

A.1.191. “Stadium” means the Club’s ground registered with the Board pursuant to Rule K.5;

A.1.192. “Staff” means any employee of a Club or volunteer involved in any Activity on behalf of or with the authorisation of the Club and/or who works directly with (and/or has influence over) Children or Adults at Risk (or acts on their behalf in any way);

A.1.193. “Stakeholders” has the meaning set out in Rule R.2;

A.1.194. “Strip” means Players’ shirts, shorts and socks;

A.1.195. “Subsidiary Undertaking” has the meaning given to it in Rule X.10;

A.1.196. “Suitably Qualified Person” has the meaning given to it in Rule X.10;

A.1.197. “Summer Transfer Window” has the meaning set out in Rule V.2;

A.1.198. “T” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period ending in the year in which assessment pursuant to Rules E.45 to E.53 takes place, and:
   (a) “T-1” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period immediately preceding T;
   (b) “T-2” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period immediately preceding T-1;
   (c) “T-3” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period immediately preceding T-2;
   (d) “T+1” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period immediately following T, and
   (e) “T+2” means the Club’s Accounting Reference Period immediately following T+1;

A.1.199. “Team Doctor” means the Official described in Rules O.4 to O.5;
A.1.200. “Technical Specification” means a specification, unique to each Club, showing how that Club will deliver each of the facilities, infrastructure requirements and services required of it pursuant to Rules K.43 to K.89 and K.133 to K.155 on the occasion of League Matches played at its Stadium;

Guidance
The Technical Specification is the detailed working document showing how the requirements of the Rules will be translated into working facilities at each Club’s Stadium on match days. For example, it will show the location of each of the required facilities, such as:

• the television cameras;
• the dedicated rooms for Broadcasters such as the Television Studios;
• the location of the Mixed Zone;
• the location of the dedicated car park spaces; and
• the location of the Outside Broadcast Compound.

A.1.201. “Television Gantry” means the television gantry more particularly described in Rules K.48 to K.50;

A.1.202. “Temporary Transfer” has the meaning set out in Rule V.5;

A.1.203. “Third Party Payment” means any payment made or liability incurred (other than Compensation Fees, remuneration or payments to or for the benefit of Intermediaries referred to in Rule H.1) by or on behalf of a Club in respect of a Player, including an Image Contract Payment;

A.1.204. “Three-Year Compound CPI Formula” means, in respect of a three-Season period, a calculation compounding the consumer price index figure published by the Office of National Statistics for that three-year period;

A.1.205. “Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue” means the total amount of UK Broadcast Revenue and International Broadcast Revenue payable to the League in respect of Season 2019/20, less the deductions referred to in Rules D.15 and D.18 and without giving effect to the Season 2019/20 Reduction;

A.1.206. “Transfer Agreement” means an agreement between a Transferor Club and a Transferee Club for the permanent transfer of the registration of a Contract Player;

A.1.207. “Transfer Window” has the meaning set out in Rule V.1;

A.1.208. “Transferee Club” means a Club (or club) to which the registration of a Contract Player is, or is to be or has been transferred (including on the basis of a Temporary Transfer) or which, in the case of an Out of Contract Player, effects his New Registration;

A.1.209. “Transferee Club” means a Club (or club) from which the registration of a Contract Player is, or is to be or has been transferred (including on the basis of a Temporary Transfer) or which, in the case of an Out of Contract Player, holds his registration under the provisions of Rule U.29.2;

A.1.210. “Transmission” means any terrestrial or satellite broadcast of television or other moving pictures with or without sound or transmission by cable of moving pictures with or without sound or inclusion of moving pictures with or without sound in a cable programme service and/or on the Internet and/or relay of moving pictures with or without sound whether to an open or closed user group by any means now existing or hereafter invented not consisting solely of the storage and distribution of recorded pictures with or without sound in tangible form whether the said transmission is on a live or recorded basis in whole or as excerpts. “Transmitted” shall be construed accordingly;

A.1.211. “TV Broadcaster” means a UK Broadcaster or an International Broadcaster;

A.1.212. “UEFA” means the Union des Associations Européennes de Football;

A.1.213. “UEFA Club Competition” means the club competitions organised by UEFA;

A.1.214. “UEFA Club Licence” means the licence granted by The Football Association in accordance with the procedures set out in the Licensing Manual enabling Clubs (or clubs) to play in UEFA Club Competitions;

A.1.215. “UK Broadcast Contract” means any contract entered into by the League for the Transmission of League Matches within the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands;

A.1.216. “UK Broadcaster” means a Person with which the League has entered into a UK Broadcast Contract and which is entitled to effect the Transmission of League Matches in accordance with the terms of that Contract;

A.1.217. “UK Broadcast Revenue” means revenue received by the League under any UK Broadcast Contract;

A.1.218. “UK Content Session” has the meaning set out in Rule K.94;

A.1.219. “UK TV Commentary Positions” means the commentary positions more particularly described in Rule K.92;

A.1.220. “Under 21 Player” means a Player under the age of 21 as at 1 January in the year in which the Season concerned commences (i.e. for Season 2020/2021 born on or after 1 January 1999);

A.1.221. “VAR” has the meaning set out in Rule K.25;

A.1.222. “Visiting Club” means the Club playing, which has played, which should play or which should have played a League Match at the Stadium of a Home Club or, where the Clubs participating in that League Match share a Stadium, the Club whose name last appears in respect of that League Match on the League’s fixture list;

A.1.223. “Week by Week Contract” means a playing contract between a Club and a Player which is determinable by either party on seven days’ written notice;

A.1.224. “Winter Transfer Window” has the meaning set out in Rule V.3;
A.8. In all matters relating to the consideration of any interruption to and/or the curtailment of a Competition and any consequential issues, the Board and Clubs must be guided at all times by the principles set out below, and Rules C.18 to C.30 shall be interpreted at all times in accordance with (and to give effect to) those principles:

- The priority must always be to complete the relevant Competition if: (a) it is safe to do so; and (b) by completing the Competition, the subsequent Competition is not materially impacted. Curtailment of a Competition must always be a last resort;
- In all matters related to the safety of staging League Matches and/or completing the Competition, the Board and Clubs must always adhere to instructions from Government (or a competent public body, with powers delegated by Government);
- Clubs must accept changes to normal playing conditions and schedules in order to ensure the completion of the Competition, notwithstanding the fact that such changes might impact upon the integrity of the Competition. These changes will include (but not be limited to) those matters detailed at Rule C.18, and
- The Board must have due regard to the collective interests of Clubs, together, the “Guiding Principles”.

A.1.225. “Women’s Football Expenditure” means expenditure by a Club directly attributable to activities to train, educate and develop players involved in women's football teams (including, for the avoidance of doubt such activities as they relate to female players under the age of 18).

A.1.226. “Working Day” means any day on which the League Office is open for normal business but excluding, unless the Board determines otherwise, a Saturday, a Sunday or a Bank or Public Holiday.

A.1.227. References to “written” or “in writing” shall be construed to include:
(a) hard copy;
(b) facsimile transmission; and
(c) subject to any guidance issued by the Board, email (including any attachment to an email),
but shall not include any form of electronic communication other than those listed in Rules (b) to (c) above. Where a communication is sent by email, the burden of proof of receipt shall be on the sender.

A.1.228. “Youth Development Expenditure” means expenditure by a Club directly attributable to activities to train, educate and develop Academy Players net of any portion of Central Funds paid to Clubs solely for the purpose of such activities; and

A.1.229. “Youth Development Rules” means the Youth Development Rules which accompany and are incorporated into these Rules.

Interpretation

A.2. Terms defined in Youth Development Rule 1 shall have the meanings set out in that rule.

A.3. Unless the context otherwise requires:
A.3.1. words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa; and
A.3.2. words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders.

A.4. References to statutory provisions shall be construed as references to those provisions as they may be amended or re-enacted.

A.5. The headings in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

A.6. Unless otherwise stated, the provisions of the Articles shall prevail in the event of any conflict with these Rules.

A.7. These Rules shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law. Strictly without prejudice to the arbitration and other dispute resolution provisions of these Rules, disputes relating to these Rules shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
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<td>Subject to Rules C.25 to C.30, at the end of each Season the Board shall require each of the Clubs relegated in accordance with Rule C.14 to execute an instrument transferring its ordinary share in the League to such of the three clubs promoted to the League from The Football League as the Board directs.</td>
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<td>Upon such share transfers being registered in accordance with the Articles each of the Promoted Clubs will become a member of the League.</td>
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<td>A Club shall cease to be entitled to be a member of the League (and upon registration in accordance with the Articles of the transfer of its ordinary share in the League shall cease to be a member thereof) following:</td>
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<td>- its relegation in accordance with Rule C.14;</td>
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<td>B.6</td>
<td>Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 27, the League may expel a Club from membership upon a special Resolution to that effect being passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of such members as (being entitled to do so) vote by their representatives or by proxy at a General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution has been duly given.</td>
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<td>Any Club intending to resign as a member of the League may do so only with effect from the end of the Season upon which it is intended that such resignation is to take effect provided that it shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Company Secretary on or before the 31 December preceding the end of such Season.</td>
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<td>Any Director of a Club giving notice under the provisions of Rule B.7 who represents the League on the Council of The Football Association shall vacate that office forthwith upon the giving of the notice.</td>
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<td>Not earlier than the 1 March nor later than the 31 March following the giving of a notice under Rule B.7, the Club giving such notice shall notify the Company Secretary in writing whether such notice is confirmed or withdrawn. If no such notice is given, the notice under Rule B.7 shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.</td>
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<td>B.10</td>
<td>Without prejudice to the powers contained in Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary), any Club purporting to resign otherwise than in accordance with Rules B.7 and B.9 shall on demand indemnify the League on behalf of itself and the Clubs remaining in membership of the League against all losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses whatsoever suffered or incurred by the League or such Clubs resulting directly or indirectly from such purported resignation including without limitation loss of income or profits from any Commercial Contract, UK Broadcast Contract, International Broadcast Contract or Radio Contract.</td>
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## Board Powers

| B.11 | Where a discretion, right or power is expressed in these Rules to be exercisable by the Board, such discretion, right or power shall, unless otherwise provided in these Rules or the Articles, be exercisable by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion or as a sole right or power of the Board and shall when exercised be final and binding and not subject to appeal. |
| B.12 | The Board may appoint any Person who is not an Official to depute for either the Chairman or the chief executive when the Board is required to exercise its function under either Rules T.29, T.30, T.31, W.1 or Youth Development Rules 289, 290 and 292. |

## Procedure at General Meetings

| B.13 | Subject to the provisions of the Articles and the Act, the Chairman may regulate the procedure for General Meetings as he thinks fit. Unless otherwise determined by the Chairman: |
| | B.13.1 Clubs must give to the League not less than 28 clear days’ notice of any item for inclusion on the agenda of a forthcoming General Meeting; and |
| | B.13.2 two representatives from each Club may attend General Meetings, each of whom may speak but only one of whom shall be entitled to vote. |

## Relationship between Clubs and the League

| B.14 | Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between the League and Club (both on its own behalf and on behalf of its Officials) and between each Club to be bound by and comply with: |
| | B.14.1 the Laws of the Game (and any protocols issued by the International Football Association Board); |
| | B.14.2 The Football Association Rules; |
| | B.14.3 the Articles; |
| | B.14.4 these Rules; |
| | B.14.5 the statutes and regulations of FIFA; |
| | B.14.6 the statutes and regulations of UEFA; and |
| | B.14.7 the Regulations of the Professional Football Compensation Committee, each as amended from time to time. |
Section B: The League - Governance

B.15. In all matters and transactions relating to the League each Club shall behave towards each other Club and the League with the utmost good faith.

B.16. No Person bound by these Rules, including any Club (either by itself, its registered Players, Officials, employees or agents), shall do any of the following:
(a) conduct itself in an abusive, insulting, intimidating or offensive manner towards any (other) Club or the League or (where applicable in either case) any of its registered Players, Officials, employees or agents;
(b) commit any act (or omission) or make any statement that is discriminatory by means of race, religion, gender, sexuality, colour or national or ethnic origin; or
(c) commit any act (or omission) or make any statement that brings the League, its competition, a Club, a Broadcaster or a party to a Commercial Contract into disrepute.

B.17. A Club shall not, without the Board's prior written consent, either during its membership of the League or at any time after its membership has terminated, disclose or divulge, either directly or indirectly, to any Person whatsoever or otherwise make use of any confidential information as to the business or finances of the League or any other Club or any of their dealings, transactions or affairs or as to any other matters which may come to its knowledge by reason of its membership, save to statutory and regulatory authorities or as may be required by law or to such Officials and Auditors of that Club to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purpose of their duties and then only to the extent so necessary.

B.18. Without prejudice to the League's powers of inquiry under Rule W.1, each Club shall comply promptly and in full with any request for information made by the League (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any such request made pursuant to a demand from a statutory or regulatory authority).

Football Association Representation

B.19. Under the articles of association of The Football Association, the League is entitled to appoint annually six representatives to the Council of The Football Association. Any Person who is an Official or a director or officer of the League shall be eligible for appointment. Five such representatives shall be elected by Clubs in General Meeting and one shall be appointed by the Board subject to ratification by Clubs in General Meeting.

B.20. Under the articles of association of The Football Association, the League is entitled to appoint annually one member of The Football Association board of directors. Any Person who is a Football Association council representative appointed in accordance with Rule B.19 or, if a representative of a regional division of The Football Association, a Person who is an Official, shall be eligible for appointment. The Board shall appoint the representative subject to ratification by Clubs in General Meeting.

B.21. Under the articles of association of The Football Association, the League and The Football League are entitled to appoint annually a mutually agreed upon member of The Football Association board of directors. The identity of such individual shall be determined following consultation between the League and The Football League and appointed by the Board subject to ratification by Clubs in General Meeting.

B.22. Under the articles of association of The Football Association, the League is entitled to appoint four members of the Professional Game Board (the “PGB”), a committee of the board of directors of The Football Association. The Board shall appoint the four members of the PGB (one of whom shall always be the member of the board of directors of The Football Association appointed in accordance with Rule B.20) subject to ratification by Clubs in General Meeting. Provided always that at least two of the appointed PGB members shall be Football Association Council representatives appointed in accordance with Rule B.19, the following shall be eligible for appointment:

B.22.1. an Official;
B.22.2. a Football Association council representative appointed in accordance with Rule B.19; and
B.22.3. a director or officer of the League.
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The League Competition

C.1. Subject to Rules C.1A, C.1B, C.18 and C.25 to C.30, each Club shall play two League Matches against each other Club in the Competition during each Season, being the Home Club in respect of one such League Match and the Visiting Club in respect of the other.

C.1A. In respect of Season 2020/21, the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19) shall apply to each League Match which, in accordance with the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 (or any replacement applicable legislation or regulation), is to be played either Behind Closed Doors or with a Limited Return of Supporters.

C.1B. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19) and the Home Club is unable to secure a safety certificate in respect of that specific League Match, that League Match will be played on a neutral ground, the date, the time and the venue of which shall be determined by the Board.

Guidance

Rule A 1.93 defines the Home Club as 'the Club at whose Stadium a League Match is or was or should have been played or, where the Clubs participating in that League Match share a Stadium, the Club whose name first appears on the League’s fixture list' (emphasis added). Accordingly, save where specifically expressed to the contrary in these Rules, the rights and obligations set out in these Rules in respect to the Home Club shall remain in place, irrespective of whether the League Match(es) to which they relate are required to be held at a neutral ground in accordance with Rule C.1B.

C.2. The winner of a League Match shall score three points. Each Club participating in a League Match which is drawn shall score one point.

C.3. The results of League Matches shall be recorded by the Board in the League Table containing, in respect of each Club, the following information:

C.3.1. the number of League Matches played in the Competition during that Season;
C.3.2. the number of League Matches won, drawn and lost as a Home Club in the Competition during that Season;
C.3.3. the number of League Matches won, drawn and lost as a Visiting Club in the Competition during that Season;
C.3.4. the number of goals scored in League Matches by and against that Club in the Competition during that Season; and
C.3.5. the number of points scored in the Competition during that Season.

C.4. The position of Clubs in the League Table shall be determined by the number of points scored in the Competition during that Season, the Club having scored the highest number of points being at the top of the League Table and the Club having scored the lowest number of points being at the bottom.

C.5. If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points then their position in the League Table shall be determined on goal difference, that is to say, the difference between the total number of goals scored by and against a Club in League Matches in the Competition during that Season ("Goal Difference"), and the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club with the higher or highest Goal Difference.

C.6. If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points and have the same Goal Difference the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club having scored the most goals in League Matches in the Competition during that Season.

C.7. Subject to Rule C.17, if any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points, have the same Goal Difference and have scored the same number of goals in League Matches in the Competition during that Season, they shall be deemed to occupy the same position in the League Table.

Determination and Accreditation of Goals

C.8. Goal Line Technology shall be utilised at League Matches (save that, for the avoidance of doubt, a League Match shall proceed even if Goal Line Technology is unavailable for part or all of it). The referee’s decision as to whether a goal has been scored shall be final.

C.9. The League shall keep a record of the scorer of each goal in each League Match.

C.10. The Board will review all goals scored in every League Match, and if there are any in respect of which the identity of the scoring Player is in doubt, then the issue shall be resolved by such means as the Board determines in advance of each Season.

The League Championship

C.11. Subject to Rules C.25 to C.30, the Club which is at the top of the League Table following the completion of the Competition shall be the League Champions.

C.12. The League Champions shall receive a trophy which it shall return to the Board in good order and condition not later than three weeks before its final League Match of the subsequent Competition.

C.13. The League Champions shall further receive 40 commemorative medals to be presented by the Club to its Manager and to such of its Players and Officials as it thinks fit provided that any Player who has entered the field of play in a minimum of five of its League Matches that Season shall receive from the Club a commemorative medal. Additional medals may only be presented with the consent of the Board which shall only be given if the total number of Players who have entered the field of play that Season in a minimum of five of the Club’s League Matches exceeds 39.

Relegation

C.14. Subject to Rules C.15 and C.25 to C.30, the bottom three Clubs in the League Table following the completion of the Competition shall be relegated to The Football League.
Section C: The League Competition

C.15. If any Club ceases during the Season to be a member of the League, the record of the League Matches in which it has participated in that Season’s Competition shall be expunged from the League Table and, subject to Rules C.25 to C.30, the number of Clubs to be relegated following the completion of the Competition shall be reduced so as to maintain at 20 (or, if less, as near thereto as may be) the number of Clubs in membership of the League at the beginning of the next Season.

C.16. If any Club ceases to be a member of the League other than by reason of relegation following the completion of the Competition but before the Board has fixed the dates of League Matches for the next Competition, the Board may invite the relegated club which attained the highest position in the League Table referred to in Rule C.3 following the completion of the previous Competition to rejoin the League.

Determination of League Table Placings

C.17. Notwithstanding Rules C.25 to C.30, if following the completion of the Competition either the League Champions or the Clubs to be relegated or the question of qualification for other competitions cannot be determined because two or more Clubs are equal on points, Goal Difference and goals scored, the relative position in the League Table of the Clubs will be determined by the following means:

C.17.1. the total points scored by the relevant Clubs in the League Matches in that Season’s Competition contested by those Clubs (“Head-to-Head Matches”), with the Club having scored the highest number of points in Head-to-Head Matches occupying the highest position in the League Table and the Club having scored the lowest number of points in Head-to-Head Matches occupying the lowest position in the League Table;

C.17.2. if the Clubs cannot be separated by operation of Rule C.17.1, the Club scoring the higher number of goals whilst the Visiting Club in Head-to-Head Matches occupying the higher position in the League Table;

C.17.3. if two Clubs cannot be separated by operation of Rule C.17.1 and C.17.2, a play-off on a neutral ground, the format, timing and venue of which shall be determined by the Board.

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Interruption to and/or Curtailment of a Competition

C.18. Where the Board, acting reasonably, considers it necessary in order to ensure the completion of the Competition, it shall have the power to require any of the following (and shall have the power to disapply or modify such Rules as are necessary to give effect to these powers):

C.18.1. Clubs to stage League Matches without spectators being admitted to the Stadium;

C.18.2. that a League Match be played on a neutral ground, the date, the time and the venue of which shall be determined by the Board, where a safety certificate cannot be obtained for the staging of the League Match at the Home Club’s Stadium;

C.18.3. Clubs to participate in a League Match, notwithstanding the fact that Goal Line Technology and/or VAR will not be utilised;

C.18.4. having given due consideration to the health and safety of participating Players, that Clubs must participate in League Matches at more frequent intervals than initially scheduled in accordance with Rule L.1; and

C.18.5. Clubs to comply with such protocols (whether in respect of training or staging of League Matches) as it deems necessary in the circumstances, including the Competition Interruption – Squad Management Protocol at Appendix 17 to these Rules.

C.19. Where the Board intends to exercise any of the powers conferred on it under Rule C.18, it will confirm the same to all Clubs in writing, following which any failure by a Club to comply with the requirements under Rule C.18 shall be a breach of these Rules, liable to be dealt with under the provisions of Section W (Disciplinary).

C.20. Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Board pursuant to Rule C.18, where a Force Majeure Event occurs, in order to ensure the completion of the Competition, the Board may, by written notice to all Clubs and subject to Rule C.21, issue a directive:

C.20.1. disapplying the automatic consequences for any breach of the Rules by a Club (or any Person bound by the Rules); or

C.20.2. modifying, limiting or adding to the requirements of the Rules, (in each case, a ‘Board Directive’).

C.21. The Board:

C.21.1. may only issue a Board Directive:

C.21.1.1. for a specified period; and

C.21.1.2. where it can demonstrate that the issuance of the Board Directive is necessary to resolve an issue concerning the interruption to, completion or curtailment of a Competition that is not adequately provided for in the Rules or Articles in force at the relevant time;

C.21.2. may not issue a Board Directive in respect of Sections B (The League – Governance) or D (The League – Finance).
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C.22. A Board Directive may be revoked:
C.22.1. by the Board, by notice to Clubs in writing;
C.22.2. by written notice signed by a simple majority of Clubs; or
C.22.3. by the Chairman of the Judicial Panel in accordance with Rule C.23.

C.23. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his designee) shall have the power to revoke a Board Directive where:
C.23.1. he receives notice, signed by one or more Clubs, within two clear days of the issuance of the Board Directive, that it/they wish to challenge the Board Directive; and
C.23.2. he determines, in accordance with such process as he in his absolute discretion considers appropriate, that the decision to issue the Board Directive could not have been reached by any reasonable Board which had applied its mind properly to the issues that formed the basis of the Board Directive.

C.24. Revocation of a Board Directive by any of the means referred to in Rule C.22 shall not invalidate any actions taken pursuant to the Board Directive prior to such revocation.

C.25. A Curtailment Resolution may be tabled at any time during the course of a Season by the Board, provided that prior to tabling such a Curtailment Resolution the Board has:
C.25.1. engaged in a period of consultation with Clubs and relevant stakeholders (the length and terms of which shall be in its absolute discretion); and
C.25.2. determined that, after giving due consideration to the Guiding Principles, the tabling of a Curtailment Resolution is appropriate in all the circumstances.

C.26. Where the Board intends to table a Curtailment Resolution, it shall convene a General Meeting at no fewer than two days' notice for that purpose.

C.27. For the avoidance of doubt, no Club (or group of Clubs) may table a Curtailment Resolution at any time.

C.28. The Board may, at the same time as it tables a Curtailment Resolution, table a further Resolution to determine (if Clubs approve the Curtailment Resolution) the sporting consequences of such a decision. Such Resolution may, depending on its terms, require The FA’s consent, in accordance with Article 7.

C.29. Where a Competition remains uncompleted 80 clear days after the date of the last League Match in the Competition as scheduled pursuant to Rule L.1.1:
C.29.1. the Competition shall be deemed automatically curtailed as at that point (and for the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no requirement for any further formalities to effect such curtailment including, without limitation, the tabling and approval of a Curtailment Resolution); and
C.29.2. the Board shall convene a General Meeting within 14 clear days to determine the sporting consequences of that curtailment.

C.30. Where, following the curtailment of a Competition (whether pursuant to Rule C.25 or Rule C.29), sporting consequences fall to be considered by Clubs, each Club's relative place in the League Table as at the point of curtailment shall be determined as follows:
C.30.1. by reference to Average Points Per Game;
C.30.2. if Clubs cannot be separated by operation of Rule C.30.1, by reference to Goal Difference (and the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club with the higher or highest Goal Difference);
C.30.3. if Clubs cannot be separated by operation of Rules C.30.1 or C.30.2, by reference to Average Goals Per Game (and the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club with the higher or highest Average Goals Per Game); and
C.30.4. if Clubs cannot be separated by operation of Rules C.30.1, C.30.2 or C.30.3, by reference to the processes detailed at Rules C.17.1, C.17.2 and C.17.3.
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### Obligations of the League

**D.1.** Subject to the provisions of Article 49, the League shall enter into Commercial Contracts, UK Broadcast Contracts, International Broadcast Contracts and Radio Contracts with the intention in the case of each UK Broadcast Contract for the live Transmission of League Matches that each Club shall participate in at least one live televised League Match each Season.

**D.2.** Each Club and each Contract Player shall comply with any reasonable request made on behalf of the League to allow the Player’s Image to be used to enable the League to fulfil its Commercial Contracts, UK Broadcast Contracts, International Broadcast Contracts and Radio Contracts, provided that, where the size of the product permits, the League shall not use the images of less than four Contract Players, each from a different Club, on any one product.

**D.3.** Subject to Rule D.7, Clubs shall provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the League to fulfil its Commercial Contracts, UK Broadcast Contracts, International Broadcast Contracts and Radio Contracts and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted thereunder or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. For the avoidance of doubt only the League may enforce this Rule against a Club and no other Person shall have any right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to so enforce it.

**D.4.** Each Club shall indemnify the League against any liability the League may incur in respect of the said League Match to comply with the terms of any Club Radio Contract to which it is party.

**D.7.** In the case of a Commercial Contract a Club shall not be bound to comply with Rule D.3 if:

- **D.7.1.** to do so would result in the Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into before the date of the Article 49 Resolution authorising or approving the Commercial Contract; or
- **D.7.2.** such Commercial Contract has not been entered into by the League within six months of the Article 49 Resolution relating to it.

### Obligations of Clubs

**D.3.** Subject to Rule D.7, Clubs shall provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the League to fulfil its Commercial Contracts, UK Broadcast Contracts, International Broadcast Contracts and Radio Contracts and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted thereunder or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. For the avoidance of doubt only the League may enforce this Rule against a Club and no other Person shall have any right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to so enforce it.

**D.4.** Each Club shall indemnify the League against any liability the League may incur in the event of a finding by a court of law or other body of competent jurisdiction that the League induced the Club to breach a contract with a third party as a result of requiring the Club to comply with Rule D.3.

**D.5.** Each Club shall provide such reasonable rights, facilities and services at each League Match taking place at its Stadium as are reasonably required and as are authorised by any directive issued by the League pursuant to Rule D.6 to enable the Visiting Club in respect of the said League Match to comply with the terms of any Club Radio Contract to which it is party.

**D.6.** The League shall issue from time to time directives to Clubs setting out those rights which may and may not be granted by any Club in any Club Radio Contract and each Club shall comply in all respects with any such directive.

### Accounting Practice

**D.8.** Subject to Rules D.9, D.9A and D.9B and Appendix 16, all income of the League shall be allocated to its financial periods in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

**D.9.** Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Rule D.8, advances received or early payment of other contracted accounts may be treated as income of the financial period in which they are received provided that in each case a Resolution is passed to that effect.

**D.9A.** For Season 2019/20 only, the allocation of UK Broadcast Revenue and International Broadcast Revenue in accordance with this Section D (The League – Finance) will have been subject to a reduction in the sum of the Season 2019/20 Reduction, which shall be borne by (i) Clubs in membership of the League in Season 2019/20; (ii) Relegated Clubs in Season 2019/20; and (iii) Promoted Clubs in Seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22, with each Club’s (and club’s) share calculated in accordance with Appendix 16.

**D.9B.** The share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by any Club, any Relegated Club and any Promoted Club shall be a financial obligation and shall be in the respective amounts calculated pursuant to Appendix 16. The League may from time to time enforce any such obligation by setting off against amounts payable by the League to any such Club, Relegated Club or Promoted Club (including without limitation setting off against payments of the type referred to in Rule D.25) or (if the League is unable to enforce such obligations in full by set-off in this way) by requiring any such Club, Relegated Club or Promoted Club to make a payment to the League.

### Operating and Other Expenses

**D.10.** The operating and other expenses of the League shall be paid, at the discretion of the Board, out of International Broadcast Revenue, Commercial Contract Revenue, Radio Contract Revenue or any other income of the League excluding UK Broadcast Revenue.

**D.11.** Subject to the prior approval of Clubs in General Meeting, the Board shall be empowered to require Clubs to pay to the League from time to time any sum by which its income, excluding UK Broadcast Revenue, falls short of the operating and other expenses of the League.

**D.12.** Each Club and Relegated Club shall contribute to the Professional Game Youth Fund and to the Premier League Charitable Fund and other community and charitable initiatives and obligations such sum as is approved by a General Meeting, such contributions to be deducted from the distributions for the Basic Award Fund made pursuant to Rule D.171.
### Transmission of League Matches

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<td>No Transmission shall be made of any League Match except:</td>
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<td>in accordance with any UK Broadcast Contract or International Broadcast Contract;</td>
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<td>as permitted by Rules K.37 and K.38; or</td>
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<td>such sums as may be agreed from time to time shall be payable to the Professional Footballers’ Association for Players’ educational, insurance and benevolent purposes; and</td>
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<td>one half shall comprise the Basic Award Fund;</td>
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<td>one quarter shall comprise the Merit Payments Fund; and</td>
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Each of the Basic Award Fund and the Merit Payments Fund shall be divided into such number of shares as shall be required in either case to put into effect the provisions of Rules D.17.1, D.17.2 and D.25 and the Facility Fees Fund shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Rule D.17.3.

### Distribution of International Broadcast Revenue

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<td>its operating and other expenses in accordance with Rule D.10; and</td>
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Thereafter, in consideration of Clubs providing such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the League to fulfil any International Broadcast Contract, as soon as practicable during or after the end of each Season, subject to Rules E.19, E.28, E.32 and K.42, Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue shall be distributed by way of fees so that each Club and each Relegated Club receives such number of shares as shall be required to put into effect the provisions of Rules D.19 and D.25.

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<td>D.19.1</td>
<td>all Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue up to the International Broadcast Threshold Amount will be distributed to Clubs by way of fees in accordance with the Equal Share Distribution Method;</td>
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<td>where the Net Distributable International Broadcast Revenue exceeds the International Broadcast Threshold Amount:</td>
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<td>the International Broadcast Revenue Excess will be distributed to Clubs by way of fees in accordance with the Merit Based Distribution Method; subject to Rule D.19.2.2; and</td>
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<td>where, as a result of the methods of distribution of Central Funds referred to in Rules D.15 to D.25, the Board determines that the Fixed Central Funds Distribution Ratio is reached, any further International Broadcast Revenue Excess will be distributed by the League to Clubs in such shares (whether by the Equal Distribution Method or the Merit Based Distribution Method) so as to ensure that the Fixed Central Funds Distribution Ratio is maintained.</td>
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<td>The League shall pay out of Commercial Contract Revenue:</td>
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Distribution Account

D.28. Each distribution made under the provisions of Rules D.17, D.18, D.19, D.21, D.22 and D.25 shall be accompanied by an account showing how it has been computed.

Assignments of Central Funds

D.29. If a Club or a Relegated Club proposes to charge, assign or otherwise grant security over all or part of its entitlement to future distributions of Central Funds, it shall:

D.29.1. disclose to the League the proposed documentation with the lender giving effect to such charge, assignment or other grant of security;

D.29.2. not enter into the said proposed documentation without the prior written consent of the League (not to be unreasonably withheld); and

D.29.3. procure that it and its lender enter into an agreement with the League whereby the lender will confirm that:

D.29.3.1. it understands that the Club’s entitlement to future distributions of Central Funds is subject to the provisions of the Articles and these Rules and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) to Rules E.19, E.28 and E.22;

D.29.3.2. it waives any and all claims of whatever nature against the League associated in any way with the League’s application and/or enforcement of the Rules referred to at Rule D.29.3.1; and

D.29.3.3. the Club has disclosed to it the Club’s current and future liabilities to other Clubs (and clubs) and the League will confirm that such disclosure accords with its records of such liabilities.

D.30. Rule D.29 shall not apply to any assignment, charge or other grant of security by a Club of its future entitlement to Central Funds as part of a fixed and floating charge over the entirety of its assets and undertaking on usual commercial terms.

D.31. Without the express, prior consent of the Board, no Club or Relegated Club may charge, assign or otherwise grant security over its entitlement to Central Funds in accordance with Rule D.29 to any Person other than a Financial Institution.

D.32. Without prejudice to Rule D.31, above, the Board may still refuse to permit any proposed charge, assignment or grant of security under Rule D.29 by a Club or Relegated Club to a Financial Institution, where the ownership or structure of that Financial Institution conflicts with any of these Rules.

Distribution of Radio Contract Revenue

D.23. The League shall pay out of Radio Contract Revenue:

D.23.1. its operating and other expenses in accordance with Rule D.10; and

D.23.2. any other sum approved by a Resolution.

D.24. In consideration of Clubs providing such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable the League to fulfil any Radio Contract, as soon as practicable during or after the end of each Season, subject to Rules D.33, E.19 and E.28, the balance of Radio Contract Revenue shall be distributed by way of fees equally between Clubs.

Relegated Clubs

D.25. Subject to Rules D.9A, D.9B, D.26, D.33, E.19, E.28, and E.32, each Relegated Club shall receive the following fees:

D.25.1. in the first Season after being relegated, a sum equivalent to 55% of the Relegated Club Shares;

D.25.2. in the second Season after being relegated, a sum equivalent to 45% the Relegated Club Shares; and

D.25.3. in the third Season after being relegated, a sum equivalent to 20% of the Relegated Club Shares.

D.26. A Relegated Club that was in membership of the League for only one Season immediately prior to being relegated will not receive the fee set out in Rule D.25.3.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, Rules D.25 and D.26 will not apply to any Relegated Club that was relegated in Season 2014/15, Season 2013/14 or Season 2012/13. Instead, the relevant fees to be received by such Relegated Clubs will be calculated in accordance with the equivalent provisions of the 2014/15, 2013/14 or 2012/13 edition of the Rules, as applicable.

Value Added Tax

D.27. Value added tax shall be added to each fee paid in accordance with Rules D.17, D.18, D.19, D.21, D.24 and D.25.
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**Financial Consequences of the Curtailment of a Competition**

D.33. Where a Competition is curtailed in accordance with Rules C.25 or C.29, the methods of distribution of Central Funds to Clubs and Relegated Clubs detailed in Rules D.15 to D.26 shall be varied as necessary to give effect to the following process:

D.33.1. The total amount of Central Funds that would have been payable in respect of that Competition, less any reduction as a result of the curtailment shall hereinafter be referred to as “Reduced Central Funds”;

D.33.2. Reduced Central Funds shall be allocated to Clubs and Relegated Clubs as follows:

D.33.2.1. each Club’s relative place in the League Table as at the point of curtailment shall be identified using the processes detailed in Rule C.30 (its ‘Forecast League Position’);

D.33.2.2. the Board shall forecast the facility fees that would have been payable to each Club had the Competition been completed by:

(a) pro-rating the number of its League Matches that had been televised live prior to curtailment;
(b) pro-rating the number of League Matches that had been announced for live broadcast in the UK but not yet played prior to curtailment and
(c) respecting the minimum Club guaranteed facility fee allocation as budgeted for that Competition (its ‘Forecast Live TV Picks’);

D.33.2.3. the Board shall then calculate the percentage share of Central Funds that would have been allocated to each Club and Relegated Club for that Competition, had the Competition been completed (in the case of Clubs) by reference to its position in the League Table and Forecast Live TV Picks for the completed Competition (the ‘Forecast Central Funds Percentage’);

D.33.2.4. the Reduced Central Funds shall then be allocated so that each Club and Relegated Club receives its Forecast Central Funds Percentage.

D.34. For the avoidance of doubt, Central Funds distributed prior to the point of curtailment will form part of each Club’s (and Relegated Club’s) share of Reduced Central Funds resulting in a balancing amount due to or from the League to give effect to the process outlined in Rule D.33.

Guidance

By way of example of the operation of Rule D.33.2, where:

- the Reduced Central Funds in respect of a Competition is £1 billion;
- using the methods referred to in Rule D.33.2.1, Club A’s place in the League Table is 10th, with 15 League Matches televised live and a further 3 League Matches due to be televised live;
- the Board determines that, had the Competition been completed as scheduled, Club A would have had 25 League Matches televised live and if finishing the Competition in 10th place in the League Table, the Club would have received 10% of the total Central Funds payable in respect of that Competition, Club A will receive £100 million from the Reduced Central Funds.
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Power to Inspect

E.1. Without prejudice to its powers of inquiry under Rule W.1, the Board either by itself or by any Person appointed by it shall be empowered to inspect the financial records of any Club which it reasonably suspects has acted in breach of these Rules.

Club Bank Accounts

E.2. Each Club shall submit to the Board Form 2 signed by two Directors of the Club and specifying a bank account (which must be registered with a Financial Institution), to be in the name of and controlled by the Club, into which the League shall pay monies due to the Club from the League in accordance with and subject to these Rules save that if that Club has assigned its entitlement to such monies or any part of them, payment will be made by the League as directed in the assignment.

Submission of Club Accounts

E.3. Each Club shall by 1 March in each Season, submit to the Board a copy of its Annual Accounts in respect of its most recent financial year or if the Club considers it appropriate or the Board so requests the Group Accounts of the Group of which it is a member (in either case such accounts to be prepared and audited in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements) together with a copy of the directors’ report for that year and a copy of the auditors’ report on those accounts.

E.4. The accounts referred to in Rule E.3 shall:

E.4.1. include separate disclosure within the balance sheet or notes to the accounts, or by way of supplementary information separately reported on by its auditors by way of procedures specified by the Board, of the total sums payable and receivable in respect of Compensation Fees, Contingent Sums and Loan Fees; and

E.4.2. include a breakdown within the profit and loss account or the notes to the accounts, or by way of supplementary information separately reported on by its auditors by way of procedures specified by the Board, of revenue in appropriate categories such as gate receipts, sponsorship and advertising, broadcasting rights, commercial income and other income.

E.5. If the auditors’ report on the accounts submitted pursuant to Rule E.3 contains anything other than an unqualified opinion without modification, the Club shall at the Board’s request submit such further documentary evidence as the Board shall require (including, but not limited to, Future Financial Information).

E.6. If the Annual Accounts of a Club or Group Accounts submitted pursuant to Rule E.3 are prepared to a date prior to 30 November in the Season of submission, such Club or Group shall by the following 31 March submit to the Board interim accounts covering the period commencing from its accounting reference date and ending on a date between the following 30 November and 1 March.

E.7. The interim accounts shall:

E.7.1. comprise a balance sheet, a profit and loss account, a cash flow statement and relevant explanatory notes;
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E.11A In respect of Season 2019/20, the deadline in Rule E.11 shall not apply and, instead, each Club remaining in membership of the League shall submit its Future Financial Information to the Board by no later than 21 August 2020.

E.12 The Future Financial Information shall:

E.12.1 be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles adopted in the preparation of the Club's Annual Accounts (except where the accounting principles and policies are to be changed in the subsequent Annual Accounts, in which case the new accounting principles and policies should be followed);

E.12.2 be approved in writing by the board of directors of the company to which they relate;

E.12.3 include in the explanatory notes thereto principal assumptions and risks;

E.12.4 include for comparison profit and loss accounts for the period covered by the Annual Accounts and interim accounts submitted pursuant to Rules E.3 and E.6, a forecast for the current financial year and a balance sheet as at the date of the interim accounts submitted pursuant to Rule E.6.

E.13 Subject to Rule E.13A, each Promoted Club shall by 30 June in the year of its promotion submit to the Board:

E.13.1 copies of the documents and other information that it would have been required to submit to the Board pursuant to Rules E.3, E.6 and E.9 by 1 March of that year had it then been a member of the League;

E.13.2 Future Financial Information commencing from 1 July in the year of its promotion and expiring on the Club’s next accounting reference date after the end of the following Season; and

E.13.3 any further documentary evidence required pursuant to Rules E.5 and E.8.

E.13A In respect of Season 2019/20, the deadline in Rule E.13 shall not apply and, instead, each Club shall submit the information required by that Rule to the Board by no later than 21 August 2020.

E.14 The Board shall have the powers set out in Rule E.15 if:

E.14.1 the Club has failed to submit to the Board Annual Accounts as required by Rules E.3 and E.4 or Rule E.13;

E.14.2 the Club has failed to submit to the Board interim accounts as required by Rule E.6 or Rule E.13;

E.14.3 the Club has failed to submit to the Board the Future Financial Information as required by Rule E.11 or Rule E.13;

E.14.4 the Board has asked the Club to submit further documentary evidence pursuant to Rule E.5, Rule E.8 or Rule E.13 and the Club has failed to do so within such reasonable deadline that is specified by the League;

E.14.5 the Club has failed to satisfy the Board that no sums of the kind set out in Rule E.9 (and subject to Rule E.10) were overdue as at the preceding 31 March.

E.15 The powers referred to in Rule E.14 are:

E.15.1 to require the Club to submit, agree and adhere to a budget which shall include, but not be limited to, the matters set out in Rule H.1.1 to H.1.3;

E.15.2 to require the Club to provide such further information as the Board shall determine and for such period as it shall determine; and

E.15.3 to refuse any application by that Club to register any Player or any new contract of an existing Player of that Club if the Board reasonably deems that this is necessary in order to ensure that the Club complies with its obligations listed in Rule E.14.7.

HMRC

E.16 Each Club shall provide quarterly certification in such form as the Board may request from time to time to confirm that its liabilities to HMRC in respect of PAYE and NIC are no more than 28 days in arrears.

E.17 Each Club shall promptly on request from the Board:

E.17.1 provide confirmation (to be signed by two Directors) as to whether it has any outstanding liabilities to HMRC, and if it has it shall provide the Board with full details thereof (including details of any agreements which are in place with HMRC as regards such liabilities); and

E.17.2 provide HMRC with written permission in such form as HMRC may require for HMRC to share information about the Club's liabilities to HMRC with the League.

E.18 Where the Board reasonably believes that a Club's liabilities in respect of PAYE & NIC are more than 28 days in arrears it may exercise the powers set out in Rule E.15.
Power to Deduct

E.19. If the Board is reasonably satisfied that a Club or Relegated Club (“the debtor Club”) has failed to make any payment due to any creditor of the description set out in Rule E.21, the Board shall be empowered to:

E.19.1. deduct the amount of any such payment from any distribution of UK Broadcast Revenue, International Broadcast Revenue, Commercial Contract Revenue or Radio Contract Revenue (“Central Funds”) payable to the debtor Club, paying the same to the creditor to which it is due; and

E.19.2. withhold any distribution of Central Funds otherwise due to the debtor Club to the extent of any liabilities falling due from the debtor Club to any creditor of the description set out in Rule E.21 within the period of 60 days after the due date of the distribution of the Central Funds to the debtor Club, and pay the same to the creditor on the date when it is due to that creditor should the debtor Club fail to do so.

E.20. The Board shall only have the powers set out in Rule E.19.2 if the debtor Club has failed to make any payment when due (whether or not paid thereafter) to a creditor of the description set out in Rule E.21 within the period of 120 days immediately prior to the due date of distribution of the Central Funds to the debtor Club.

E.21. The creditors to which Rule E.19 applies are:

E.21.1. another Club (or club);
E.21.2. the League;
E.21.3. any Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, or Subsidiary Undertaking of the League;
E.21.4. any pension or life assurance scheme administered by or on behalf of the League;
E.21.5. the Football League;
E.21.6. any Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, or Subsidiary Undertaking of The Football League; or
E.21.7. the Football Foundation.

E.22. If any Transferee Club acts in breach of Rules V.29 or V.32 to V.36 inclusive:

E.22.1. Rule V.37 shall apply; and
E.22.2. out of any monies held by the Board for or on behalf of or to the order of that Transferee Club (whether in the Compensation Fee Account or otherwise), the Board shall have power to pay to its Transferor Club any amount not exceeding the sum due to it from the Transferee Club under the provisions of this Section of these Rules.

Events of Insolvency

E.23. Subject to Rule E.31, the Board shall have power to suspend a Club by giving to it notice in writing to that effect if it or its Parent Undertaking suffers an Event of Insolvency, that is to say:

E.23.1. it enters into a ‘Company Voluntary Arrangement’ pursuant to Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (“the 1986 Act”) or a compromise or arrangement with its creditors under Part 26 of the 1986 Act or enters into any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole;
E.23.2. it or its shareholders or Directors lodge a ‘Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator’ or ‘Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at the Court’ in accordance with paragraph 26 or paragraph 29 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act or where it or its shareholders or Directors make an application to the court for an ‘Administration Order’ under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act or where an Administrator is appointed or an ‘Administration Order’ is made in respect of it (‘Administrator’ and ‘Administration Order’ having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act);
E.23.3. an ‘Administrative Receiver’ (as defined by section 251 of the 1986 Act), a ‘Law of Property Act Receiver’ (appointed under section 109 of the Law of Property Act 1925) or any ‘Receiver’ appointed by the court under the Supreme Court Act 1981 or any other ‘Receiver’ is appointed over any of its assets which, in the opinion of the Board, are material to the Club’s ability to fulfil its obligations as a member of the League;
E.23.4. its shareholders pass a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the 1986 Act to voluntarily wind it up;
E.23.5. a meeting of its creditors is convened pursuant to section 95 or section 98 of the 1986 Act;
E.23.6. a winding up order is made against it by the court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or where an Administrator is appointed or an ‘Administration Order’ is made in respect of it (‘Administrator’ and ‘Administration Order’ having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act);
E.23.7. it ceases or forms an intention to cease wholly or substantially to carry on its business save for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation or otherwise in accordance with a scheme of proposals which have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board; or
E.23.8. it enters into or is placed into any insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales which is analogous with the insolvency regimes detailed in Rules E.23.1 to E.23.6 hereof.

E.24. A Club shall forthwith give written notice to the Board upon the happening of any of the events referred to in Rule E.23.

E.25. At the discretion of the Board exercised in accordance with Rule E.31, a suspension may take effect from the giving of the notice or it may be postponed subject to:

E.25.1. a condition that while the suspension is postponed the Club may not apply to register or have transferred to it the registration of any Player; and
E.25.2. such other conditions as the Board may from time to time during the postponement of the suspension think fit to impose.
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E.26. Unless a suspension is postponed, a suspended Club shall not play in:

E.26.1. any League Match;
E.26.2. any matches organised as part of the Games Programmes or matches in the Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the Youth Development Rules);
E.26.3. any of the competitions set out in Rules L.9; or
E.26.4. any other match.

E.27. For the purposes of the League competition, the Board shall have power to determine how the cancellation of a League Match caused by the suspension of one of the Clubs which should have participated in it shall be treated.

E.28. While pursuant to this Section of these Rules a Club is suspended or its suspension is postponed, the Board shall have power, subject to Rule E.31, to make such payments as it may think fit to the Club’s Football Creditors out of:

E.28.1. any UK Broadcast Revenue payable to the suspended Club under the provisions of Rule D.17;
E.28.2. any International Broadcast Revenue payable to the suspended Club under the provisions of Rules D.18 and D.19;
E.28.3. any Commercial Contract Revenue payable to the suspended Club under the provisions of Rule D.21; and
E.28.4. any Radio Contract Revenue payable to the suspended Club under the provisions of Rule D.24.

E.29. For the purposes of this Section of these Rules, Football Creditors shall comprise:

E.29.1. the Football Association and clubs in full or associate membership thereof;
E.29.2. Affiliated Associations (as defined by the articles of association of The Football Association);
E.29.3. the League and any subsidiary of it;
E.29.4. The Football League, the National League, the Northern Premier League, the Southern Premier League and the Isthmian Football League;
E.29.5. the Professional Footballers’ Association;
E.29.6. the Football Foundation;
E.29.7. any employee or former employee of the suspended Club to whom arrears of wages or salary are due, to the extent of such arrears; and
E.29.8. any pension provider to which a pension contribution payable by the suspended Club in respect of its employees or former employees is due, to the extent of such contribution.

E.30. Upon being reasonably satisfied that a suspended Club’s liabilities to its Football Creditors have been settled, the Board shall have power, subject to Rule E.31, to withdraw the suspension of that Club by giving to it notice in writing to that effect.

E.31. In exercising its powers under Rules E.23, E.28, E.30 and E.33 and its discretion under Rule E.25, the Board shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case and to:

E.31.1. such of the provisions of the 1986 Act, the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002 as are relevant and then in force;
E.31.2. the consideration (if any) given by the insolvent Club under the provisions of Rules D.17, D.18, D.19, D.21 and D.24;
E.31.3. the interests of the insolvent Club’s Officials, Players, supporters, shareholders and sponsors;
E.31.4. the interests of the insolvent Club’s other Football Creditors;
E.31.5. the need to protect the integrity and continuity of the League competition;
E.31.6. the reputation of the League and the need to promote the game of association football generally; and
E.31.7. the relationship between the Club and its Parent Undertaking, in the event that the Parent Undertaking suffers the Event of Insolvency.

E.32. Any distribution to a Relegated Club under the provisions of Rules D.17 or D.18 may be deferred if, on or before the date of the distribution, the Relegated Club has been given notice under article 4.5 of the articles of association of The Football League which has been suspended. Upon such notice being withdrawn the deferred distribution shall be paid but if in consequence of the notice the club to which it was due ceases to be a member of The Football League its amount shall be added to the next distribution made in accordance with these Rules.

Sporting Sanction

E.33. Upon a Club or its Parent Undertaking suffering an Event of Insolvency the Board shall have the power to impose upon the Club a deduction of nine points scored or to be scored in the League competition. If the Board exercises this power it shall forthwith give written notice to the Club to that effect.

E.34. Subject to Rule E.35, the Club may appeal against the deduction of points by sending or delivering to the Board Form 3 so that it receives the same together with a deposit of £1,000 within seven days of the date of the notice given under the provisions of Rule E.33.

E.35. The only ground upon which a Club may appeal in accordance with Rule E.34 is that:

E.35.1. the Event of Insolvency was caused by and resulted directly from circumstances, other than normal business risks, over which it could not reasonably be expected to have had control; and
E.35.2. its Officials had used all due diligence to avoid the happening of such circumstances.
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E.36. An appeal under the provisions of Rule E.34 shall lie to an appeal tribunal which shall hear the appeal as soon as reasonably practicable. The appeal tribunal shall be appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel and shall comprise three members of the Judicial Panel including:

E.36.1. an authorised insolvency practitioner; and
E.36.2. a legally qualified member who shall sit as chairman of the tribunal.

E.37. The chairman of the appeal tribunal shall have regard to the procedures governing the proceedings of Commissions and Appeal Boards set out in Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary) but, subject as aforesaid, shall have an overriding discretion as to the manner in which the appeal is conducted.

E.38. The Club shall have the burden of proving the matters set out in the appeal. The standard of proof shall be the balance of probabilities.

E.39. The appeal tribunal shall make its decision unanimously or by majority. No member of the appeal tribunal may abstain.

E.40. The appeal tribunal shall give written reasons for its decision.

E.41. The appeal tribunal shall have the following powers:

E.41.1. to allow or dismiss the appeal;
E.41.2. to order the deposit to be forfeited to the League or repaid to the appellant Club; and
E.41.3. to order the appellant Club to pay or contribute to the costs of the appeal including the fees and expenses of members of the appeal tribunal.

E.42. The decision of the appeal tribunal shall be final and binding on the appellant Club.

General

E.43. Each Club shall notify the League forthwith of any circumstances which may materially and adversely affect any of the information or representations submitted to the League pursuant to this Section E, and on consideration of those circumstances the Board may, if it considers it appropriate, amend any decision or determination that it made based on such information or representations.

E.44. The information and representations referred to in Rule E.43 include, without limitation:

E.44.1. Future Financial Information;
E.44.2. the estimated profit and loss account submitted pursuant to Rule E.45.2; and
E.44.3. information and undertakings provided to the League in connection with Secure Funding.

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Profitability and Sustainability

E.45. Subject to Rule E.45A, each Club shall by 1 March in each Season submit to the Board:

E.45.1. copies of its Annual Accounts for T-1 (and T-2 if these have not previously been submitted to the Board) together with copies of the directors’ report(s) and auditors’ report(s) on those accounts;
E.45.2. its estimated profit and loss account and balance sheet for T which shall:
  E.45.2.1. be prepared in all material respects in a format similar to the Club’s Annual Accounts; and
  E.45.2.2. be based on the latest information available to the Club and be, to the best of the Club’s knowledge and belief, an accurate estimate as at the time of preparation of future financial performance; and
E.45.3. if Rule E.48 applies to the Club, the calculation of its aggregated Adjusted Earnings Before Tax for T, T-1 and T-2 in Form 3A.

Guidance

The Board will in due course consider the Annual Accounts for the Accounting Reference Period in respect of which information pursuant to Rule E.45.2 is submitted and in particular examine whether any material variances indicate that the estimated financial information was not prepared in accordance with Rule E.45.2.2.

E.45A. In respect of Season 2019/20:

E.45A.1. the deadline for submission of the information required by Rule E.45.2 shall be 21 August 2020; and
E.45A.2. there shall be no obligation on each Club to submit the information referred to in Rule E.45.3.

E.46. The Board shall determine whether consideration included in the Club’s Earnings Before Tax arising from a Related Party Transaction is recorded in the Club’s Annual Accounts at a Fair Market Value. If it is not, the Board shall restate it to Fair Market Value.

E.47. The Board shall not exercise its power set out in Rule E.46 without first having given the Club reasonable opportunity to make submissions as to:

E.47.1. whether the said consideration should be restated; and/or
E.47.2. what constitutes its Fair Market Value.

E.48. Subject to Rule E.53, if the aggregation of a Club’s Earnings Before Tax for T-1, T-2 and T-3 results in a loss, any consideration from Related Party Transactions having been adjusted (if appropriate) pursuant to Rule E.46, then the Club must submit to the Board the calculation of its Adjusted Earnings Before Tax for each of T, T-1, T-2 and T-3.
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| E.50 | Subject to Rule E.53, if the PSR Calculation results in a loss of in excess of £15m then the following shall apply:  

- **E.50.1.** the Club shall provide, by 31 March in the relevant Season, Future Financial Information to cover the period commencing from its last accounting reference date (as defined in section 391 of the Act) until the end of T+2 and a calculation of estimated aggregated Adjusted Earnings Before Tax until the end of T+2 based on that Future Financial Information;  
- **E.50.2.** the Club shall provide such evidence of Secure Funding as the Board considers sufficient; and  
- **E.50.3.** if the Club is unable to provide evidence of Secure Funding as set out in Rule E.50.2, the Board may exercise its powers set out in Rule E.15. |
| E.51 | Subject to Rule E.53, if the PSR Calculation results in losses of in excess of £105m:  

- **E.51.1.** the Board may exercise its powers set out in Rule E.15; and  
- **E.51.2.** the Club shall be treated as being in breach of these Rules and accordingly the Board shall refer the breach to a Commission constituted pursuant to Section W of these Rules. |
| E.52 | The sum set out in Rule E.51 shall be reduced by £22m for each Season covered by T-1, T-2 and T-3 in which the Club was in membership of The Football League. |
| E.53 | In respect of Season 2019/20, the provisions of Rules E.48 to E.51 shall not apply. |
Disqualifying Events

F.1. A Person shall be disqualified from acting as a Director and no Club shall be permitted to have any Person acting as a Director of that Club if:

F.1.1. in relation to the assessment of his compliance with Rule F.1 (and/or any similar or equivalent rules of The Football League or The Football Association) at any time, he has:

F.1.1.1. failed to provide all relevant information (including, without limitation, information relating to any other individual who would qualify as a Director but has not been disclosed, including where he or they are acting as a proxy, agent or nominee for another Person); or

F.1.1.2. provided false, misleading or inaccurate information;

F.1.2. either directly or indirectly he is involved in or has any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or Football League club;

F.1.3. either directly or indirectly he holds or acquires any Significant Interest in a Club while he either directly or indirectly holds any interest in any class of Shares of another Club;

F.1.4. he becomes prohibited by law from being a director (including without limitation as a result of being subject to a disqualification order as a director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (as amended or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect) (“the CDDA”), or being subject to the terms of an undertaking given to the Secretary of State under the CDDA unless a court of competent jurisdiction makes an order under the CDDA permitting an appointment as a Director);

F.1.5. he has a Conviction (which is not a Spent Conviction) imposed by a court of the United Kingdom or a competent court of foreign jurisdiction:

F.1.5.1. in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months’ imprisonment was imposed;

F.1.5.2. in respect of any offence involving any act which could reasonably be considered to be dishonest (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed); or

F.1.5.3. in respect of an offence set out in Appendix 1 (Schedule of Offences) or a directly analogous offence in a foreign jurisdiction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed);

F.1.6. in the reasonable opinion of the Board, he has engaged in conduct outside the United Kingdom that would constitute an offence of the sort described in Rules F.1.5.2 or F.1.5.3, if such conduct had taken place in the United Kingdom, whether or not such conduct resulted in a Conviction;

F.1.7. he becomes the subject of:

F.1.7.1. an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (including any fast track voluntary arrangement);

F.1.7.2. a debt relief order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 7A of the 1986 Act);

F.1.7.3. an administration order (in accordance with Part 6 of the County Courts Act 1984);

F.1.7.4. an enforcement restriction order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 6A of the County Courts Act 1984);

F.1.7.5. a debt management scheme or debt repayment plan (in accordance with provisions of Chapter 4 of Part 5 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007), or any equivalent provision in any other jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect, and in each case as may be amended from time to time;

F.1.8. he becomes the subject of an Interim Bankruptcy Restriction Order, a Bankruptcy Restriction Order or a Bankruptcy Order (or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect);

F.1.9. he is or has been a Director of a Club which, while he has been a Director of it, has suffered two or more unconnected Events of Insolvency in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed (and for the purposes of this Rule F.1.9 and Rule F.1.10 a Person shall be deemed to have been a Director of a Club which has suffered an Event of Insolvency if such Event of Insolvency occurred in the 30 days immediately following his having resigned as a Director of that Club);

F.1.10. he has been a Director of two or more Clubs (or clubs) each of which, while he has been a Director of them, has suffered an Event of Insolvency in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed;

F.1.11. he is subject to a suspension or ban from involvement in the administration of a sport by any ruling body of a sport that is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, UK Sport, or Sport England, another of the home country sports councils, or any other national or international sporting association or governing body, whether such suspension or ban is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the ruling body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);

F.1.12. he is subject to any form of suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body including, without limitation, the Law Society, the Solicitors’ Regulation Authority, the Bar Council or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales or any equivalent body in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales, whether such suspension, disqualification or striking-off is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the professional body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);
Section F: Owners’ and Directors’ Test

Change of Director’s Circumstances

F.5. Upon the happening of an event which affects any statement contained in a submitted Declaration:

F.5.1. the Director in respect of whom the Declaration has been made shall forthwith give full written particulars thereof to his Club; and

F.5.2. the Club shall thereupon give such particulars in writing to the Board.

Disqualification of a Director

F.6. Upon the Board becoming aware by virtue of the submission of a Declaration or in the circumstances referred to in Rule F.5 or by any other means that a Person is liable to be disqualified as a Director under the provisions of Rule F.1, the Board will:

F.6.1. give written notice to the Person that he is disqualified, giving reasons therefore, and (in the case of a Person who is a Director) require him forthwith to resign as a Director; and

F.6.2. give written notice to the relevant Club that the Person is disqualified, giving reasons therefore, and (in the case of a Person who is a Director) in default of the Director’s resignation, it shall procure that within 28 days of receipt of such notice the Director is removed from his office as such.

Disciplinary Provisions

F.7. Any Club which fails to comply with its obligations under the foregoing provisions of this Section of these Rules or which submits a Declaration which is false in any particular shall be in breach of these Rules and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

F.8. Any Director who fails to comply with his obligations under the foregoing provisions of this Section of these Rules or who fails to complete and sign a Declaration and any Director or Authorised Signatory who signs a Declaration which is false in any particular shall likewise be in breach of these Rules and liable to be dealt with as aforesaid.

Suspension of the Club

F.9. If a Director who receives a notice under the provisions of Rule F.6.1 fails to resign and his Club fails to procure his removal from office as required, or if a Club proceeds with the appointment as a Director of a Person to whom Rule F.4 applies despite having received a notice under the provisions of Rule F.6.2, the Board shall have power to suspend the Club by giving to it notice in writing to that effect.

F.10. A suspended Club shall not play in:

F.10.1. any League Match;

F.10.2. any matches organised as part of the Games Programmes or matches in the Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the Youth Development Rules);

F.10.3. any of the competitions set out in Rule L.9; or

F.10.4. any other match.

Submission of Declaration

F.2. Not later than 14 days before the commencement of each Season each Club shall submit to the Board a duly completed Declaration in respect of each of its Directors signed by the Director to which it refers and by an Authorised Signatory, who shall not be the same Person.

F.3. Within 21 days of becoming a member of the League each Club promoted from The Football League shall likewise submit to the Board a duly completed Declaration in respect of each of its Directors signed as aforesaid.

F.4. If any Person proposes to become a Director of a Club (including for the avoidance of doubt by virtue of being a shadow director but not including any instance where a Person is proposing to acquire Control of the Club):

F.4.1. the Club shall, no later than 10 Working Days prior to the date on which it is anticipated that such Person shall become a Director, submit to the Board a duly completed Declaration in respect of that Person signed by him and by an Authorised Signatory, at which point that Person shall be bound by and subject to the Rules;

F.4.2. within five Working Days of receipt thereof the Board shall confirm to the Club whether or not he is liable to be disqualified as a Director under the provisions in Rule F.1, and if he is so liable the Board will take the steps set out in Rule F.6; and

F.4.3. he shall not become a Director until the Club has received confirmation from the Board pursuant to Rule F.4.2 above that he is not liable to be disqualified as a Director under the provisions of Rule F.1.
Section F: Owners’ and Directors’ Test

F.11. For the purposes of the League competition, the Board shall have power to determine how the cancellation of a League Match caused by the suspension of one of the Clubs which should have participated in it shall be treated.

F.12. Upon being reasonably satisfied that the Director of the suspended Club has resigned or has been removed from office, the Board shall have power to withdraw the suspension by giving to it notice in writing to that effect.

**Appeal against Disqualification of a Director**

F.13. Any Person or Club who receives notice under Rule F.6 has a right to appeal the disqualification notice(s) in accordance with the following Rules. However, for the avoidance of doubt, unless and until any such appeal is upheld, the disqualification notice(s) will remain in full effect.

F.14. Any Person or Club wishing to appeal a disqualification notice must, within 21 days of the date of that notice, send or deliver to the Board a notice of appeal, setting out full details of the grounds of appeal of that Person or Club, together with a deposit of £1,000.

F.15. The only grounds upon which a Person or Club may appeal a disqualification notice are:

F.15.1. none of the Disqualifying Events set out in Rule F.1 apply;

F.15.2. in respect of a Conviction of a court of foreign jurisdiction under Rule F.1.5, or a finding of the conduct referred to in Rule F.1.6, or a suspension or ban by a sport ruling body under Rule F.1.11, or a disqualification or striking-off by a professional body under Rule F.1.12, or a finding of a breach of rule by a ruling body of football pursuant to Rule F.1.14.2, there are compelling reasons why that particular Conviction, suspension, ban, finding, disqualification or striking-off, should not lead to disqualification;

F.15.3. it can be proven that the Disqualifying Event has, or will within 21 days of the notice of appeal, cease to exist;

F.15.4. the Disqualifying Event is a Conviction imposed between 19th August 2004 and 5 June 2009 for an offence which would not have led to disqualification as a Director under the Rules of the League as they applied during that period;

F.15.5. the Disqualifying Event is a Conviction which is the subject of an appeal which has not yet been determined and in all the circumstances it would be unreasonable for the individual to be disqualified as a Director pending the determination of that appeal.

F.16. An appeal under the provisions of Rule F.13 shall lie to an appeal tribunal which shall hear the appeal as soon as reasonably practicable. The appeal tribunal shall be appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel and shall comprise three members of the Judicial Panel including a legally qualified member who shall sit as chairman of the tribunal.

F.17. The chairman of the appeal tribunal shall have regard to the procedures governing the proceedings of Commissions and Appeal Boards set out in Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary) but, subject as aforesaid, shall have an overriding discretion as to the manner in which the appeal is conducted.
Section F: Owners’ and Directors’ Test

F.24.1.1. submit to the Board a duly completed Declaration in respect of each Person who will become a Director upon the proposed acquisition of Control; and
F.24.1.2. submit to the Board up-to-date Future Financial Information prepared to take into account the consequences of the change of Control on the Club’s future financial position; and
F.24.2. the Board shall have power to require the Club and/or the Person who proposed to acquire Control to appear before it and to provide evidence of the source and sufficiency of any funds which that Person proposes to invest in or otherwise make available to the Club.

F.25. In relation to any proposed acquisition of Control of a Club by a Person, the Board shall have the powers set out in Rule E.15 and/or the ability to impose such other conditions as in each case it may determine in order to monitor and/or ensure compliance with Sections E, F, G and/or I of these Rules (and their successor or replacement provisions).

F.26. No Person may acquire Control of a Club and no Club may permit a Person to acquire Control of it until such time as:
F.26.1. the Board provides confirmation that all Persons that are required to do so have complied with the process set out in Rule F.24.1.1 and no such Persons are liable to be disqualified as a Director under the provisions of Rule F.1;
F.26.2. the Board provides confirmation of its satisfaction with the information provided pursuant to Rule F.24.1.2; and
F.26.3. the Club and Person proposing to acquire Control have acceded to any powers and/or accepted any conditions imposed pursuant to Rule F.25.

F.27. Any Director or Official of a Club who (whether intentionally, negligently or recklessly) causes, allows or permits any Person to acquire Control of the Club in breach of Rule F.26 shall be in breach of these Rules and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary). Without limitation to the foregoing, where any act of the Club, any Group Undertaking or any Director or Official thereof recognises:
F.27.1. any Person as meeting the definition of Director; or
F.27.2. any form of transfer (legal or beneficial) or any trust or joint ownership arrangements in relation to any share and the rights which may be exercised by a shareholder,
without having first complied with Rule F.26 in full, it will constitute a breach of these Rules by that Club.
Section G: Disclosure of Ownership and Other Interests

G.1. A Club shall forthwith give notice in Form 5 to the Board if any Person either directly or indirectly:
   G.1.1. holds;
   G.1.2. acquires, or
   G.1.3. having held or acquired, ceases to hold,
   any Significant Interest in the Club.

G.2. A Club shall forthwith give notice to the Board if it either directly or indirectly:
   G.2.1. holds;
   G.2.2. acquires, or
   G.2.3. having held or acquired, ceases to hold,
   any Significant Interest in any other Club (or club) and in this Rule G.2, the definition
   of Significant Interest shall be deemed to apply to clubs in the same way as to Clubs.

G.3. A Club shall forthwith give notice to the Board if it is aware or if it becomes aware
   that any holder of a Significant Interest in it either directly or indirectly:
   G.3.1. holds;
   G.3.2. acquires, or
   G.3.3. having held or acquired, ceases to hold,
   any Significant Interest in any other Club (or club) and in this Rule G.3, the definition
   of Significant Interest shall be deemed to apply to clubs in the same way as to Clubs.

G.4. A notice given pursuant to the provisions of Rule G.1, G.2 and G.3 shall:
   G.4.1. identify the Person holding, acquiring or ceasing to hold the Significant
           Interest in question;
   G.4.2. set out all relevant details of the Significant Interest including without
           limitation the number of Shares, their description and the nature of the
           interest; and
   G.4.3. set out where appropriate the proportion (expressed in percentage terms)
           which the relevant Shares in respect of which the Significant Interest exists
           bear to the total number of Shares of that class in issue and of the total
           issued Shares.

G.5. Each Club shall publish the identities of the ultimate owner of each Significant
     Interest in the Club.

G.6. The Board shall maintain a register which shall include the particulars set out in Rule
     G.4 and the said register shall be available for inspection by any Club by prior
     appointment.

G.7. Each Club shall forthwith give notice in writing to the Board if any Person identified
     in a notice given in accordance with Rule G.1 or Rule G.2 either directly or indirectly
     holds acquires or ceases to hold any Holding in the Club.

G.8. The Board shall have power to suspend a Club if either directly or indirectly a Person
     acquires a Significant Interest in that Club while such Person either directly or
     indirectly holds any Holding in any class of Shares of another Club.

G.9. At the discretion of the Board, a suspension may take effect forthwith or it may be
     postponed subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit to impose.

G.10. Unless a suspension is postponed, a suspended Club shall not play in:
     G.10.1. any League Match;
     G.10.2. any matches organised as part of the Games Programmes or matches in
             the Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the
             Youth Development Rules);
     G.10.3. any of the competitions set out in Rules L.9; or
     G.10.4. any other match.

G.11. For the purposes of the League competition, the Board shall have power to
      determine how the cancellation of a League Match caused by the suspension of one
      of the Clubs which should have participated in it shall be treated.

G.12. The Board shall have power to remove a Club’s suspension imposed under Rule G.8
      upon being satisfied that the circumstances giving rise to it are no longer extant.
Material Transactions

H.1. For the purposes of these Rules, Material Transactions shall comprise any payment or financial obligation (or any series of connected payments or financial obligations relating to the same transaction) made or undertaken by or to or in favour of a Club and recorded in its accounting and administration records which relates to any of the following:

H.1.1. Compensation Fees, Contingent Sums or Loan Fees;
H.1.2. remuneration of Players (including, for this purpose, any benefits they are entitled to receive);
H.1.3. payments to or for the benefit of Intermediaries; or
H.1.4. Third Party Payments,

and remuneration of and payments to or for the benefit of Players or Intermediaries shall in each case include payments made by or on behalf of a Club to or for the benefit of a Player or Intermediary (as the case may be) including, for this purpose, to any company or trust in which the Player or Intermediary (as the case may be) has an interest.

Record of Material Transactions

H.2. Brief particulars of each Material Transaction sufficient to identify its date(s), its amount(s), the payer, the payee and the nature of it shall be recorded by a Club and the record shall be made available on demand to its Directors, its auditors and the League.

H.3. Directors of a Club (including non-executive Directors) shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to satisfy themselves that their Club’s record of Material Transactions is complete and correct.

Transfer Policy

H.4. Each Club shall formally adopt, and make available to the League at its request, a written transfer policy identifying who on its behalf has authority to negotiate and approve Material Transactions.

H.5. Each Club shall ensure that all its Material Transactions are:

H.5.1. negotiated and approved in accordance with its written transfer policy; and
H.5.2. documented and recorded as required by relevant provisions of these Rules and The Football Association Rules.

H.6. Each Club shall, if requested to do so by the League, submit to the League Form 6 signed and dated by each of the Directors of the Club.
## Clubs: Finance and Governance

### Section I: Associations and Influence

#### Associations between Clubs

1. A Club shall not either directly or indirectly:
   1.1. apply to hold or hold any Holding in another Club or Football League club;
   1.2. issue any of its Shares or grant any Holding to another Club or Football League club;
   1.3. lend money to or guarantee the debts or obligations of another Club or Football League club;
   1.4. borrow money from another Club or Football League club or permit another Club or Football League club to guarantee its debts or obligations;
   1.5. be involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or Football League club;
   1.6. permit any other Club or Football League club to be involved in or have any power to determine or influence its management or administration.

#### Club Officials

1. An Official of a Club shall not:
   1.1. be an Official of another Club or Football League club;
   1.2. either directly or indirectly be involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or Football League club.

2. A Club shall not appoint as an Official anybody who:
   2.1. is an Official of another Club or Football League club;
   2.2. either directly or indirectly is involved in or has any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or Football League club.

#### Dual Interests

1. No Person may either directly or indirectly be involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of more than one Club.

2. No Person may either directly or indirectly hold or acquire any Significant Interest in a Club while such Person either directly or indirectly holds any Holding in another Club.

### Club Contracts

1. No Club shall enter into a contract which enables any other party to that contract to acquire the ability materially to influence its policies or the performance of its teams in League Matches, any matches in the Professional Development Phase Games Programme or the Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the Youth Development Rules) or in any of the competitions set out in Rule L.9.
**Employment of Officials**

**J.1.** Without limitation to the requirements to employ specific members of staff found elsewhere in these Rules, each Club shall employ and provide written terms of reference to:

- **J.1.1.** an Official who shall be responsible for running the daily business of the Club with the support of a sufficient number of administrative staff in suitable and appropriately equipped offices, who can be contacted during normal office hours;
- **J.1.2.** an Official who holds a nationally recognised qualification as an accountant or auditor, or who has sufficient experience to demonstrate his competence as such, who shall be responsible for the Club’s finances;
- **J.1.3.** a press or media officer who holds a nationally recognised qualification in journalism or who has sufficient experience to demonstrate his competence as a press or media officer;
- **J.1.4.** one or more supporter liaison officer(s), whose roles and responsibilities are set out in Rule R.1; and
- **J.1.5.** one or more disability access officer(s), whose roles and responsibilities are set out in Rule R.4.

**J.2.** Each Club shall bind each of its Officials:

- **J.2.1.** to comply with these Rules during the period of their appointment or employment and in the case of Rule B.17 at all times thereafter; and
- **J.2.2.** to seek its permission before contributing to the media (whether on television, radio, online or otherwise).

**J.3.** Save as otherwise permitted by these Rules, no Club shall directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce any Player, Manager, assistant manager, head coach or other senior first team football coach of another Club (or Football League club) to terminate a contract of employment with that other Club (or Football League club) (whether or not by breach of that contract) or directly or indirectly approach any such employee with a view to offering employment without the consent of that other Club (or Football League club).

**J.4.** Each Club shall adopt and each Club, Manager, Official, Player and Academy Player shall observe, comply with and act in accordance with the Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Policy set out in Appendix 2 to these Rules.

**Betting**

**J.5.** Prior to entering into (or performing any aspect of) a Gambling Related Agreement, the Club shall procure that the other party (or parties) to the Gambling Related Agreement shall enter into an agreement with the League pursuant to which it shall agree with the League in the terms set out in Rules J.5.1 to J.5.2:

- **J.5.1.** it will provide accurate and complete information forthwith to the League in the event that the League is exercising its powers to enquire into any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules; and
- **J.5.2.** it will not permit any form of gambling on any game referred to in Youth Development Rules 1.16(b)(ii), 1.16(b)(iii), and 1.16(c) to (e) or on any match including a Club in the UEFA Youth League.
Section K: Stadium Criteria and Broadcasters’ Requirements

Safety Certificate

K.1. Subject to Rule K.2, each Club shall hold a current safety certificate for its Stadium issued in accordance with the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

K.2. If a Club has a ground-sharing agreement in respect of its Stadium it shall be a term thereof that either the Club or the other party to the agreement shall hold a current safety certificate for that Stadium.

Ownership of Ground and Training Facilities

K.3. Each Club shall either own its Stadium and training facilities or have a legally enforceable agreement with its owner for its use by the Club, expiring not earlier than the end of the current Season.

Ground Sharing

K.4. No Club shall have or enter into a ground-sharing agreement in respect of its Stadium unless the agreement contains legally enforceable provisions to the effect that:

K.4.1. the playing of the Club’s League Matches at the Stadium shall always take precedence over the activities of the other party to the agreement; and

K.4.2. the Club shall have the ability to postpone other activities scheduled to take place on the pitch in the 48 hours immediately preceding the kick-off of a League Match where, in the reasonable opinion of the Club, there is a risk that such activity might result in the subsequent postponement or abandonment of the League Match.

Ground Registration

K.5. Each Club shall register its Stadium with the Board and, subject to Rule C.1B, must play all matches in the competitions listed in Rule L.9 for which it is the Home Club at the Stadium. No Club shall move to another Stadium (either on a permanent or temporary basis) without first obtaining the written consent of the Board, in accordance with Rule K.6, below.

K.6. In considering whether to give any such consent, the Board shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case (including, but not limited to, the factors set out in this Rule K.6) and shall not consent unless reasonably satisfied that such consent:

K.6.1. would be consistent with the objects of the League as set out in the Memorandum;

K.6.2. would be appropriate having in mind the relationship (if any) between the locality with which by its name or otherwise the applicant Club is traditionally associated and that in which such Club proposes to establish its Stadium;

K.6.3. would not to any material extent adversely affect such Club’s Officials, Players, supporters, shareholders, sponsors and others having an interest in its activities;

K.6.4. would not have a material adverse effect on Visiting Clubs;

K.6.5. would not to any material extent adversely affect Clubs (or Football League clubs) having their registered grounds in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location; and

K.6.6. would enhance the reputation of the League and promote the game of association football generally.

All Seater Grounds

K.7. Spectators admitted to a Stadium shall be offered only seated accommodation, the majority of which shall be covered, and there shall be no standing terraces.

Ground Regulations

K.8. Each Club shall ensure that sufficient copies of the official notice entitled “Ground Regulations” published by the League are displayed prominently at its Stadium.

Covered Stadia

K.9. Any Club applying for planning permission to cover or partially cover the playing area of its Stadium with a fixed or moveable roof shall provide to the Board a copy of its application together with copies of all submitted plans.

K.10. No League Match shall take place at any Stadium where during the playing of the League Match the playing area is covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the Board. Before giving or refusing to give any such approval the Board shall consult with all Clubs and shall take into account their representations.

Dressing Rooms

K.11. Each Club shall provide two dressing rooms for Players (one for the Home Club and one for the Visiting Club) the minimum area of which in each case (excluding showers, baths and toilets) shall be 30 square metres. In addition, each Club shall provide one or more additional dressing room(s) for Match Officials, ensuring suitable separate accommodation for any female Match Official appointed.

Drug-testing Room

K.12. Each Club shall provide accommodation capable of being used as a drug-testing room which shall be near the Players’ and Match Officials’ dressing rooms and inaccessible to the public and media.

Security

K.13. In order to safeguard the Players, Directors and Officials of each Club and Match Officials upon their arrival at and departure from a League Match, each Home Club shall procure that:

K.13.1. the Visiting Club’s team coach is able to park adjacent to the Players’ entrance;

K.13.2. barriers are placed so as to prevent members of the public gaining access to the area between the team coach and the Players’ entrance;
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| K.14 | Each Home Club shall further procure that Players and Match Officials are provided with a safe and secure:  
- K.14.1. means of access to and egress from the Stadium prior to and after the League Match;  
- K.14.2. environment in which to play the League Match; and  
- K.14.3. means of access to and egress from the pitch prior to the kick-off of a League Match, at the beginning and end of the half-time interval and upon the conclusion of the League Match. |

#### The Pitch

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<td>The Board shall only give permission to a Club for the dimensions of its pitch to be other than as set out in Rule K.15 if it is impossible for it to comply with Rule K.15 due to the nature of the construction of its Stadium.</td>
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<td>A Club shall register the dimensions of its pitch before the commencement of each Season by giving written notice thereof in Form 7 to the Board.</td>
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<td>The Board may at any time require a Club to obtain and submit to the Board a report by an independent expert certifying its pitch dimensions.</td>
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<td>No Club shall alter the dimensions of its pitch during the Season without the prior written consent of the Board.</td>
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<td>The height of the pitch grass shall not exceed 30mm and the entire playing surface must be cut to the same height. The grass shall be cut so as to display straight, parallel lines across the entire width of the pitch, perpendicular to the touchlines. No other form of pitch presentation (such as circular or diagonal patterns) is permitted.</td>
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| K.23 | In order to protect the pitch, unless otherwise mutually agreed between both participating Clubs, the following procedures shall be adopted by Players and Officials in the periods immediately before and after a League Match and at half-time:  
- K.23.1. the pitch shall only be used for warming up or warming down by Players named on Form 8 plus an additional goalkeeper;  
- K.23.2. pre-match warming up by either team shall not commence until 45 minutes before the kick-off time at the earliest, shall not last for more than 30 minutes, and shall end no later than 10 minutes before the kick-off time;  
- K.23.3. if portable goals are provided they shall be used for all goalkeeping drills other than crossing practice;  
- K.23.4. the goalmouth area shall be used by goalkeepers only if portable goals are not provided or for crossing practice and then only for not more than 20 minutes;  
- K.23.5. for the purposes of warming up and warming down each team shall use only part of the pitch between the edge of a penalty area and the half way line or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;  
- K.23.6. all speed and stamina work shall be undertaken off the pitch parallel to the touchline opposite the side to be patrolled by the assistant referee or, in the absence of sufficient space, in that part of the pitch described in Rule K.23.5 above or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;  
- K.23.7. Players using the pitch at half time shall give due consideration to any other activity or entertainment taking place on the pitch at the same time;  
- K.23.8. the Home Club may water the pitch and/or carry out any remedial or repair work to the pitch at half time provided that it gives reasonable notice to the referee and the other Club that it intends to do so and that any such watering and/or remedial or repair work is carried out evenly over the entire length and width of the pitch; and  
- K.23.9. any warming down after the conclusion of the League Match shall last for no longer than 15 minutes and for that purpose neither penalty area shall be used. |

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### CCTV

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<td>A Home Club may arrange for any League Match in which its team participates to be relayed by closed circuit television to other locations within its Stadium.</td>
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<td>Except at any time when any live Transmission of any League Match pursuant to a UK Broadcast Contract is in progress, a Visiting Club may arrange by agreement with the Home Club for the closed circuit television signal of a League Match in which it participates to be relayed to its Stadium only. In all such circumstances, the Visiting Club shall ensure that any such relay of any such signal shall be encrypted.</td>
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<td>Except with the prior written consent of the Board, giant screens or the like at a Club’s Stadium shall not be used to relay to spectators closed circuit pictures of the League Match at which they are present.</td>
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<td>Any consent given under the provisions of the above Rule shall be subject to the following conditions:</td>
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<td>the screen shall be located so that it does not interfere with the League Match at which it is used or distract the Players and Match Officials;</td>
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<td>K.38.2</td>
<td>it shall be operated by a responsible Person who is fully aware of the conditions governing its use;</td>
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<td>the Club has installed (to the League’s specification) such equipment as necessary to ensure that the ‘VAR information’ feed can be used on the giant screen;</td>
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<td>the screen may be used to show:</td>
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<td>K.38.4.1</td>
<td>live action;</td>
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<td>when the ball is not in play, action replays of positive incidents; or</td>
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<td>replays or still images of incidents determined by the video assistant referee, in accordance with any guidance issued by the Board;</td>
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<td>subject to Rule K.38.4.3 the screen shall not be used to show:</td>
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<td>action replays of negative or controversial incidents;</td>
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<td>any incident which may bring into question the judgment of a Match Official;</td>
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<td>the area of the trainers’ bench;</td>
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<td>until substitute boards have been displayed, pictures of any substitute Player warming up or preparing to enter the field of play; or</td>
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<td>ensure that the Goal Line Technology and VAR installed at its Stadium is properly maintained in accordance with all applicable requirements insofar as such maintenance is the responsibility of the Club and not the responsibility of any Person appointed by the League pursuant to Rule K.26.2;</td>
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<td>K.26.2</td>
<td>give all necessary cooperation to such Person appointed by the League to supply, install, maintain and operate such Goal Line Technology and VAR and to any Person properly authorised by the League or FIFA to test or certify the Club’s Goal Line Technology or VAR; and</td>
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<td>K.26.3</td>
<td>use Goal Line Technology and VAR only as specified by the Board from time to time.</td>
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### Guidance

Prior to the start of Season 2019/20, a Club may apply to the Board for dispensation from Rule K.29, which will be granted where it can demonstrate that its pre-sale of tickets to supporters in the area surrounding the trainers’ benches renders compliance impracticable. Such dispensation will (if granted) last only for the duration of Season 2019/20.

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<td>K.27</td>
<td>For the avoidance of doubt, ownership of the Goal Line Technology installed and operated at each Club, and of all rights arising therefrom or in connection therewith, shall not belong to the Club.</td>
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### Sanitary Facilities

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K.38.5. Any pictures which may tend to criticise, disparage, belittle or discredit the League, any Club or any Official, Player or Match Official or to bring the game into disrepute.

Media Facilities – General

K.39. Each Club shall provide to the League such information and access to its Stadium as the League may reasonably require in order to assess whether the Club complies, or will in due course comply, with the requirements of Rules K.43 to K.89 and Rules K.133 to K.155.

Guidance
Assessment of compliance will be undertaken via self-assessment, inspections by the League or its appointees, and, if there is disagreement as to whether a Club complies with a particular requirement, by an independent audit.

K.40. Where a Club demonstrates to the League that it is unable to comply with one or more of the requirements of Rules K.43 to K.89 or Rules K.133 to K.155, despite its best endeavours, due to the nature of the construction and configuration of its Stadium, the League may suspend action for breach of such Rules for such period of time and subject to such further order as the League considers appropriate.

Guidance
If the existing nature of a Club’s Stadium is such that it necessitates a longer lead time to put in place a facility required by these Rules, then it may apply to the Board for temporary dispensation from the requirements.

Any application for dispensation from any of the requirements in Rules K.43 to K.89 or Rules K.133 to K.155 will be judged on its own facts.

K.41. The details of how each Club will, subject to Rule K.42, comply with Rules K.43 to K.89 and Rules K.133 to K.155 shall be recorded in its Technical Specification.

K.42. If a Club fails to comply with any of Rules K.43 to K.89 and Rules K.133 to K.155, the Board may:

K.42.1. withhold from that Club part or all of its share of International Broadcast Revenue to which it would otherwise be entitled pursuant to Rule D.18 until such time as it has demonstrated compliance; and/or

K.42.2. require the Club to undertake such works as the Board considers necessary by such date as the Board may specify; and

K.42.3. in the event of any continuing breach or failure to implement works as required by the Board pursuant to Rule K.42.2, deal with the matter under the provisions of Section W of these Rules.

K.43. Subject to K.43A, the League will inform each Club no later than 14 days before the date of each League Match to be played at its Stadium of the Match Manager appointed to act at that League Match and whether, and if so to what extent, the Club is required to comply with the following Rules:

K.43.1. Rules K.53 and K.54 (International TV Commentary Positions);

K.43.2. Rule K.64 (Television Studios);

K.43.3. Rule K.65 (seats for TV Broadcasters: Observer Seats); and

K.43.4. Rule K.78 (car park spaces for the use of Broadcasters).

K.43A Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19) the League will meet the 14-day deadline referred to in Rule K.43 wherever practically possible and, where not practically possible, will provide as much notice as it can.

K.44. Access to the facilities, areas and rooms described in this Section of the Rules shall, on the date of each League Match, be restricted to such personnel as are accredited by the League or Home Club and each Home Club shall ensure that such facilities, areas and rooms are stewarded in such a manner as to enforce this restriction.

K.45. Each Club shall ensure that for each League Match played at its Stadium:

K.45.1. the Stadium is supplied with internet connectivity with a total bandwidth capacity of 750 megabits per second, for the exclusive use of Broadcasters, accredited representatives of the media, data partners and representatives of the League; and

K.45.2. within that total bandwidth, the Club provides connections to the internet and permits the installation and maintenance by the League of connectivity in accordance with the specification notified to the Club in advance of each Season.

Guidance
The League shall notify Clubs of the connectivity specifications for the forthcoming Season by no later than the preceding 30 June. In respect of Season 2020/21, this deadline shall be amended so that the League’s notification will be provided as soon as possible following the conclusion of Season 2019/20.

K.46. Each Club shall give the Match Manager all such assistance, and access to such facilities, areas and rooms, as may be reasonably required.

K.47. Each Club shall:

K.47.1. provide at its Stadium for the use of the League in relation to this Section K a network access facility within its Outside Broadcast Compound and provide such rights and access as is needed for its installation and maintenance; and

K.47.2. ensure that for at least three hours before kick-off and two hours after the final whistle of each League Match at its Stadium, an appropriately competent Official is available to ensure as far as reasonably practicable uninterrupted use of the services set out at Rule K.45.
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Television Gantry

K.48. Subject to Rule K.50, each Club shall ensure that its Stadium has a television gantry which:
K.48.1. is situated so that cameras can be positioned on the half-way line;
K.48.2. (where the gantry is constructed after 5 June 2019), subject to any dispensation granted by the Board, no higher than 18 metres from pitch level and no further than 30 metres behind the relevant touchline;
K.48.3. is at least 19 metres wide and at least two metres deep;
K.48.4. is able to accommodate at least three UK TV Commentary Positions and five cameras, allowing at least two metres by two metres per camera (in accordance with Rule K.60 and Appendix 3);
K.48.5. permits the cameras to have a full and clear view of the whole pitch; and
K.48.6. permits each camera position and UK Commentary Position to be easily accessible by technical personnel during the League Match without disturbing the cameramen or commentators.

Guidance
When considering the location of the television gantry, Clubs should be aware of the need to position the gantry so as to ensure that the cameras positioned on it do not face directly into the sun.

K.49. Each UK TV Commentary Position and each camera position on the Television Gantry shall be Hardwired.

K.50. Each Club may fulfil the requirements set out in Rule K.48 across two gantries in close proximity to each other provided that:
K.50.1. one is at least 12 metres wide and two metres deep and able to accommodate at least two UK Commentary Positions and three cameras (allowing at least two metres by two metres per camera), in which case Rule K.48.1 shall apply to this gantry; and
K.50.2. the other is at least seven metres wide and two metres deep and able to accommodate at least one UK Commentary Position and two cameras (allowing at least two metres by two metres per camera).

UK TV Commentary Positions

K.51. Each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium at least three UK TV Commentary Positions on the Television Gantry, for use by UK Broadcasters' commentators.

K.52. Each UK TV Commentary Position shall:
K.52.1. consist of three seats;
K.52.2. be no less than three metres wide and one metre deep;
K.52.3. have internet connectivity as set out in Rule K.45 and mains power;
K.52.4. have a full and clear view of the whole pitch; and
K.52.5. have a desk large enough to hold a monitor, two laptop computers and such commentary equipment as UK Broadcasters may reasonably require.

Guidance
A Club will not be penalised for a failure to provide a full and clear view of the whole pitch under these Rules if the permanent infrastructure of its Stadium is such that this is not possible (for example due to the presence of stanchions supporting the roof of a stand), provided that its inability to provide such a full and clear view is communicated to the Board in the Technical Specification. Notwithstanding this, there must be no temporary or movable installations restricting the view.

International TV Commentary Positions

K.53. Subject to Rules K.43 and K.53A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium:
K.53.1. at least 15 International TV Commentary Positions (which need not be on the Television Gantry, provided that they are situated on the same side of the pitch as the Television Gantry and are sufficiently Hardwired for the receipt of the Broadcasters’ feeds to monitors), of which five must have capacity for video and audio to be transmitted via a mini-camera to the Outside Broadcast Compound; and
K.53.2. no fewer than five additional seats for the use of International Broadcasters’ technical staff.

Guidance
The mini-cameras referred to in Rule K.53.1 will be used to film commentators and not Match footage.

K.53A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the maximum occupancy of the International TV Commentary Positions shall be 15.

K.54. Each International TV Commentary Position shall:
K.54.1. be situated as close to the half-way line as reasonably practicable;
K.54.2. consist of two seats for the use of commentators;
K.54.3. be at least two metres wide and one metre deep;
K.54.4. be Hardwired;
K.54.5. have internet connectivity as set out in Rule K.45 and mains power;
K.54.6. have a full and clear view of the whole pitch; and
K.54.7. have a desk large enough to hold a monitor, two laptop computers and such commentary equipment as International Broadcasters may reasonably require.

Guidance
Where the Rules specify that different Persons are entitled to each be placed as near to the half-way line as reasonably practicable, the Match Manager shall allocate actual positions.

Radio Commentary Positions

K.55. Each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium at least 15 Radio Commentary Positions for use by Radio Broadcasters and (subject to the priority over such seats of the Radio Broadcasters) by any radio broadcasters with whom the Home Club or the Visiting Club has entered into a Club Radio Contract, and each such position shall:
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K.55.1. comprise one seat;
K.55.2. be situated as close to the half-way line as reasonably practicable and in any event no further than 25m either side of it;
K.55.3. have a clear view of a television monitor; and
K.55.4. have mains power and a desk large enough to hold such commentary equipment as Radio Broadcasters may reasonably require.

TV Broadcasters’ Pitchside Presentation Positions

K.56. Subject to Rule K.56A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium at least seven pitchside presentation positions (two for UK Broadcasters and five for International Broadcasters), each of which shall be:
K.56.1. Hardwired;
K.56.2. as close to the touchline as reasonably practicable;
K.56.3. at least three metres wide; and
K.56.4. available from at least four hours before kick-off until five minutes before kick-off, during half-time until at least five minutes before the re-start, and for at least one hour after the final whistle.

K.56A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), each Club shall provide no fewer than five pitchside presentation positions (and may be requested to provide up to seven such positions, subject to that Club’s agreement), each of which shall meet the requirements set out at Rules K.56.1 to K.56.4.

Tunnel Interview Positions

K.57. Subject to Rule K.59A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium at least five Hardwired tunnel interview positions, two of which shall be for the use of UK Broadcasters, and three of which shall be for the use of International Broadcasters, save that:
K.57.1. where the League confirms to the Home Club no later than seven days prior to a League Match to be played at its Stadium that more than 12 International Broadcasters will be in attendance, the Club must provide at least six tunnel interview positions for the use of TV Broadcasters (five of which must be Hardwired); and
K.57.2. where the League confirms to the Home Club no later than seven days prior to a League Match to be played at its Stadium that more than 15 International Broadcasters will be in attendance, the Club must provide at least seven tunnel interview positions for the use of TV Broadcasters (five of which must be Hardwired).

Guidance

Where a Club is regularly required to provide additional tunnel interview positions, in accordance with Rules K.57.1 and K.57.2, it is recommended that it installs permanent Hardwiring to those positions, to be used as necessary.

K.58. Subject to Rule K.59A, the tunnel interview positions shall be:
K.58.1. located in the same stand as, and in close proximity to, the tunnel and the Players’ dressing rooms;
K.58.2. designed so that television interviews within them can be conducted against the Interview Backdrops; and
K.58.3. configured and designed in such a way so as to ensure that each position can be used simultaneously and without causing noise disturbance of any kind to the other positions.

K.59. Subject to Rule K.59A, the following additional requirements apply in respect of any tunnel interview positions created by Clubs after 30 June 2016:

K.59.1. one tunnel interview position must measure at least 2.5 metres by 2.5 metres; and
K.59.2. with the exception of those interview positions required by Rules K.57.1 and K.57.2, all additional tunnel interview positions must measure at least 2 metres by 1.6 metres.

Guidance

Tunnel interview positions should be configured in such a way that the largest position is the one that Players and Managers arrive at first, where reasonably practicable.

Clubs should use such sound proofing and/or partitions as is/are necessary to satisfy the requirement set out at Rule K.58.3.

The size requirements of the additional tunnel interview positions required by Rules K.57.1 and K.57.2 will be agreed by the League and the relevant Club in each case.

K.59A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligations at Rules K.57, K.58 and K.59 shall not apply and instead the Home Club may make available a suitable alternative, covered space in which it may elect (with the agreement of the League) to conduct the interviews required by Rules K.112 to K.125, provided that no less than 48 hours’ notice is given to the UK Broadcasters and International Broadcasters that will be in attendance at the League Match.

Camera Positions: Match Coverage

K.60. Each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium Hardwired positions for television cameras in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 3, save that:
K.60.1. in respect of all League Matches in Season 2020/21, the Home Club shall also provide a Hardwired fixed, unmanned camera position in the tunnel; and
K.60.2. in respect of any League Match to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Home Club must provide a Hardwired fixed, unmanned camera position in the tunnel.

Guidance

Where Rule K.60.2 applies, the relevant camera will either be an existing camera from those referred to in Appendix 3 or a bespoke remote camera that is located behind the pitch level LED perimeter advertising boards (in which case, the Home Club must consent to the position of the camera, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).
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K.61. Each Club shall:
K.61.1. provide such pods and hoists as are necessary in order to ensure that all camera equipment can be installed in the required camera positions; and
K.61.2. ensure there is safe access to and egress from (including in case of emergency) the required camera positions for all persons and equipment.

Guidance
A pod is a pair of scaffolding tubes fixed (at an equal distance apart) to the front of the camera position to support a camera mount. A hoist is a rope and pulley system for lifting equipment from floor level to working height. When fitting pods, Clubs should consult the League who will offer guidance on the dimensions required.

Camera Positions: Team and Supporter Arrivals

K.62. Each Club shall provide at its Stadium a sufficient number of separate and static Hardwired camera positions to enable the filming of the arrivals of each team before each League Match.

Guidance
With respect to Rule K.62, ordinarily a ‘sufficient number’ of camera positions will be achieved by the provision of two separate camera positions per entry point to the Stadium (so if the Home Club and the Visiting Club arrive at the same point, two positions will be required, and if they arrive at different points, four positions will be required).

K.63. Subject to Rule K.63A, each Club shall permit TV Broadcasters to film coverage of supporters outside its Stadium before each League Match.

K.63A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.63 shall not apply.

Television Studios

K.64. Subject to Rules K.40 and K.43, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium at least two Hardwired studios for the use of Broadcasters and each such studio shall:
K.64.1. measure at least five metres by five metres;
K.64.2. be at least three metres high; and
K.64.3. have a window which is at least three metres wide (or, if constructed after 1 August 2014, 4.5 metres wide) by 1.5 metres high and which gives a full and clear view of the majority of the pitch and the crowd, unobstructed by any permanent Stadium structure, such as the giant screen.

Guidance
With regard to the studio window, ideally the bottom of the window should be 50cm from the floor and the top of the window should be two metres from the floor.

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K.64A. The Home Club shall make available a covered presentation space for use by the Host Broadcaster, the parameters and location of which will be agreed by the League and the Home Club, where:
(a) the League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19);
(b) no more than 4,000 supporters are permitted to attend the League Match, pursuant to the terms of the applicable safety certificate; and
(c) the Host Broadcaster requests such covered presentation space no fewer than 10 days in advance of the League Match.

TV Broadcasters: Observer Seats

K.65. Subject to Rules K.43 and K.65A, each Club shall make available at each League Match played at its Stadium at least 25 seats for the use of accredited representatives of TV Broadcasters, to be situated in close proximity to the half-way line, with easy access to the tunnel area and Mixed Zone and a clear view of a television monitor throughout the League Match.

Guidance
These seats will be for the use of working personnel of TV Broadcasters. The tickets for these seats will be distributed by the League who will also monitor their use.

Where necessary, Clubs shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any television monitors installed for accredited representatives of TV Broadcasters cannot be observed during the League Match by supporters of either participating Club.

K.65A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the required number of seats to be made available under Rule K.65 shall be amended from 25 to 12.

Reporter, Floor Manager and Match Manager Positions

K.66. Each Club shall provide at least eight seats (the positions of which shall be Hardwired) at each League Match played at its Stadium for the use of accredited representatives of UK Broadcasters, International Broadcasters and the League. Such seats shall be situated as near to the trainers’ benches as practicable and must provide a full, clear view of the whole pitch.

K.67. Each Club shall provide one position at each League Match played at its Stadium for the use of the Match Manager, which must be situated:
K.67.1. sufficiently close to the position of the fourth official to enable the Match Manager to easily communicate with the fourth official during the League Match without needing to enter either technical area to do so; and
K.67.2. so as to enable the Match Manager to easily communicate with the floor manager(s) of the League and the host broadcaster (where applicable) during a League Match. If the Club is unable to fulfill this requirement at its Stadium, it must permit the League to install a system to facilitate such communication.
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**Guidance**

Where reasonably possible, Clubs should provide additional positions for the floor managers of the host broadcaster (where applicable) and the League, located in close proximity to the Match Manager’s position and so as to enable easy communication with the fourth official.

It is envisaged that Broadcasters may use some of the seats allocated for reporters for technical equipment. References to “the League” in Rules K.66 and K.67 mean Premier League Productions, the League’s appointed production partner, which undertakes the broadcast of all League Matches on behalf of the League.

**Visiting Club Analyst Positions**

K.68. Each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium three dedicated positions for the use of analysts of the Visiting Club, each of which shall:

K.68.1. consist of one seat situated as near to the half-way line, the tunnel and the Visiting Club’s dressing room as reasonably practicable and provide a clear view of the whole pitch;

K.68.2. be sufficiently Hardwired for the receipt of three separate Broadcaster feeds (the ‘world feed’, the ‘tactical feed’ and one ‘high behind’ feed) by monitors in place at the relevant position;

K.68.3. have internet connectivity in accordance with Rule K.45 and mains power; and

K.68.4. have a desk large enough to hold a monitor and a laptop computer (and such other equipment as the analyst(s) may reasonably require).

**Guidance**

Where, due to the configuration of the Stadium, a Club is unable to provide three positions for the use of analysts of the Visiting Club, it may seek dispensation from the League to provide two such positions.

**Mixed Zone**

K.69. Subject to Rule K.71A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium a Mixed Zone in which media interviews with Players and Managers may be conducted.

K.70. Subject to Rule K.71A, the Mixed Zone shall:

K.70.1. be located between the Players’ dressing rooms and the Players’ point of exit from the Stadium;

K.70.2. be accessible to Players, Managers, coaching staff and accredited representatives of Broadcasters;

K.70.3. be large enough to accommodate at least 20 representatives of Broadcasters; and

K.70.4. have lighting of a sufficient level to provide suitable conditions for the Transmission of interviews.

**Guidance**

Further discussions will be undertaken with Clubs about the branding of the Mixed Zone. The League’s preference is that Interview Backdrops should be used in Mixed Zones.

Accreditation of representatives of the media will be undertaken by the League or its appointee (currently Football DataCo Limited) on behalf of the League and Clubs.

K.71. Subject to Rule K.71A, each Home Club:

K.71.1. shall permit into the Mixed Zone:

K.71.1.1. accredited representatives of Broadcasters who wish to conduct interviews in the Mixed Zone (up to a maximum of 20), who shall have priority entry into the Mixed Zone over those listed in Rules K.71.1.2 and K.71.1.3;

K.71.1.2. accredited representatives of radio broadcasters with whom it or the Visiting Club has entered into a Club Radio Contract; and

K.71.1.3. such authorised representatives of it or the Visiting Club as either may reasonably require in order to provide commentary or reports on media services such as its website, social media accounts or television channel;

K.71.2. may, at its discretion, permit into the Mixed Zone such other accredited representatives of the media as it considers appropriate.

**Access to Tunnel Interview Positions**

K.72. Each Club shall at each League Match played at its Stadium permit accredited representatives of TV Broadcasters access to the tunnel interview positions referred to in Rule K.57 to K.59 to prepare for, set up and carry out all activity permitted by these Rules. The Match Manager will manage all such access to ensure that, as far as reasonably practicable, the Persons referred to in this Rule only have access to the tunnel interview positions when needed.

**Guidance**

TV Broadcasters’ representatives are only permitted access to the tunnel interview positions for the filming of the exchange of team sheets, interviews, team arrivals, match reports, and to conduct unfilmed, informal discussions with coaching staff where the latter choose to speak to Broadcasters (and for the avoidance of doubt they are not obliged to engage in such informal discussions although they are encouraged to do so), and all other activities required by these Rules.

K.72A. Notwithstanding Rule K.59A, where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), accredited representatives of TV Broadcasters shall be permitted access to the tunnel area to prepare for and carry out all activity permitted by these Rules, provided that such access is at all times compliant with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19).
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Hardwiring

K.73. Each Club shall:
  K.73.1. ensure that, where required to do so by these Rules, it installs Hardwiring to the League’s specification;
  K.73.2. ensure that all Hardwiring at its Stadium is properly maintained and in good working order at all times when its use is required; and
  K.73.3. provide to the League a certificate in writing in advance of each Season confirming that the Hardwiring at its Stadium is in compliance with Rule K.73.1, such certificate to be provided by an independent Person experienced in the design and installation of permanent outside broadcast cable infrastructure.

Transmission of Pre-Match Media Conference

K.75. Each Club shall permit the League to install such facilities as are required to allow Broadcasters to enable the Transmission of the Club’s Pre-Match Media Conference, where such facilities are not already in place (subject to any embargo implemented in accordance with Rule K.107).

Guidance

Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Pre-Match Media Conference shall take place virtually, meaning that no representatives of Broadcasters and other accredited representatives of the media will be present in the room in which the Conference is conducted, with the live feed to be provided to the League and Broadcasters by the Club.

Power Supply

K.76. Each Club shall provide at its Stadium and make available to Broadcasters, at their request, access to electricity supply on the day of each League Match sufficient to power the Broadcasters’ match day operations.

K.77. At each League Match, the Home Club shall provide such facilities and access as is required by a Broadcaster to establish its own power supply for an Outside Broadcast Compound.

Car Park Spaces

K.78. Subject to Rules K.43 and Rule K.78A, each Club shall make available to the League a minimum of 20 car park spaces as close to the Outside Broadcast Compound as reasonably practicable for each League Match played at its Stadium for the use by TV Broadcasters.

Guidance

Car park spaces that are not required by Broadcasters will be released back to the League no later than fourteen days before the date of the League Match pursuant to Rule K.43.

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Outside Broadcast Compound

K.79. Subject to Rule K.79A, at each League Match, the Home Club shall provide a secure, level area (with a hard surface suitable for the parking of TV Broadcasters’ vehicles) outside and adjacent to the Stadium of at least 1500m² for the exclusive use of the League’s and TV Broadcasters’ vehicles.

K.79A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), and where an area larger than 1500m² is required for the exclusive use of the League’s and TV Broadcasters’ vehicles, each Home Club shall use its best endeavours to provide such an expanded area.

K.80. Subject to Rule K.80A, the Outside Broadcast Compound shall:
  K.80.1. have sufficient drainage, toilets and waste disposal facilities; and
  K.80.2. include sufficient working lights to enable complete illumination of the area above the League’s and TV Broadcasters’ vehicles, and each Club shall ensure that Broadcasters are given all requested access to the network access facility within the Outside Broadcast Compound located at its Stadium.

K.80A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Home Club shall procure four male and two female toilets in close vicinity to the Outside Broadcast Compound.

K.81. The Outside Broadcast Compound shall have an unobstructed view of the southern horizon such as to allow satellite uplinking or if the Outside Broadcast Compound does not have such unobstructed view, the Club must provide an additional area as close as reasonably practicable to the Outside Broadcast Compound to enable satellite uplinking.

Guidance

The identity of the suppliers of the relevant “network access facility” for the purpose of Rule K.80 will be notified to Clubs by the League in advance of each Season.

With regard to Rule K.81, if an additional area is needed because satellite uplinking is not reasonably practicable from the Outside Broadcast Compound, then the additional area must be sufficiently large (approximately 120 m²) to accommodate six satellite news gathering trucks.

Clubs should be aware of the additional provisions regarding the Outside Broadcast Compound at Rule K.47.

Official Club Team Sheets

K.82. Each Home Club shall provide to the Match Manager the official team sheets of both the Home Club and the Visiting Club as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been submitted to the referee pursuant to Rule L.21.
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Guidance
Rule K.21 provides that at least 75 minutes before the kick-off, a representative of each Club must submit to the referee and their opponents a team sheet.

The Match Manager will give copies of the team sheets to Broadcasters and to the League's data providers. Clubs will remain responsible for distributing it to others (e.g. representatives of the written media).

K.83. A Club playing in a League Match shall not publish the teams until 60 minutes before kick-off.

Guidance
Publication of team sheets is strictly embargoed until 60 minutes before kick-off. The League will ensure that Broadcasters comply with this embargo.

Media Working Area
K.84. Subject to Rule K.84A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium a working area for the use of accredited representatives of the media and Broadcasters, such area to be located in the same stand as the Players' dressing rooms and comprising a room of minimum 50m² and supplied with 25 individual or linked work stations, each of which shall have its own desk, chair, electricity supply and internet connectivity as set out in Rule K.45.

K.84A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the area referred to at Rule K.84 shall not be used for the purpose detailed in Rule K.84 and each Club shall ensure that there is no congregation in the area.

Guidance
Accredited representatives of the media and Broadcasters shall, on arrival, proceed directly to their allocated working position/seat.

K.85. Subject to Rule K.85A, refreshment facilities of a standard to be determined by the Home Club shall be made available to accredited representatives of the media and Broadcasters for a reasonable period before and after the League Match and during the half-time interval.

K.85A. Where a League Match is to be played at its Stadium in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.85 shall not apply save that bottled water must still be provided by the Home Club.

Media Conference Room
K.86. Subject to Rule K.86A, each Club shall provide at each League Match at its Stadium a media conference room with the following minimum facilities:

- seating for 70 persons;
- lighting of a sufficient level for the filming and live Transmission of the Post-Match Media Conference;
- a podium at the front of the room and in clear view of the cameras, with table and chairs to seat three people; and
- a Hardwired camera platform at the rear of the room of sufficient size to accommodate at least two cameras and with an unobstructed view of the podium.

K.86A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.86.1 shall not apply.

Guidance
This can be the same room as the media working area described in Rule K.84.

With regard to Rule K.86.4, ideally the camera platform should be able to accommodate up to 10 cameras.

K.87. Subject to Rule K.87A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium a minimum of 50 seats for the use of accredited representatives of the media and the League’s data providers. Such seats must be located: (a) near the media conference room; and (b) in a position enabling a clear view of the whole pitch.

K.87A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.87 shall be amended so that a maximum of 28 seats shall be provided by the Home Club (three of which shall be made available for the League’s data providers).

K.88. Subject to Rule K.88A, the seats referred to in Rule K.87 shall have a desktop, electricity supply, a clear view of a television monitor, telephone point, and internet connectivity as set out in Rule K.45.

K.88A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.88 shall not apply. Instead, each Club shall use reasonable endeavours to provide such facilities to all 25 press seats.

Facilities for Photographers
K.89. Subject to Rule K.89A, each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium facilities for photographers to the following minimum standards:

- pitch side access for 20 accredited photographers and messengers and appropriate pitch side wiring and wireless internet connectivity;
- bibs bearing the word "Photographer" on the rear, numbered consecutively, the numbers appearing on both the front and rear of the bib;
- bibs of a different colour bearing the word "Messenger" on the rear and similarly numbered; and
- a working area or wire room of 20 square metres, internet connectivity as set out in Rule K.45, 16 power points, a television monitor, shelves to support laptop computers and refreshment facilities.
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Guidance
Accreditation of photographers will be undertaken by the League or its appointee (currently Football DataCo Limited) on behalf of the League and Clubs.

K.89A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the maximum number of accredited photographers to be permitted pitchside access shall be ten. No access to the working area mentioned at Rule K.894 shall be permitted.

Content Sessions

K.90. Subject to Rule K.90A and unless otherwise agreed by the League, each Club shall ensure that, during the six days preceding the day of each League Match, there is a period of two hours during which TV Broadcasters (including such number of International Broadcasters as the League may determine) may conduct the discussions and/or record the content and/or conduct the interviews with Players and the Manager required by Rules K.94 to K.103 ("Content Session").

K.90A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Content Sessions required by Rules K.94 to K.103 may take place virtually, if so requested by the relevant Broadcaster(s).

K.91. Each Club must ensure that its training ground includes a suitable, dedicated room in which (subject to Rules K.96 and K.102, below) the recording and interviews required by Rules K.94 to K.103 can be carried out. This room must measure no less than 2.5 metres by 2.5 metres and must be equipped with suitable facilities to enable the recording of interviews by TV Broadcasters, including, for example, mains power, sound proofing, black-out blinds and curtains on all windows and isolated air conditioning.

K.92. Subject to Rule K.92A, at least once per calendar month (with the exception of June, July and August), each Club must permit TV Broadcasters to film and Transmit live at the Club’s training ground (through the presence of one or more on-site reporters, technicians and/or producers, if required) one uninterrupted period of no less than 15 minutes of a Club training session involving the first team squad. Clubs must give no less than 48 hours’ notice to the League of each such session and may limit the proximity of TV Broadcasters to a maximum of 30m from the pitch on which the training session is to take place.

K.92A. In respect of any League Matches in Season 2020/21 that are to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.92 shall be amended so that where the relevant TV Broadcasters are unable to perform the filming referred to in Rule K.92, the Club shall instead itself film one uninterrupted period of no less than 15 minutes of a Club training session involving the first team squad and distribute the footage to the League and TV Broadcasters within 24 hours of filming.

Guidance
In the event that any League Matches during Season 2020/21 are not played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), compliance with Rule K.92 will be assessed on a pro rata basis across Season 2020/21.

K.93. Each Club shall ensure that, in each case, its Content Session takes place on a date when its subsequent first team match is a League Match.

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Guidance
The League may waive or vary the requirements set out in Rule K.93 (at its absolute discretion) in exceptional circumstances and upon request from a Club if, for example, the proximity in time between a match in the UEFA Europa League competition and the subsequent League Match and/or the location of the relevant UEFA Europa League Match makes it impracticable for the Club to arrange its Content Session at a time when its subsequent first team match is a League Match. A Club seeking a waiver or variation of these requirements from the League in respect of a particular Content Session must notify the League of that fact in good time and abide by the League’s decision as to whether or not to grant the Club’s request.

In lieu of a conventional interview, any Broadcaster entitled to attend a Content Session may apply to the League for permission to use its allotted time in that Content Session for a background briefing with the Players and/or the Manager who will be made available. Such an application will only be granted by the League with the permission of the Club concerned.

UK Content Sessions

K.94. In respect of a League Match to be Transmitted live by a UK Broadcaster, each participating Club shall be required to make its Players and/or its Manager available for a Content Session with that UK Broadcaster (a "UK Content Session"). In accordance with the following requirements:

K.94.1. In advance of the League Match to which the UK Content Session relates, the relevant UK Broadcaster will provide each participating Club with a copy to the League of a shortlist of two Players that it wishes to be made available for the UK Content Session;

K.94.2. subject to Rule K.95, each participating Club must make (at least) one of the two Players selected by the relevant Broadcaster available for the UK Content Session;

K.94.3. unless otherwise agreed by the League (and subject to Rules K.96 and K.97), each Club shall give the League and the relevant UK Broadcaster at least: (a) six days’ notice of the name(s) of the Player(s) who will be made available for the UK Content Session to which the League Match relates, selected in accordance with this Rule K.94; and (b) seven days’ notice of the date, time and location of the UK Content Session;

K.94.4. in the event that the Player selected by the Club becomes unable to participate in that UK Content Session due to illness, injury or other exceptional circumstance, the Club must (a) inform the relevant UK Broadcaster (with a copy to the League) as soon as reasonably possible, and (b) ensure that the second Player included on the shortlist referred to at Rule K.94.1, above, is made available as a replacement, or another suitable alternative is provided who is acceptable to the Broadcaster; and

K.94.5. each participating Club must make its Manager available for each UK Content Session, and

K.94.6. each participating Club must ensure that its Player(s) or Manager who is selected to participate in a UK Content Session is made available for a continuous period of no less than 15 minutes for filming and/or interview by the relevant UK Broadcaster.
Guidance

Broadcasters will be encouraged to provide the shortlist referred to at Rule K.94.1 as far in advance of the League Match in question as possible to allow Clubs sufficient time to meet their obligations under Rule K.94.3 (and, in any event, such shortlists should be sent to Clubs no later than 24 hours before the deadline set out in Rule K.94.3). Any delay in the submission of such shortlists by Broadcasters will be taken into account by the League when considering Clubs’ compliance with Rule K.94.3.

The League recognises that there may be weeks in which Clubs play two (or indeed in exceptional cases more than two) League Matches, e.g. over the Christmas period, and the League will take account of this fact when monitoring compliance with these Rules. The League will monitor Broadcaster access during such times to ensure that unreasonable demands are not being placed on Clubs.

K.95. The selection of Players to be made available by Clubs for UK Content Sessions throughout the Season is subject to the following:

K.95.1. subject to Rules K.95.2 and K.95.3, below, each Player listed on a Club’s Squad List must be made available by the Club, in accordance with Rule K.94, for no fewer than 75% of the UK Content Sessions for which he is selected (by his inclusion on the shortlists referred to at Rule K.94.1);

K.95.2. no Club will be required to make any Player available for two consecutive UK Content Sessions;

K.95.3. no Club will be required to make any Player available for UK Content Sessions on more than six occasions per Season, and

K.95.4. each Club is entitled to apply to the Board for special dispensation for a Player to be granted an exemption from the requirements of Rule K.94 for a period of up to four weeks. The Board will only grant such special dispensation in exceptional circumstances and only once per Season in respect of each Player. Should a Club wish to make an application for special dispensation in accordance with this Rule, it must do so in writing to the Board, citing reasons (and, where appropriate, supporting evidence) for its application. The Board’s decision as to whether or not to grant such special dispensation in each case is final and not subject to challenge. Where such dispensation is granted, the Board will confirm to the Club how that dispensation affects the Player’s remaining obligations under Rules K.94 to K.100 for the remainder of the Season.

Guidance

By way of example, should a Player be shortlisted for UK Content Sessions on five occasions throughout the Season, he must be made available by the Club on four of those occasions. If it is determined at the end of the Season that a Player has been made available by his Club for fewer than 75% of the UK Content Sessions for which he has been shortlisted, that Club will be in breach of Rule K.95.

Clubs are free to exceed the minimum requirements referred to at Rule K.95 (by, for example, making a Player available for more than six UK Content Sessions and/or more than 75% of the UK Content Sessions for which he has been shortlisted), should they wish to do so.

K.96. Subject to Rule K.96A, each Club shall ensure that, on no fewer than six occasions per Season, its UK Content Session takes place at a location other than the dedicated room referred to at Rule K.91, above. The date of such UK Content Session and their location in each case shall be subject to the agreement of the Club and the relevant UK Broadcaster.

K.96A During the period in which League Matches are to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.96 shall not apply.

Guidance

In the event that any League Matches during Season 2020/21 are not played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), compliance with Rule K.96 will be assessed on a pro rata basis across Season 2020/21 (i.e., if half of the Club’s League Matches are played in accordance with the protocol, the Club will only be required to provide three UK Content Sessions of the type referred to in Rule K.96).

K.97. Subject to Rule K.97A, each Club shall ensure that, on no fewer than five occasions per Season, it makes two or more of its Players available together for a UK Content Session. The date of such Content Session in each case shall be subject to the agreement of the Club and the relevant UK Broadcaster. Where it is agreed between the Club and the relevant UK Broadcaster that two or more Players will be made available together for a Content Session, the identity of the Players to be made available will be determined as follows:

K.97.1. the relevant UK Broadcaster will provide the Club (with a copy to the League) with a shortlist of two Players, from which the Club will select one Player to be made available for the Content Session;

K.97.2. subject to Rule K.95, once the identity of the first Player to be made available is confirmed by the Club to the relevant UK Broadcaster, the UK Broadcaster will then provide a further shortlist of two Players, which may include a Player included on the shortlist referred to at Rule K.97.1 above (with a copy to the League), from which the Club will select one Player to be made available for the Content Session; and

K.97.3. in the event that the relevant UK Broadcaster and the Club agree that one or more further Player(s) will be made available for the Content Session, their identity in each case will be determined by means of the process referred to in Rule K.97.2, above.

K.97A During the period in which League Matches are to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.97 shall not apply.

Guidance

Notwithstanding Rule K.97A, Clubs and UK Broadcasters may still mutually agree to carry out the UK Content Sessions in accordance with Rule K.97.

In the event that any League Matches during Season 2020/21 are not played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), compliance with Rule K.97 will be assessed on a pro rata basis across Season 2020/21 (i.e., if a fifth of the Club’s League Matches are played in accordance with the protocol, the Club will only be required to provide four of the Content Sessions of the type referred to in Rule K.97).

International Content Sessions

K.98. Subject to Rules K.101 and K.102 below, in respect of each League Match:

K.98.1. both participating Clubs shall ensure the attendance of (at least) one Player and/or the Manager during the Content Session for discussion and/or recording and/or interview by International Broadcasters, non-live UK Broadcasters and the League, for a period of no less than 45 minutes (an “International Content Session”).
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K.98.2. both participating Clubs shall give the League at least one weeks’ notice of the date, time and location of their respective International Content Session (subject to Rules K.101 and K.102) and the name(s) of the individual(s) who will be made available for the International Content Session, which may be amended in each case, subject to the agreement of the League, in exceptional circumstances and provided that no such amendment is made within 72 hours of the League Match to which the International Content Session relates, and

K.98.3. any Player(s) to be made available by the Club for an International Content Session must have featured prominently in any of the Club’s previous three League Matches (assessed as at the date when the notice referred to in Rule K.98.2 is provided to the League).

Guidance

There may be occasions in which a Club wishes to make a Player available for an International Content Session who does not meet the criteria specified in Rule K.98.3, but who is nevertheless editorially relevant (for example, a Player who has recently recovered from injury and/or who has been recently signed). In such circumstances, Clubs should consult with the League, which may provide dispensation from the requirements of Rule K.98.3, where it agrees with the editorial relevance of the Player.

K.99. In respect of each League Match, each International Content Session must take place by the following deadlines:

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Guidance

The League may grant dispensation to Clubs from the deadlines set out in Rule K.99 where training schedules and/or fixtures in other competitions make adhering to such deadline impracticable. In such circumstances, Clubs should seek such dispensation as far in advance of the relevant deadline as reasonably possible to allow the League to consider the request and its effect on Broadcasters.

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K.100. Over the course of each Season, each Club shall ensure that:

K.100.1. its Manager is made available for International Content Sessions on no fewer than three occasions;

K.100.2. each of its Players is made available for International Content Sessions as follows:

K.100.2.1. if the Player has been included in his Club’s starting line-up in respect of 30 or more League Matches throughout the Season, that Player must have been made available by his Club for no fewer than three International Content Sessions;

K.100.2.2. if the Player has been included in his Club’s starting line-up in respect of 20 or more League Matches throughout the Season, that Player must have been made available by his Club for no fewer than two International Content Sessions;

K.100.2.3. if the Player has been included in his Club’s starting line-up in respect of 10 or more League Matches throughout the Season, that Player must have been made available by his Club for at least one International Content Session;

K.100.3. subject to Rules K.98 and K.100.1, every International Broadcaster that wishes to attend one of the Club’s International Content Sessions is permitted to do so and is given no less than 10 minutes of access to interview either: (a) one of the Club’s Players, or (b) its Manager.

Guidance

Regardless of the number of International Broadcasters present, Clubs are only required to provide (at least) one Player and the Manager for the 45 minutes specified in Rule K.98. However, Clubs should be aware that the requirement that the Player and/or Manager be made available for a 45 minute period during the International Content Session remains even in the event that no International Broadcasters are in attendance. In those circumstances, the League may use the full 45 minute entitlement, if necessary.

K.101. Subject to Rule K.101A, on no fewer than three occasions during each Season (the dates of which are subject to the agreement of the Club and the League), a Club must make two or more of its Players available together for an International Content Session. In such cases, the League will provide the relevant Club with a shortlist of at least three Players (by no later than seven days prior to the date on which the relevant International Content Session is to take place) from which the Club will select the two or more Players who will be made available for the International Content Session.

K.101A. During the period in which League Matches are to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.101 shall not apply.

Guidance

Notwithstanding Rule K.101A, Clubs and International Broadcasters may still mutually agree to carry out the International Content Sessions in accordance with Rule K.101.

In the event that any League Matches during Season 2020/21 are not played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), compliance with Rule K.101 will be assessed on a pro rata basis across Season 2020/21 (i.e., if a third of the Club’s League Matches are played in accordance with the protocol, the Club will only be required to provide two of the International Content Sessions of the type referred to in Rule K.101).
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### Additional League Content Sessions

**K.102.** Subject to Rule K.102A, at least once per calendar month (with the exception of June and July), each Club must conduct an International Content Session at a location other than the dedicated room referred to at Rule K.91, above (an "International Content Session Plus"). The date and location of each such International Content Session Plus shall be subject to the agreement of the Club and the League in each case.

**Guidance**

The International Content Sessions referred to at Rules K.101 and K.102 may be carried out in parallel, meaning that (subject to the agreement of the League) a Club may make more than one of its Players available for an International Content Session to take place away from the dedicated room referred to in Rule K.91.

**K.102A.** During the period in which League Matches are to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.102 shall not apply.

### Pre-Match Media Conference

**K.104.** During the period covering Seasons 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, each Club that remains in membership of the League for that entire period shall use its best endeavours to deliver an additional extended content session to the League, the precise details of which (including the number and identity of the Players to be made available and the time, date and location of the session) shall be subject to the agreement of the Club and the League in each case.

**Guidance**

Whilst not bound to comply with Rule K.104, Clubs that become members of the League in Seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22 are encouraged nevertheless to participate in a similar content session during their membership of the League.

**K.105.** Within a week of the final League Match of each Season, the League Champions for that Season must participate in five additional features with the League and the UK Broadcaster designated by the League (the "Champions’ Features") in accordance with the following conditions:

1. **K.105.1.** of the five Champions’ Features, no fewer than three must include interviews with one or more Players who have played a significant role in the Club’s performance throughout the Season; and

2. **K.105.2.** the content of each of the Champions’ Features must be agreed the Club, the League and the UK Broadcaster designated by the League.

**Guidance**

In the event that the League Champions are required to participate in any other competitions during the week following the final League Match of the Season, making compliance with Rule K.105 impractical, the League and the Club will agree revised dates outside the deadline in Rule K.105 but as soon as possible thereafter.

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**K.106.** Subject to Rule K.106A, in addition to the requirements of Rules K.94 to K.100, each Club shall ensure that its Manager attends a media conference with Broadcasters and, at its discretion, such other accredited representatives of the media as the Club considers appropriate, to be scheduled as follows:

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<td>Saturday, Sunday or Monday</td>
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**K.107.** Subject to Rule K.107A, each Club must allow UK Broadcasters and the League access to the Pre-Match Media Conference for the Transmission of that conference. Clubs must not delay or otherwise restrict the Transmission of the Pre-Match Media Conference for any longer than 30 minutes after the commencement of that conference.

**K.107A.** Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Pre-Match Media Conference required by Rules K.106 and K.107 shall take place virtually. No representatives of Broadcasters and other accredited representatives of the media will be present in the room in which the Conference is conducted (save for one camera operator); with the live feed being provided to the League and Broadcasters by the Club.
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**Pre-Match Filming**

K.108. Subject to Rule K.109A and in addition to the requirements of Rule K.113, by no later than two weeks prior to each Club’s first League Match of the Season, the Club and the League shall agree three positions within the Stadium that may be utilised by Broadcasters for pre-match filming prior to each League Match to be Transmitted live in the UK (“Pre-Match Positions”), one of which shall be the Home Club’s dressing room.

K.109. Subject to Rule K.109A and by no later than two weeks prior to each League Match to be Transmitted live in the UK, the Home Club must notify the League:

1. which of the Pre-Match Positions will be available to Broadcasters in advance of the League Match, and
2. a continuous period of 60 minutes, within the period between five hours and two hours prior to kick-off (precise details to be agreed between the League and the Club), when filming can take place by Broadcasters at the designated Pre-Match Position.

**Guidance**

Examples of suitable Pre-Match Positions include the dugout(s), the Manager’s office, the Directors’ Box and/or the tunnel area. The League will ensure that only one Broadcaster at a time is permitted to film at the designated Pre-Match Position.

K.109A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligations set out at Rules K.108 and K.109 shall not apply.

K.110. Subject to Rule K.110A, prior to each League Match to be Transmitted live in the UK, the Home Club must agree with the UK Broadcaster the details of a continuous period of 30 minutes, within the period between 120 minutes and 15 minutes prior to kick-off, when it can film and present for a continuous period of no less than 15 minutes from a location on the pitch (the exact pitch position(s) to be mutually agreed between the UK Broadcaster and the Club).

**Guidance**

Where by reason of adverse weather conditions (or other exceptional circumstances), the filming referred to in Rule K.110 poses a risk to the condition of the pitch, the requirements of Rule K.110 may be waived with the agreement of the League.

The League will monitor requests by UK Broadcasters to conduct the filming referred to in Rule K.110 to ensure:

(a) that requests to do so are made sufficiently in advance of the League Match to enable the Club to properly plan and to ensure that the timing and location of the filming can be recorded in the documents circulated by the relevant Match Manager in the week leading up to the League Match; and

(b) that the filming does not in any way impact upon pre-Match warm-ups by either team or negatively affect the quality of the pitch.

K.110A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the UK Broadcaster shall not be permitted to carry out the on-pitch filming as set out at Rule K.110.

**Guidance**

Notwithstanding Rule K.110A, Clubs are encouraged to allow UK Broadcasters access to other areas of their Stadium which are located in the ‘Amber Zone’, in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19).

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**Interviews - General**

K.111. If interpretation into English is required for any interview taking place pursuant to Rules K.94 to K.100 (Content Sessions) or K.112 (Match Day Pre-Match Interviews), then it must be provided by the Club.

K.111A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), all interviews taking place pursuant to Rules K.112 to K.125 shall be carried out either at one of the pitchside positions set out at Rule K.56 and K.56A or the covered space set out at K.59A.

**Match Day Pre-Match Interviews**

K.112. Each Club shall ensure that the following are made available for an interview with one TV Broadcaster (or the League) within the period between 45 minutes and 120 minutes before the kick-off of the League Match.

1. one of its Players (whose identity shall be confirmed by the Club to the Match Manager and UK Broadcaster filming the League Match (the “Host Broadcaster”) at least 15 minutes before the interview) who is to be in the starting line-up of the League Match (but who must not be the Player who was made available for interview prior to the previous League Match) who will be asked no more than three questions, all of which shall be related to that League Match; and

2. its Manager, such interview to take place after the team sheets have been publicly announced, the exact time to be agreed with the TV Broadcaster and Match Manager (and to be adhered to by the Club and Manager once so agreed).

**Guidance**

With regard to Rule K.112.1, it is appreciated that if the pre-match interview takes place before the announcement of the teams, the Club Official nominating a Player to take part may not be aware of the starting line-up due to timing issues. Clubs may accordingly prefer to ensure that such interviews take place after the announcement of the teams. The League reserves the right to investigate a breach of this provision if the nominated Player is one who could reasonably have been anticipated would not start the League Match, and/or if a Club persistently nominates Players none of whom go on to start the League Matches in question.

If the Manager wishes to be interviewed before the announcement of the teams, this will be acceptable provided that the relevant TV Broadcaster (or the League) agrees, and provided that the Manager discloses his team selection to the relevant TV Broadcaster (or the League), who will keep this information strictly confidential until after the teams have been publicly announced which, as noted in Rule K.83, will not occur until 60 minutes before kick-off.

Either of the interviews referred to at Rule K.112. above, may take place in the Club’s dressing room or any area proposed by the Host Broadcaster, subject to the agreement of the Club.

**Dressing Room Filming**

K.113. Subject to Rule K.113A, in respect of each League Match to be Transmitted live by a UK Broadcaster, each participating Club shall permit the UK Broadcaster or the League to gain access to and film footage of its dressing room between the time that the Club’s Strip has been laid out for the Players and the time that the Players arrive at the Stadium.
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Guidance
Access to the dressing rooms will be for no longer than five minutes and will be monitored by the Match Manager, who will ensure that only the necessary TV Broadcaster and/or League personnel are present. Any footage will not be transmitted until after the official team sheets have been published.

K.113A. Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligation at Rule K.113 shall not apply.

Half-Time Interviews

K.114. In respect of each League Match to be Transmitted live by a UK Broadcaster, the UK Broadcaster may request that the Manager (or a senior member of the coaching staff) of either or each participating Club provides an interview at the end of the half-time interval, before the re-start of the League Match. The Manager may elect to provide the interview requested or decline to do so, at his absolute discretion.

Guidance
For the avoidance of doubt, where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Half-Time Interview (if conducted by the Manager) shall take place pitchside (in accordance with Rule K.111A).

Post-Match Interviews, Mixed Zone and Post-Match Media Conference

K.115. After the conclusion of each League Match, each participating Club must ensure that it makes its Player(s) and/or Manager available for interview strictly in accordance with the provisions of Rules K.117 to K.125, below. (For the avoidance of doubt, the relevant interviewees must remain so available until the interviews are concluded, even if this is after the times stated below).

K.116. No Player or Manager who has been sent-off in a League Match or is suspended for a League Match will be required to be made available for interview during or after that League Match. In such circumstances, the media obligations relating to a Club’s Manager shall be fulfilled by the Club’s assistant manager or another senior member of its coaching staff.

‘Super-Flash’ Interviews

K.117. Prior to the conclusion of each League Match, the Host Broadcaster may notify a participating Club of a shortlist of three Players who participated in the League Match and who the Host Broadcaster wishes to interview immediately after the conclusion of the League Match and before returning to the dressing room (the “Super-Flash Interview”).

Guidance
For the avoidance of doubt, where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Super-Flash Interview shall take place pitchside (in accordance with Rule K.111A) and before the Players return to the dressing room.

K.118. When in receipt of that shortlist, the relevant Club must select at least one of the shortlisted Players to be made available for the Super-Flash Interview, together with one further Player (who may or may not be one of the other Players shortlisted by the Host Broadcaster but must have featured prominently in the League Match) who must also be made available for the Super-Flash Interview.

Guidance
Where the shortlisted Player selected pursuant to Rule K.118 is unable to participate in the Super-Flash Interview due to a need to receive immediate medical treatment that becomes apparent to the Club after the conclusion of the League Match, the Club will not be in breach of Rules K.117 or K.118 in the event that it replaces that injured Player with another shortlisted Player who has already returned to the dressing room before being made available for the Super-Flash Interview.

K.119. In the event that the Host Broadcaster does not wish to carry out the Super-Flash Interview to which it is entitled, any other UK Broadcaster present at the League Match may exercise that right (and in the event that no UK Broadcaster wishes to do so, the League may do so).

UK Broadcasters

K.120. In respect of each UK Broadcaster that has the right to the Transmission of a League Match, that UK Broadcaster is entitled to interview two Players and the Manager from each participating Club (save where that Club has provided a Super-Flash Interview to that UK Broadcaster in accordance with Rule K.117) following each League Match, in accordance with the following requirements:

K.120.1. prior to the conclusion of the League Match, the UK Broadcaster may notify a participating Club of a shortlist of three Players who participated in the League Match and who the UK Broadcaster wishes to interview following the League Match;

K.120.2. when in receipt of that shortlist, the relevant Club must select at least one of the shortlisted Players to be made available for interview with the UK Broadcaster, together with one further Player (who may or may not be one of the other Players shortlisted by the UK Broadcaster but must have featured prominently in the League Match) and the Club’s Manager; and

K.120.3. the relevant Players and the Manager must be made available for interviews with a UK Broadcaster that has Transmitted the League Match live; and (b) within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the League Match for all other UK Broadcasters.

Guidance
In assessing compliance with the requirements of Rule K.120.3, the League will take account of whether the relevant UK Broadcaster submitted its shortlist to the Club prior to the conclusion of the League Match, as required.

International Broadcasters and the League

K.121. In respect of each League Match, each participating Club must ensure that at least one of its Players who featured prominently in the League Match and/or its Manager is made available for interview by International Broadcasters in attendance at the League Match and the League (subject to Rule K.123 below), in accordance with the requirements set out in Rule K.124, below.

K.122. Each participating Club is required to ensure that each International Broadcaster in attendance at the League Match and the League receive an interview by either a Player or its Manager in accordance with the deadlines set out in Rule K.124, below, save that if a Club that has lost the League Match shall be required to provide such interviews to 15 International Broadcasters and the League (or more International Broadcasters, should they wish to do so).
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Guidance
Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the interviews with International Broadcasters as required by Rule K.122 shall take place virtually, with the Player/Manager who is the subject of the interview located pitchside (in accordance with Rule K.111A).

K.123. The identity/ies of the individual(s) to be made available for interview in accordance with Rule K.121, above, may be determined by the Club concerned, however, where it receives one or more requests from International Broadcasters that its Manager be made available for an interview, it must ensure that it makes its Manager available in accordance with the following requirements:

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K.124. Each participating Club must make its Players and/or its Manager available for interviews with International Broadcasters and the League by the following deadlines:

K.124.1. within 20 minutes of the conclusion of the League Match for the League save that: (a) where a Player has provided a Super-Flash Interview to the League, he is not required to provide a further post-match interview to the League, and (b) for each League Match that is broadcast live by a UK Broadcaster, this deadline is extended to 30 minutes for Players/the Manager from a Club that has lost the relevant League Match;

K.124.2. within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the League Match for each International Broadcaster Transmitting the League Match live (save that this deadline is extended to 45 minutes for Players/the Manager from a Club that lost the relevant League Match); and

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Radio Broadcasters
K.125. Each Club participating in a League Match must ensure that each Radio Broadcaster that has the right to the Radio Transmission of that League Match is permitted to interview: (a) at least one Player who featured prominently in the League Match; and (b) the Manager, following the League Match.

Guidance
For the avoidance of doubt, where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the interviews for Radio Broadcasters as required by Rule K.125 shall take place pitchside (in accordance with Rule K.111A).

For the avoidance of doubt, all Players selected for doping control following a League Match are still expected to comply with their obligations regarding Broadcaster access (save where the doping control officer refuses to allow the Player to depart from the doping control station as a result of, for example, a lack of available chaperones). However, where selection for doping control affects a Player’s ability to make himself available for interview within the deadlines stipulated by these Rules, that will be taken into account by the Board when determining whether a breach has occurred.

With regard to Rule K.121, the League in this context means Premier League Productions, the League’s appointed production partner which undertakes the broadcast of all League Matches on behalf of the League. The League then distributes content to International Broadcasters.

The League considers it extremely important that, wherever possible, International Broadcasters receive interviews from Players with relevant language skills. Rule K.121 requires Clubs to ensure that either a Player or the Manager is available after the League Match for interviews with the League and all International Broadcasters present. The League will monitor Broadcaster access to ensure a balance between appropriate language content for International Broadcasters and that unreasonable demands are not being placed on Clubs.

Furthermore, Clubs should ensure that they make a sufficient number of Players available for interview by International Broadcasters and the League to ensure compliance with the deadlines set out at Rule K.124. For example, if a Club makes only one Player available for interview by International Broadcasters and the League, it is unlikely that all such Broadcasters will receive interviews within the relevant deadlines. In such circumstances, where the deadlines are missed as a result of too few Players being made available by a Club, that Club will be in breach of these Rules.

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K.127. Having made the election referred to at Rule K.126, above, each Club must ensure that it complies with its chosen approach at each League Match.

Guidance
Clubs may withdraw a Player from walking through the Mixed Zone in exceptional circumstances, e.g. where the Player has suffered injury and needs medical treatment or is subject to doping control.

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**Promotional Photographs and Footage**

**K.133.** Each Club shall:

**K.133.1.** select (and notify the League of) one half day period, no later than 48 hours before the start of each Season, during which its Contract Players and Manager may be photographed and/or filmed by the League or its appointee; and

**K.133.2.** ensure that each of its Contract Players and its Manager is available for a continuous period of no less than 60 minutes during such half day period for the photography and filming referred to at Rule K.133.1.

**K.134.** For the purposes of the photography and filming referred to in Rule K.133:

**K.134.1.** each Contract Player shall wear each of the Strips registered by the Club pursuant to Rule M.17; and

**K.134.2.** the Manager shall wear match day attire (such as the Club’s official training kit or blazer or suit).

**Guidance**

Club media and broadcast channels are permitted to attend the session referred to in Rule K.133, above, provided that any additional filming or photography by such channels in no way interrupts or inhibits that session.

**K.135.** Each Club shall make available at its Stadium or training ground suitable facilities, the details of which shall be agreed between the Club and the League in advance, with the benefit of mains electric power, for the purposes of the filming and photography referred to in Rule K.133.

**K.136.** Each Club shall provide to the League by no later than 30 September each year a group photograph of all of the Players included on its Squad List and any Under 21 Players who in the Club’s reasonable opinion will play in a significant number of League Matches in the forthcoming Season.

**Guidance**

The purpose of this requirement is primarily to provide footage of players to be used in dynamic line-ups by TV Broadcasters. In addition, photographs of players will be used by the League’s trading cards partner. The League will hold the copyright in these photographs and licence it to Clubs.

In the event that the League or its appointee is unable to carry out the filming or photography of a Contract Player pursuant to Rule K.133 then the Club should provide to the League a front-on head and body photograph of the Contract Player wearing the Club’s home Strip.

As squads change over the Season, the League will ask Clubs to give access to new Players pursuant to Rule K.133.2. While the League will work with Clubs to schedule these further sessions, they will need to be undertaken before any new Player plays in a League Match.

**K.137.** By no later than its first League Match of the Season, each Club shall submit to the League the results of a questionnaire (the form and content of which shall be determined by the League) completed by each of its Contract Players and its Manager, indicating his hobbies and interests in each case, together with details of each language in which he is able to carry out any media duties required by these Rules.

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**K.128A.** Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the Post-Match Media Conference shall take place virtually. No representatives of Broadcasters and other accredited representatives of the media will be present in the room in which the Conference is conducted (save for one camera operator and one sound operator), with the live feed being provided to the League and Broadcasters by the Club.

**K.129.** The Post-Match Media Conference shall take place in the media conference room referred to in Rule K.86.

**K.130.** Each Home Club shall ensure that Broadcasters that wish to do so have access to the Post-Match Media Conference and may at its discretion give such access to accredited representatives of other media.

**Guidance**

Where a League Match is to be played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the access referred to at Rule K.130 means access to the virtual Post-Match Press Conference.

**K.131.** Each Club shall ensure that its Manager attends the Post-Match Media Conference.

**League Champions**

**K.132.** Subject to Rule K.132A, each Season, following the conclusion of each of the League Matches at which: (a) a Club’s result in that League Match guarantees that it will become League Champions; and (b) the trophy is awarded to that Club for becoming League Champions, the Club concerned shall grant access to the Host Broadcaster to its dressing room from the period between the conclusion of the League Match and 60 minutes after the conclusion of the League Match.

**Guidance**

The Club’s own media channel may also conduct filming during the period referred to in Rule K.132. Where it chooses to do so, the Club and Host Broadcaster shall engage in good faith discussions in advance to ensure that both are able to carry out their media requirements in co-operation with each other.

**K.132A.** Where the League Matches referred to at Rule K.132 are played in accordance with the Match Day Protocol (COVID-19), the obligations at Rule K.132 shall not apply. Instead:

**K.132A.1.** the Club and Host Broadcaster shall engage in good faith discussions regarding additional post-Match access at the League Matches referred to in Rule K.132; and

**K.132A.2.** the Club’s own media channel shall not be permitted to conduct the filming referred to in Rule K.132 but may film any additional agreed content in cooperation with the Host Broadcaster.
K.138. Each Club shall ensure that, when reasonably requested to do so by the League, Players and Managers will take part in recordings for the promotional purposes of Broadcasters and the League.

Guidance
The League will manage the requests for access made by Broadcasters under Rule K.138 to ensure that the demands made of Clubs or of individual Players and Managers are not too onerous.

Pre-Season Content Session

K.139. Subject to Rule K.139A, each Club shall make no fewer than four Players and its Manager available for a Content Session, lasting for a continuous period of no less than 60 minutes, prior to the start of each Season (“Pre-Season Content Session”). The time, date and location of such Pre-Season Content Session, together with the identities of the Players in attendance shall be determined in accordance with Rules K.140 and K.141, below.

K.139A. In respect of Season 2020/21, the Content Sessions referred to at Rule K.139 may be conducted after the Season has begun.

K.140. Each Club must ensure the participation of its captain at its Pre-Season Content Session and must ensure that the remaining Players participating in the Pre-Season Content Session include only Players who were listed in the Club’s starting line-up in no fewer than 20 League Matches during the preceding Season (save that the League may grant dispensation from this requirement at its discretion, for example, where the Club registers one or more new Players).

K.141. By no later than the 10 July preceding each Season, each Club must:

K.141.1. notify the League of the identities of the Players (in addition to its Manager) who will be made available for the Pre-Season Content Session; and

K.141.2. agree with the League the time, date and location of the Pre-Season Content Session (which may run immediately prior to or following or concurrently with the period referred to in Rule K.133, above, provided that it in no way inhibits the ability of the League and/or any Broadcaster to carry out the photography or filming required under that Rule).

Guidance
In respect of Season 2020/21, the deadline referred to in Rule K.141 shall be amended so that the Club’s notification must be provided as soon as possible following the conclusion of Season 2019/20.

Participation by a Player or Manager in a Pre-Season Content Session will be taken into account by the League in its assessment of Club compliance with Rules K.95 and K.100, as appropriate.

Floodlights

K.142. On the day of each League Match, each Club shall ensure that its floodlights are operational and comply with the requirements of these Rules for such period as the Board may from time to time specify.

K.143. A Club’s Stadium must have floodlights giving a maintained vertical illuminance of:

K.143.1. an average of at least 1650 lux and a minimum of at least 1000 lux when measured towards the principal camera on the Television Gantry; and

K.143.2. an average of at least 1000 lux and a minimum of at least 650 lux at any one location on the pitch when measured towards the four vertical planes at 0°, 90°, 180° and 270° as shown in the pitch lighting grid set out below; and

K.143.3. an average of at least 1650 lux and a minimum of at least 1000 lux on the horizontal reference plane.

Guidance
The average lux value referred to in Rule K.143.1 is calculated by adding together the readings in each direction taken from each of the 96 measurement points referred to in Rule K.145 and dividing them by 96.

The average lux value referred to in Rule K.143.2 is calculated by adding together the readings taken in the same direction at each of the 96 measurement points referred to in Rule K.145 and dividing the total by 96.

The average lux value referred to in Rule K.143.3 is calculated by adding together the readings taken in the same direction at each of the 96 measurement points referred to in Rule K.145 and dividing the total by 96.

Clubs should also take measurements on the horizontal plane at all 96 measurements as referred to in Rule K.145 for reference. These measurements should be reported in the certificate required by Rule K.154.

All measurements should be taken at 1m above the pitch surface.

K.144. The floodlighting must provide uniformity of maintained vertical illuminance at all locations on the pitch such that the minimum illuminance is no less than half of the maximum illuminance and no less than 60% of the average illuminance.

Guidance
The requirements of Rule K.144 are often expressed by technical experts as “U1 values” and “U2 values” in the following manner:

*Uniformity (U1 [min/max]) > 0.50*

*Uniformity (U2 [min/ave]) > 0.60*

K.145. Calculation, measurement and reporting of the lux values shall be undertaken on the pitch using 96 measurement points in a grid format and at an equal distance from each other on each axis.
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**K.146.** At each of the 96 measurement points referred to in Rule K.145, five measurements shall be taken at one metre above the pitch and in the following five directions:

- **K.146.1.** one measurement shall on the horizontal plane at each reference point as shown in the pitch lighting grid set out below;
- **K.146.2.** when necessary, one measurement shall be taken towards the main camera on the Television Gantry (represented at position no. 1 on Plan A of Appendix 3); and
- **K.146.3.** four measurements shall be taken in four directions. The measurements shall be taken at 0°, 90°, 180° and 270° planes as shown in the pitch lighting grid set out below.

**Guidance – Pitch Lighting Grid**

To illustrate what is meant by this, Clubs are requested to measure and report lux values using a grid as shown below demonstrating each point on the pitch at which a measurement must be taken and recorded:

The certificate to be provided to the League pursuant to Rule K.154 must contain the outcome of the measurement of the lux values at each point and in each direction on the pitch in this format. As five measurements must be taken at each of the 96 points, a total of 480 measurements must be taken (or 576 if including an assessment of illuminance towards the main camera).

**K.147.** The 12 rows of seating nearest to the pitch (save for such rows in the stand where the Television Gantry is situated) shall be illuminated such that they have a minimum vertical illuminance perpendicular to the pitch of at least 200 lux and provide a comfortable, glare-free environment for spectators.

**K.148.** The illuminance referred to in Rule K.147 shall be measured by measurements taken at illuminance test reference points located at 10m intervals on the tenth row of seating around the pitch. The illuminance test reference points are required in all seating areas around the perimeter of the pitch save for areas adjacent to the Television Gantry.

**Guidance**

This is especially important in the goalmouth area where it is recommended by the International Commission on Illumination that no floodlights are installed in the horizontal zone of 5° of either side of the goal line.

**K.150.** Each Club’s floodlighting shall have:

- **K.150.1.** colour rendering index Re of greater than 80;
- **K.150.2.** an average colour temperature of between 5200kelvin and 6000kelvin, being the average of three measurements taken in the middle of each goal-line and on the centre spot; and
- **K.150.3.** flicker (as measured by flicker factor) of no more than 6% at any one or more of the 96 measurement points referred to in Rule K.145 when measured towards the principal camera on the Television Gantry.

**K.151.** Each Club must have installed at or adjacent to its Stadium an alternative power source for the floodlights such that the floodlighting shall continue with a minimum average illuminance of greater than 800 lux on the horizontal plane in the event of the failure of the primary power source.

**K.152.** Details of the alternative power source referred to in Rule K.151, the estimated time before floodlights are available again in the event of failure of the primary power source, and the lux value of the floodlights when powered by the alternative power source must be set out in the annual floodlighting report referred to in Rule K.154 and the procedure referred to in Rule K.156.

**K.153.** Each Club shall ensure that the floodlighting installation and supporting services at its Stadium are properly designed and maintained.

**K.154.** In advance of each Season, the League will notify each Club whether it is required to undergo an independent assessment of its compliance with the illuminance requirements of Rules K.143 and K.146 by a Person appointed by the League or, alternatively, whether it is required to provide a certificate signed by a Chartered Electrical Engineer, a member of the Institute of Lighting Professionals or a member of the Society of Light and Lighting (in this Rule “the Signatory”) certifying...
K.154.1. the floodlights have been inspected by the Signatory and in his opinion comply with Rules K.143 to K.153;

K.154.2. the illuminance meter used to measure compliance with Rule K.143 was:
   K.154.2.1. cosine corrected;
   K.154.2.2. suitable for use for measuring the illuminance of floodlighting;
   K.154.2.3. fitted with a wide-angle receptive light sensor; and
   K.154.2.4. calibrated at least once in the previous 12 months (and a copy of the most recent certificate of calibration shall be attached to the certificate required to be provided in accordance with this Rule); and

K.154.3. the floodlighting installation and its supporting services have been designed to an appropriate standard in compliance with these Rules and have been properly maintained.

K.155. If works are undertaken at a Club’s floodlighting installation and support services after the submission of the certificate referred to in Rule K.154 then the Club must provide a further such certificate to the League within four weeks of those works being concluded.

K.156. Each Club must devise, implement and make available to the League on request, an operation procedure to ensure the minimum possible level of disruption in the event of a power failure at the Stadium (as referred to in Rule K.151) or a failure in any Stadium electrical system, which complies with such guidance as issued by the League from time to time.
Rules:

Section L: Fixtures

Arranging Fixtures

L.1. The Board shall:
L.1.1. determine the dates and kick-off times of all League Matches as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of each Season; and
L.1.2. have the power at any time thereafter to change the date and kick-off time of a League Match, and before exercising such power the Board will consult with and take into account any representations made by the Clubs participating in the League Match in question and any other Club or Clubs which may be affected thereby.

L.2. Each Club shall use its best endeavours to ensure that each League Match takes place on the date and at the time fixed for it.

L.3. No fixtures shall be arranged on or on any of the six days preceding the four dates agreed between the League and The Football Association prior to each Season upon which international matches will be played.

L.4. League Matches will be played on New Year’s Day unless it falls on a Thursday or Friday and F.A. Cup matches are scheduled to be played on the immediately following Saturday.

L.5. All intellectual property and other rights in the League’s fixture list shall belong to the League.

L.6. A Club engaged in any match played in a UEFA Club Competition on a Thursday evening and a League Match on the following Saturday may rearrange the League Match to the following Sunday, provided that:
L.6.1. it gives notice to that effect to the Board and to the relevant opposing Club within 72 hours of the date of the UEFA Club Competition match being fixed (or, if the period of 72 hours expires on a day which is not a Working Day, by close of business on the first Working Day thereafter);
L.6.2. there is no police objection;
L.6.3. the rearrangement of the League Match does not result in the opposing Club having to play another League Match, F.A. Cup match or UEFA Club Competition match within two days of the rearranged League Match being played; and
L.6.4. the kick-off time of the re-arranged League Match is the same as that of one of the League Matches (if any) which have been selected for live Transmission in the United Kingdom on that Sunday, or such other kick-off time as the Board may approve.

L.7. A Club may apply to the Board for permission to arrange any fixture so that it is played on a different date or at a different kick-off time.

Arranging Other Matches

L.8. A Club shall not arrange to play a friendly match during the Season:
L.8.1. until the dates of League Matches for that Season have been fixed and published in accordance with Rule L.1; or
L.8.2. so that it adversely affects a League Match.

Other Competitions

L.9. Except with the prior written approval of the Board, during the Season a Club shall not enter or play its senior men’s first team in any competition other than:
L.9.1. the UEFA Champions League;
L.9.2. the UEFA Europa League;
L.9.3. the F.A. Cup;
L.9.4. the F.A. Community Shield;
L.9.5. the Football League Cup; or
L.9.6. competitions sanctioned by the County Association of which it is a member.

L.10. Each Club shall enter the F.A. Cup.

L.11. Qualification for UEFA Club Competitions shall be on sporting merit through domestic competitions controlled or sanctioned by The Football Association. Clubs qualifying for a UEFA Club Competition must apply for a UEFA Club Licence in accordance with the Licensing Manual.

Postponement of League Matches

L.12. Subject to Rules C.25 and C.29, a League Match shall not be postponed or abandoned except:
L.12.1. when on the date fixed for it to be played either the Home Club or the Visiting Club is competing in a competition permitted by Rules L.9.1, L.9.2, and L.9.3;
L.12.2. with the approval of or on the instructions of the officiating referee;
L.12.3. by order of the police;
L.12.4. by order of any other authority exercising its statutory powers to that effect; or
L.12.5. on the instructions of or with the prior written consent of the Board.

L.13. Where it is proposed to postpone a League Match pursuant to Rule L.12.4 on the grounds of safety, the appropriate Official of the Home Club shall:
L.13.1. complete and make available on request to the League all relevant risk assessment documentation; and
L.13.2. time permitting, consult with the officiating referee, the police and the chairman of the Club’s safety advisory group and ensure that the match delegate appointed to attend the League Match pursuant to Rule L.17 is fully briefed as to the reasons for the postponement.
L.14. Subject to Rules C.25 and C.29, upon a League Match being postponed or abandoned in accordance with Rules L.12.1, L.12.2, L.12.3, or L.12.4 the Home Club shall forthwith inform the Board, and the Board will thereafter exercise its power under Rule L.1.2 and fix a date and kick-off time of the re-arranged League Match.

Guidance

Clubs are reminded of their obligation pursuant to Rule L.2 to use their best endeavours to ensure that all League Matches take place on the date and at the kick-off time fixed for them. Pursuant to this, Clubs are expected to do all they can to address any concerns raised by a statutory authority.

L.22. At least 60 minutes before the time fixed for the kick-off of a League Match, a senior member of the coaching staff and the first team captain of each participating Club shall attend a briefing with the referee.

L.23. Any Club acting in breach of either Rule L.21 or Rule L.22 will pay a fixed penalty of £2,500 in respect of a first such breach, £5,000 in respect of a second such breach during a Season and £10,000 in respect of a third such breach during a Season. Any subsequent breach shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

L.24. If any Player (or substitute Player) named on a team sheet is injured or otherwise incapacitated after the submission of the team sheet but before kick-off, upon his Team Doctor or, if he is unavailable, another doctor certifying that the injury or incapacitation is such that the Player in question cannot reasonably be expected to play, the Club may add the name of another Player to the team sheet as a Player or substitute Player.

L.25. Any amendment to the team sheet pursuant to Rule L.24 shall be communicated forthwith to the referee, the opposing Club and the Match Manager.

L.26. No Player whose name does not appear on his Club’s team sheet shall take the field of play in that League Match.

Substitute Players

L.27. In any League Match a Club may include in its team sheet up to seven substitute Players of whom not more than three may take part in the League Match subject to the conditions set out in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.

L.28. Not more than three substitute Players of each Club shall warm up at the same time on the perimeter of a pitch upon which a League Match is being played.

Kick-Off

L.29. Each Club participating in a League Match shall adhere to the kick-off time and the Home Club shall report any delay to the Board together with any explanation therefor.

L.30. Any Club which without good reason causes to be delayed either the kick-off of a League Match from the time fixed or the re-start after the half-time interval shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

Countdown to Kick-Off

L.31. Each Club participating in a League Match must comply with the terms of the relevant Countdown to Kick-Off.

Use of Official Ball

L.32. Subject to Rule L.32A, in all League Matches the Home Club shall provide and the participating Clubs shall use only the official ball approved from time to time by the League.
### Compensation for Postponed Matches

- **L.40.** Compensation shall be payable to a Home Club if a League Match in which it should participate is postponed, provided that:
  - **L.40.1.** the postponement is caused by the Visiting Club on the date fixed for the League Match or on a date reasonably proximate thereto being engaged in an F.A. Cup match or a Football League Cup match, and
  - **L.40.2.** on the date fixed for the League Match the Home Club is no longer engaged in the relevant competition.
**Clubs: Operations**

**Section M: Players’ Identification and Strip**

### Player Identification

**M.1.** Before the commencement of each Season each Club shall allocate a different shirt number to each member of its first team squad.

**M.2.** A Club shall likewise allocate a shirt number to any Player joining its first team squad during the Season.

**M.3.** Save with the prior written consent of the Board shirt numbers shall commence with the number one and shall be allocated consecutively.

**M.4.** While he remains with the Club a Player will retain his shirt number throughout the Season for which it was allocated.

**M.5.** Upon a Player leaving a Club the shirt number allocated to him may be re-allocated.

**M.6.** Each Club shall forthwith provide to the Board on Form 10 full details in writing of shirt numbers allocated so that throughout each Season the Board is aware of the names of members of the first team squad of each Club and the shirt numbers allocated to them.

**M.7.** When playing in League Matches each Player shall wear a shirt on the back of which shall be prominently displayed his shirt number so as to be clearly visible in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Board from time to time, and above that his surname or such other name as may be approved in writing by the Board.

**M.8.** The Player’s shirt number shall also appear on the front of the left leg of his shorts.

**M.9.** The size, style, colour and design of shirt numbers, lettering and the logo of the League appearing on a Player’s shirt or shorts and the material from which such numbers, lettering and logo are made shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

**M.10.** The colour and design of the shirt and socks worn by the goalkeeper when playing in League Matches shall be such as to distinguish him from the other Players and from League appearing on a Player’s shirt or shorts and the material from which such numbers, lettering and logo are made shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

**M.11.** The captain of each team appearing in a League Match shall wear an armband provided by the League indicating his status as such.

**M.12.** Any Club acting in breach of any of Rules M.1 to M.11 inclusive will be liable to pay to the League a fixed penalty of £2,500 for a first breach, £5,000 for a second breach during a Season and £10,000 for a third breach during a Season. Any subsequent breach may be dealt under the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

### Home and Alternative Strips

**M.13.** Each Club shall have a home Strip and up to a maximum of two alternative Strips which shall be registered with the Board and worn by its Players in League Matches in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

**M.14.** Each Strip registered with the Board by a Club must differ visibly from and contrast with each other Strip registered by the Club in that Season.

**M.15.** The logo of the League shall appear on the right sleeve of both home Strip and alternative Strip shirts. Where the relevant Strip does not bear a sponsor’s logo on the left sleeve of its shirt, a logo of the League shall appear on that sleeve as well.

**M.16.** Neither the home Strip shirt nor the shirt of either of the alternative Strips shall be of a colour or design alike or similar to the outfits of Match Officials.

**M.17.** Not later than eight weeks before the commencement of each Season, each Club shall register its Strips (each of which must be available for the Club to wear in each League Match during the Season) by submitting to the Board Form 11 together with samples of its home Strip, alternative Strip(s) and goalkeeper’s Strip complying with these Rules and a brief written description of each. The Board having entered the descriptions in a register will cause the same to be printed in the handbook of the League and on the League’s website.

**M.18.** Each Strip submitted for registration in accordance with Rule M.17 shall have on it:

- The shirt number and name of any Player in the Club’s first team squad, displayed as required by Rule M.7; and
- any advertisement for which the approval of the Board is either sought or has already been given under the provisions of Rule M.30.1.

**M.19.** If pursuant to Rule M.17 a Club seeks to register a Strip which does not comply with these Rules:

- the Board shall give to that Club notice in writing to that effect giving full details of the changes required to achieve compliance; and
- the Strip in question shall not be worn by that Club’s Players in a League Match until a further sample has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board.

**M.20.** Subject to Rule M.21, Strips of the description thus registered shall be worn throughout the Season immediately following and no changes to it shall be made except with the prior written permission of the Board. Any request for such permission must be made to the Board no less than 14 days before the League Match in which the Club concerned intends to wear the changed Strip.

**M.21.** On the occasion of a Club’s last home or away League Match in any Season a further Strip (i.e. not one registered by the Club in accordance with Rule M.17) may be worn provided that:

- at least seven days’ prior written notice of intention to do so is given to the Board (such notice to be accompanied by a sample of the Strip intended to be worn) and the opposing Club (such notice to be accompanied by a CAD drawing of the Strip intended to be worn); and
- the alternative Strip shall be subsequently registered as the Club’s home or alternative Strip for the following Season.
**Section M: Players' Identification and Strip**

**M.22.** Subject to Rules M.21 and M.23, when playing in League Matches the Players of each participating Club shall wear a Strip which is of a sufficient contrast that Match Officials, spectators and television viewers will be able to distinguish clearly between the two teams. In selecting the choice of Strip the following order of precedence shall apply unless authorised by the Board:

**M.22.1.** 1st priority: the outfield players of the Home Club who shall wear their home Strip;

**M.22.2.** 2nd priority: the outfield players of the Visiting Club;

**M.22.3.** 3rd priority: the Home Club goalkeeper; and

**M.22.4.** 4th priority: the Visiting Club goalkeeper.

**M.23.** The Match Officials shall wear colours that distinguish them from the Strip worn by the two Clubs. In the event of the Match Officials not having distinguishing colours then the Visiting Club goalkeeper must change and if this is not possible the Home Club goalkeeper must do so.

**M.24.** At least 10 days prior to each League Match the Visiting Club shall notify the Home Club and the League (by such means as advised by the Board from time to time) of the Strip it intends its Players (including for the avoidance of doubt its goalkeeper) to wear.

**M.25.** The League, in consultation with PGMOL acting on behalf of the referee, will determine any disputes arising between Clubs and no later than three working days prior to each League Match notify both Clubs and the Match Officials of the colours to be worn.

**Guidance**

In respect of each League Match, the League will notify Clubs of the confirmed Strips to be worn by the Home Club and the Visiting Club (together with the uniform to be worn by the Match Officials) in the form of the Match Day Information Sheet.

For the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to the League’s power to resolve disputes arising between Clubs regarding Strips, the League may (if necessary) require one or both Clubs to wear different shirts and/or shorts and/or socks from more than one of their respective registered Strips to ensure sufficient contrast, as required by Rule M.22.

Further, Clubs should be aware that, pursuant to Rule N.6.10, the Match referee is empowered, where there is a clash between the Strip(s) or one or more Clubs participating in a League Match and the ballboys and/or stewards on duty at the League Match, to require that the ballboys and/or stewards change their uniform(s) to remove the clash. Clubs are required to bear this in mind when selecting Strips.

**M.26.** In the event of a dispute arising on the day of a League Match in relation to the Strip to be worn then the referee’s decision shall be final.

**M.27.** Subject to Rule M.21, no Club shall participate in a League Match wearing a Strip other than its registered home Strip or alternative Strip or a combination of the same (in either case as instructed under Rule M.25 or Rule M.26) except with the prior written consent of the Board.

**M.28.** Each Club shall ensure that it has available at each League Match a replacement Strip for each Player named on the team sheet which can be used in the event of a Player requiring to change any part of his Strip. Each Player’s replacement Strip shall comply with Rules M.7 and M.8.

**M.29.** When participating in a League Match no Player shall reveal undergarments that show political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images, or advertising other than a manufacturer’s logo. The Board may proceed under Section W against either the Player or his Club or both for any breach of this Rule.

**Strip Advertising**

**M.30.** Provided that:

**M.30.1.** the content, design and area of the advertisement is approved by the Board;

**M.30.2.** it complies with The Football Association Rules for the time being in force, advertising on Strips shall be permitted.
Section N: Match Officials

Appointment of Match Officials

N.1. Prior to the commencement of each Season, PGMOL will compile and publish a list of Match Officials eligible to be appointed to officiate at League Matches during that Season.

N.2. PGMOL shall be empowered to remove the name of any Match Official from its list at any time.

N.3. PGMOL will appoint the Match Officials to officiate at each League Match. PGMOL will give notice of such appointment to the participating Clubs and to the Match Officials so appointed who shall each forthwith acknowledge their appointment to PGMOL.

Rules Binding on Match Officials

N.4. Acknowledgement by a Match Official of an appointment made under Rule N.3 shall constitute an agreement with the League by such Match Official to be bound by and to comply with:

N.4.1. the Laws of the Game (and any protocols issued by the International Football Association Board);
N.4.2. The Football Association Rules; and
N.4.3. these Rules.

Payments to Match Officials

N.5. No Club or Official shall either directly or indirectly make or offer to make any payment to or confer or offer to confer any benefit upon any Match Official.

Pre-Match Procedures

N.6. Prior to the commencement of a League Match at which he has been appointed to officiate, the referee shall:

N.6.1. together with the other appointed Match Officials, arrive at the Stadium not less than two hours before the advertised time of kick-off;
N.6.2. decide on the fitness of the pitch for the playing of the League Match and:
   N.6.2.1. if the referee considers it to be unfit, instruct that the League Match be postponed or that the kick-off be delayed; and
   N.6.2.2. if the referee considers it to be necessary, instruct that the pitch be re-marked;
N.6.3. receive the team sheets of the participating Clubs in accordance with Rule L.21;
N.6.4. permit the amendment of a team sheet if a Player is injured or otherwise incapacitated as provided in Rule L.24;
N.6.5. attend the briefing referred to at Rule L.22;
N.6.6. check and approve any football to be used in the League Match;
N.6.7. ensure that, if appropriate, the Home Club has made a coloured ball available;
N.6.8. wear one of the match uniforms provided by PGMOL ensuring that it does not clash with the Strip worn by either of the participating teams;
N.6.9. ensure that the Players’ Strip complies with the provisions of Section M of these Rules;
N.6.10. ensure that the uniform worn by any ballboy or steward does not clash with the Strip worn by either of the participating teams and if in his opinion there is such a clash, he shall be authorised to request such ballboy or steward to change his uniform or to leave the vicinity of the field of play;
N.6.11. with the assistant referees, lead the participating teams onto the field of play in accordance with the provisions set out in the Countdown to Kick-Off; and
N.6.12. take such other steps as may be agreed between the League and PGMOL from time to time.

Compliance with Instructions

N.7. Players and Officials shall comply with any lawful instruction given to them by a Match Official officiating at a League Match.

Post-Match Procedures

N.8. The referee shall send the team sheets to and make the following reports in writing to the Board as soon as practicable after officiating at a League Match:

N.8.1. on the standard of facilities for Match Officials provided by the Home Club;
N.8.2. on the late arrival at the Stadium of any of the Match Officials, giving reasons therefore;
N.8.3. on the condition of the pitch;
N.8.4. on the circumstances surrounding the kick-off or re-start being delayed;
N.8.5. on either team commencing the League Match with less than a full complement of Players;
N.8.6. on any change of Strip ordered;
N.8.7. on the failure of a team to process together onto the field of play in accordance with the provisions set out in the Countdown to Kick-Off;
N.8.8. on any breach of Rule L.33 by either Club;
N.8.9. on any Player being cautioned or sent-off;
N.8.10. on either assistant referee taking over as referee and stating the reason therefore;
N.8.11. on any breach of these Rules by Clubs, Players, Officials, Managers and other Match Officials; and
N.8.12. any other matter which the referee considers appropriate to bring to the Board’s attention.

Doctors – General

O.1. Nothing in this Section O or elsewhere in these Rules replaces, reduces or affects in any way the obligations imposed on Clubs by statute and/or common law in the fields of medicine, occupational health and/or health and safety.

O.2. Each Club’s Team Doctor, Crowd Doctor and Medical Coordinator, and any other doctor appointed by the Club, shall be a registered medical practitioner licensed to practice by the General Medical Council.

O.3. References in these Rules to a requirement to hold a current Football Association Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football qualification (“ATMMiF”) shall mean that the individual concerned shall:

O.3.1. have successfully undertaken the full ATMMiF course (or an equivalent course that is recognised and approved by: (a) the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care as equivalent to the AREA Certificate; and (b) the Board) in the preceding 42 months; and

O.3.2. have successfully undertaken the ATMMiF refresher course (or an equivalent course recognised and approved by the Board) in the preceding 22 months (unless he successfully undertook the full ATMMiF course or an equivalent course recognised and approved by the Board within that period).

Guidance

The FA has developed a number of new courses to replace the previously required qualifications:

- Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football (“ATMMiF”) replaces the AREA;
- Introduction to First Aid in Football (“IFAiF”) replaces EA;
- Emergency First Aid in Football (“EFAiF”) replaces BFAS; and
- Intermediate Trauma Medical Management in Football (“ITMMiF”) replaces IFAS.

Where an individual is required by these Rules to hold one of the new qualifications referred to above, it will be acceptable to hold the previous qualification referred to until that qualification has expired, at which point the new qualification will be required.

Team Doctor and Medical Coordinator

O.4. Each Club shall appoint at least one Team Doctor and at least one Medical Coordinator (who must be a doctor).

O.5. Each doctor appointed by a Club whose responsibilities include giving medical treatment to Players must:

O.5.1. hold a current ATMMiF;

O.5.2. comply with any guidance issued by the Board in respect of the identification and notification of concussive injuries; and

O.5.3. comply with the General Medical Council’s requirements concerning annual appraisal, scope of practice, indemnity and revalidation of doctors.

O.6. The Team Doctor must hold a diploma in sports medicine or an equivalent or higher professional qualification.

O.7. In respect of each League Match, the Medical Coordinator of the Home Club shall:

O.7.1. complete and sign the Match Day Medical Requirements Form and provide it to the Match Manager in advance of each League Match;

O.7.2. liaise with the Visiting Club’s Team Doctor prior to each League Match in order to explain to him the Home Club’s arrangements for emergency care;

O.7.3. on the day of the League Match, be available to deal with any queries of the Visiting Club’s Team Doctor and ensure that the latter is given the opportunity to familiarise himself with the Home Club’s medical facilities and to meet the paramedics present at the League Match pursuant to Rule O.19A;

O.7.4. at the request of either Team Doctor:

O.7.4.1. assist with the treatment of injuries;

O.7.4.2. care for and monitor any Player or Match Official who has left the field of play;

O.7.4.3. assist with the identification and assessment of concussive injuries, whether through the use of pitch-side video technology or otherwise; and

O.7.4.4. act as the lead point of liaison and co-ordination for all Players or Match Officials referred to hospital, including by liaising with the hospital and establishing contact with local ambulances and hospital emergency departments.

O.8. In advance of each League Match, the Team Doctor of the Home Club shall complete and sign the Mandatory Medical Equipment Form and retain it for his records.

Crowd Doctor

O.9. Each Club shall appoint at least one Crowd Doctor.

O.10. A Crowd Doctor shall either:

O.10.1. hold the Diploma in Immediate Medical Care issued by the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (“Faculty”) or its equivalent; or

O.10.2. have successfully undertaken the Faculty’s ‘Generic Crowd Doctor Training’ course or its equivalent.

O.11. Each Crowd Doctor shall successfully undertake the Faculty’s ‘Generic Refresher and Skills Update Course’ at least once every five years.

Physiotherapists

O.12. Each Club shall employ a full time senior physiotherapist.

O.13. The senior physiotherapist shall:

O.13.1. be a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council; and

O.13.2. hold a current ATMMiF.
Section O: Medical

O.14. Any other physiotherapist employed by a Club shall:
O.14.1. be a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council; and
O.14.2. (where the duties of the physiotherapist concerned include being present in the technical area during League Matches in accordance with Rule L.33) hold a current ATMMiF.

O.15. Any other sports therapist employed by a Club (where the duties of the therapist concerned include being present in the technical area during League Matches in accordance with Rule L.33) shall hold a current ATMMiF.

Medical and Safety Action Plan

O.16. Each Club shall prepare and make available to the League on request a Medical and Safety Action Plan, which shall:
O.16.1. set out protocols for the assessment of risk and management of injuries to its employees in all areas of its business;
O.16.2. set out protocols detailing the management of injuries to Players and Match Officials sustained during League Matches, other matches in which the Club participates and training (including a dedicated protocol for the emergency treatment of Players and Match Officials during League Matches played at its Stadium); and
O.16.3. detail all first aid facilities and medical equipment maintained by the Club in the event that treatment of such injuries is necessary.

O.17. The Medical and Safety Action Plan shall be:
O.17.1. drawn up under the guidance of, and be regularly reviewed and if necessary amended by, the Team Doctor in consultation with the Medical Coordinator, senior physiotherapist, the Club’s safety officer and such other Persons as the Club may consider appropriate; and
O.17.2. annually reported to and approved by the Club’s board.

O.18. Each Club shall ensure that:
O.18.1. it manages effectively all medical issues that may arise at a League Match; and
O.18.2. its first aid facilities and medical equipment are properly maintained and are in full working order.

Attendance of Medical Personnel and Provision of Medical Facilities

O.19. At every League Match:
O.19.1. each participating Club shall procure the attendance of its Team Doctor and the Home Club shall procure the attendance of its Crowd Doctor and Medical Coordinator. The Home Club’s Team Doctor, Crowd Doctor and Medical Coordinator shall be available throughout and for a reasonable time before and after the League Match;
O.19.2. each participating Club shall procure the attendance of a physiotherapist or therapist who is qualified as required by these Rules;
O.19.3. each participating Club’s Team Doctor and physiotherapist or therapist (who shall be qualified as required by these Rules) shall occupy that Club’s trainers’ bench during the League Match;
O.19.4. the Home Club shall procure the attendance of at least two fully qualified and appropriately insured paramedics who shall be available to assist with on-field medical incidents;
O.19.5. no Person other than a participating Club’s Team Doctor, Medical Coordinator, physiotherapist or therapist (who shall be qualified as required by these Rules) or the paramedics referred to in Rule O.19.4 shall be permitted to treat Players or Match Officials on the field of play;
O.19.6. the Home Club shall ensure that all equipment and facilities listed in the Mandatory Medical Equipment Form are available and present at the Stadium;
O.19.7. the Home Club shall ensure that throughout each League Match a fully equipped, dedicated and appropriately insured ambulance suitable to carry an emergency casualty and staffed by a Person or Persons qualified to perform essential emergency care en route is available at the Stadium to transport any Player or Match Official requiring emergency treatment to hospital; and
O.19.8. the Home Club shall before each League Match make available to the Visiting Club the emergency treatment protocol referred to in Rule O.16.2 and obtain the Visiting Club’s Team Doctor’s confirmation that he has received it.

Concussive Injuries

O.20. Each Team Doctor, physiotherapist, therapist and Medical Coordinator shall, when present at a League Match or at any other match or at training, carry the pocket concussion tool (which is set out at Appendix 4A).

O.21. Any Player, whether engaged in a League Match, any other match or in training, who has sustained, or is suspected of having sustained, a concussive injury, shall not be allowed to resume playing or training (as the case may be) that same day. Furthermore, he shall not be allowed to return to playing in matches or participating in training thereafter unless he has been examined and declared fit to do so by his Team Doctor or, if he is unavailable, by another medical practitioner. In such circumstances, the welfare of the Player is paramount and the decision of the Team Doctor or other medical practitioner as to whether the Player is fit to resume playing or training shall be final.

Medical Records

O.22. Each Club shall carry out medical examinations on all its Contract Players and Academy Players registered on Scholarship Agreements (as defined in the Youth Development Rules) in accordance with the requirements laid down in Appendix 4 and keep medical records that comply with General Medical Council requirements.
### Medical Insurance

**O.23.** Where the transfer (including the Temporary Transfer) of the registration of a Contract Player is being negotiated between Clubs, the Club holding the registration shall, at the request of the other Club, and provided that the consent of the Contract Player has been obtained, provide to it the medical records of the Contract Player in question (including for the avoidance of doubt any records which the Club holds of the cardiac screening and/or concussion history of the Player).

**O.24.** During such time as there shall remain in force an agreement between the League and the Professional Footballers’ Association for the subsidising of Player insurance schemes, each Club shall cause each of its Contract Players and those of its Academy Players with whom it has entered into a Scholarship Agreement (as defined in the Youth Development Rules) to be insured under and in accordance with the terms of any private medical insurance scheme approved by the Board. In the case of such Academy Players such insurance may be limited to football related injuries.

### COVID-19 Protocols

**O.25.** Each Club must comply with the Training Protocol set out at Appendix 14 to these Rules.
# Section P: Managers

## Codes of Conduct

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| P4.1 | hold, or have commenced and be actively engaged on the requisite course to obtain, a valid UEFA Pro Licence; or  
| P4.2 | hold the Football Association Coaching Diploma; or  
| P4.3 | hold, or have commenced and be actively engaged on the requisite course to obtain, a valid diploma of a similar standard issued by another national association. |
| P5.  | No Club shall employ any Person as a Manager who does not hold a qualification listed in Rule P4. |
| P6.  | Rules P4. and P5. shall not apply to Managers until the expiry of 12 weeks from the date of their appointment as such. The Board shall have power to grant an extension of the 12 weeks period only if reasonably satisfied that a Manager is acting as a temporary replacement for another who is medically unfit to resume his duties. |

## Contracts of Employment and Submission to the Board

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### Registration of Scouts

**Q.1.** The Board shall keep a register of Scouts.

**Q.2.** Each Club upon employing or engaging a Scout shall within five days thereof apply to register him by duly completing Form 12 and submitting to the Board a copy of the document by which, in accordance with Rule J.2, the Club binds the Scout to comply with these Rules.

**Q.3.** The Board shall register a Scout and shall notify the applicant Club to that effect upon being satisfied that:
- **Q.3.1.** the Club has complied with Rule Q.2. above; and
- **Q.3.2.** the Scout who is the subject of the application is not currently registered as the Scout of another Club.

**Q.4.** Except during the period of five days mentioned in Rule Q.2. above, no Club shall employ a Scout who is not registered under the provisions of this Section of these Rules unless it has made an application to register him which has yet to be determined.

**Q.5.** Upon a Club ceasing to employ or engage a registered Scout it shall within five days thereof give notice to that effect to the Board who shall thereupon remove the name of such Scout from the register.

### Identification of Scouts

**Q.6.** Each Club shall issue to each of its registered Scouts a formal means of identification which shall include:
- **Q.6.1.** the name of the Club by which it is issued;
- **Q.6.2.** the signature of an Authorised Signatory of the issuing Club;
- **Q.6.3.** a photograph of the Scout; and
- **Q.6.4.** the Scout’s signature.

### Code of Conduct

**Q.7.** Scouts shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Scouts set out in Appendix 8 and any failure to do so shall constitute a breach of this Rule. Each Club must ensure that its Scouts comply with the provisions of these Rules (and, where applicable, the Youth Development Rules) and Appendix 8.
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### Guidance

It is recognised that Clubs may categorise disabled spectator accommodation in different ways. However, to ensure compliance with Rule R.9.2, it is expected that, at a minimum, the 10 per cent. allocation referred to should include 10 per cent. of the Home Club’s wheelchair accommodation and 10 per cent. of the Home Club’s ambulant disabled seating.
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R.10. Subject to Rule R.13A, the tickets referred to in Rule R.9 must:
R.10.1. be made available to the Visiting Club in blocks corresponding to the blocks of seating ("Seating Blocks") in the area of the Home Club's Stadium for supporters of the Visiting Club, such Seating Blocks to be designated by reference to the points at which segregation of supporters of the Home and Visiting Clubs can occur (and, for the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no maximum or minimum number of seats in a Seating Block and any question as to the size of a Seating Block or the location of a segregation point shall be determined by the Board);
R.10.2. be allocated so as to ensure that supporters of the Visiting Club are located in one or more segregated, self-contained area(s) of the Stadium; and
R.10.3. (subject to the approval of the relevant local authority) be allocated so as to ensure that, at a minimum, one Seating Block in which supporters of the Visiting Club will be located is situated "pitch-side" (i.e., the front row of such Seating Block is the row closest to the pitch in the relevant stand that is available for general admission).

R.11. Subject to Rule R.13A, the Visiting Club:
R.11.1. may order and sell tickets on a sequential Seating Block by Seating Block basis (the sequence of release of Seating Blocks to the Visiting Club to be determined by the Home Club);
R.11.2. must confirm its final order of tickets (subject to the conditions set out in Rule R.12) at least four weeks before the League Match to which they relate; and
R.11.3. shall pay for the entirety of the tickets so ordered save that it may return (and not pay for) any unsold tickets in the final Seating Block for which it ordered tickets if it has sold 50% of the tickets in that Seating Block.

R.12. Subject to Rule R.13A and unless otherwise agreed, the provision by a Home Club of tickets for sale by a Visiting Club shall be conditional upon:
R.12.1. the Visiting Club making the tickets available for purchase by the later of either three working days after receipt from the Home Club or the date that is four weeks before the date of the fixture;
R.12.2. any unsold tickets being returned by the Visiting Club to the Home Club not later than 10 days before the date fixed for the League Match to which they relate;
R.12.3. the proceeds of tickets sold and the value (to be pro-rated to the number of adult and concessionary tickets actually sold by the Visiting Club) of any unsold tickets not returned as aforesaid being paid by the Visiting Club to the Home Club within four days of the League Match taking place; and
R.12.4. the Visiting Club paying to the Home Club daily interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any amount not paid in accordance with Rule R.12.3.

R.13. Subject to Rule R.13A, each Club shall submit to the League details of its season ticket prices and ticket prices for individual League Matches no later than 48 hours before announcing the same publicly (and, in any event, before the start of each Season).


Merchandise

R.14. A Club's merchandising policy should:
R.14.1. allow for market research to be undertaken with regard to the frequency of Strip changes and to their design;
R.14.2. identify the intervals at which Strip changes are intended to take place and the date of the next intended change; and
R.14.3. provide for swing tickets attached to replica Strip to state its launch date; and
R.14.4. refer to the effect on the consumer of the obligations set out in Rules R.16 to R.19 below.

R.15. Any numbers, lettering, badges and logos appearing on replica Strip shall be of the same style, colour and design as those appearing on Players' Strip currently registered as required by Rule M.17.

R.16. In any future contract to license a manufacturer to produce for retail sale replica Strip, each Club shall include the standard clauses set out in Appendix 9.

R.17. Upon a Promoted Club becoming a member of the League in accordance with the provisions of Rule B.4, it shall give notice to any manufacturer licensed to manufacture and distribute its replica Strip in the terms set out in Appendix 10 and request such manufacturer to convey the substance of the notice to its dealers forthwith and advise them that:
R.17.1. they are free to sell, advertise and display for sale replica Strip supplied by such manufacturer at whatever price they may choose; and
R.17.2. they should inform the Competition and Markets Authority if they are concerned that a minimum resale price is being imposed.

R.18. No Club shall cause or procure any manufacturer with which it has a licensing agreement for the manufacture of replica Strip to do any act or cause to be done anything which would constitute a breach of the standard clauses referred to in Rule R.16.

R.19. Each Club shall provide the Competition and Markets Authority with such information as it may need in order to satisfy itself that Rules R.16 to R.18 above have been complied with.
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Clubs’ Policies and Procedures

S.1. Each Club shall prepare, implement, review regularly and have reviewed by its local authority (where the local authority is prepared to do so) written policies and procedures for the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk.

S.2. Each Club’s policies and procedures for the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk shall:
S.2.1. be in accordance with this Section of these Rules and shall have regard to any guidance issued by the League in respect of safe event management;
S.2.2. meet the Premier League Safeguarding Standards; and
S.2.3. comply with any other policy or guidance published by the League from time to time.

Roles and Responsibilities

S.3. Each Club shall designate a Senior Safeguarding Lead, who shall take leadership responsibility for the Club’s safeguarding provision (in consultation with the Club’s Head of Safeguarding) and actively champion safeguarding at board level. The name of the Club’s Senior Safeguarding Lead shall be notified by the Club to the League in Form 13.

S.4. Each Club shall designate at least one full-time member of Staff with the necessary skills and expertise as its Head of Safeguarding. The name of the Club’s Head of Safeguarding shall be notified by the Club to the League in Form 13.

S.5. The Head of Safeguarding shall:
S.5.1. be dedicated full-time to that role as their sole responsibility;
S.5.2. where possible, report directly to (and be managed by) the Senior Safeguarding Lead;
S.5.3. provide strategic leadership on safeguarding provision and issues within the Club;
S.5.4. review and approve the safeguarding provision for all Activities;
S.5.5. act as the first point of contact for any report or suspicion of abuse or concern relating to the welfare of a Child or Adult at Risk engaged in an Activity;
S.5.6. liaise regularly with and be guided by the advice of the relevant local and statutory authorities and the League with regard to issues concerning the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk;
S.5.7. ensure strict compliance with the Club’s policies and procedures for the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk;
S.5.8. promote awareness within the Club of safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk and encourage and monitor the adoption of best practice procedures in that regard;
S.5.9. report on a regular basis on the effectiveness of, and the Club’s compliance with, its policies and procedures for the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk to the Senior Safeguarding Lead;
S.5.10. act as the lead Club Official in any investigation of an allegation of abuse of a Child or Adult at Risk;
S.5.11. maintain the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Staff register for each Activity in such format as approved by the League;
S.5.12. be made known to all Staff, and (in any handbook or the like which the Club produces to accompany any Activity) to Children and Adults at Risk (and their Parents or carers) engaged in each Activity and be available in person or by telephone to Staff and to such Children and Adults at Risk, their Parents and carers at all reasonable times;
S.5.13. provide written instructions to Staff engaged in each Activity in respect of good practice and what they are required to do if they detect any sign of abuse of Children and Adults at Risk, if they suspect such abuse is taking place or if they otherwise have concerns as to the welfare of a Child or Adult at Risk;
S.5.14. provide guidance to and support for any member of Staff engaged in each Activity who reports suspected abuse of a Child or Adult at Risk or concerns as to their welfare; and
S.5.15. be responsible for maintaining clear, comprehensive and up-to-date records of all allegations of abuse or poor practice (including, but not limited to, those subject to referral under S.13 and S.14), details of how such allegations are resolved and any decisions reached.

S.6. The Head of Safeguarding may, in relation to a specific Activity, if appropriate, delegate any of the responsibilities listed in S.5.11 to S.5.14 to one or more other members of Staff (“Safeguarding Officer(s)”). In such circumstances, the Head of Safeguarding must supervise the work of Safeguarding Officer(s) and ensure that he/she are properly trained, and supported including, without limitation, by way of regular, minuted meetings with each Safeguarding Officer.

S.7. Each Head of Safeguarding and Safeguarding Officer shall:
S.7.1. be trained in all issues affecting the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk;
S.7.2. be given a job description that properly records their responsibilities; and
S.7.3. undertake in each calendar year continuing professional development training in the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk, approved by the League, and maintain a record thereof.

Guidance

Clubs’ attention is drawn to Youth Development Rule 204 which requires that an Academy Safeguarding Officer must be appointed to undertake the functions set out in Rule S.5.8 with regard to the Academy.
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Staff

S.8. Staff shall in all dealings with and on behalf of Children and Adults at Risk do what is reasonable in the circumstances of the case for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the safety and welfare of the relevant individual(s).

S.9. Each member of Staff shall be given regular training (in a form approved by the Head of Safeguarding) in the Club’s policies and procedures for the safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk.

S.10. Each member of Staff shall be given in writing:

- S.10.1. the name of the Club’s Head of Safeguarding;
- S.10.2. descriptions of what constitutes poor safeguarding practice, abuse or unsuitable behaviour towards a Child or Adult at Risk;
- S.10.3. details of what he is required to do if there is any sign of poor safeguarding practice, abuse or unsuitable behaviour towards a Child or Adult at Risk or if there is a suspicion that such conduct is taking place; and
- S.10.4. the League’s ‘Guidance for Safer Working Practice’.

S.11. No Person shall be appointed as a member of Staff unless:

- S.11.1. he has completed and submitted to the Club a written application;
- S.11.2. a written reference has been obtained by the Club from at least two referees named in the application;
- S.11.3. he has applied to the DBS for Disclosure;
- S.11.4. his Disclosure information has been received and the Club is satisfied that he is not unsuitable to work with Children and Adults at Risk; and
- S.11.5. his particulars have been entered in the Staff register referred to at Rule S.2.11.

Parental Consent

S.12. The written consent of a Child’s Parent shall be obtained:

- S.12.1. before the Child participates in an Activity (by the Parent completing and returning to the Head of Safeguarding a written parental consent form); and
- S.12.2. if the Child is under the age of 16, before any images or footage of him are taken or used for any purpose whatsoever.

Guidance

While the consent of a Parent (or carer) is not required where images or footage are taken of an Adult at Risk, as a matter of good practice, Clubs should ensure that where such images or footage are to be taken, the Adult at Risk understands the implications of the images or footage being taken, especially if the images or footage are to be used by the Club (or anyone else) for promotional purposes, or otherwise made publicly available.

Notification of Referrals to External Agencies and Football Authorities

S.13. On making any referral of an allegation or incident of suspected abuse of or unsuitable behaviour towards a Child or Adult at Risk to any external agency (including, without limitation, the police, the local authority, the Charity Commission, the Care Quality Commission, Ofsted or the DBS), the Head of Safeguarding or other Official making the referral shall notify the Senior Safeguarding Lead in writing and ensure that the Senior Safeguarding Lead is kept fully appraised of the progress of the referral and any subsequent investigation or action.

S.14. The Club shall notify the League and The Football Association (through the submission of the Affiliated Football Safeguarding Referral Form) of, and give the League and The Football Association such further information as they may require in respect of:

- S.14.1. any allegation received by the Club regarding the abuse of, or unsuitable behaviour towards, a Child or Adult at Risk by any current, prospective or former employee, volunteer or consultant of the Club or any affiliated community organisation or foundation (an “Associated Person”), whether or not the evidence relates to: (a) conduct by a member of Staff in the performance of his duties as a member of Staff; or (b) a non-recent or recent allegation;
- S.14.2. a third (or subsequent) incident or allegation of ‘poor practice’ (as defined in Affiliated Football’s Safeguarding Procedures), whether similar in nature or otherwise, in relation to a Child or Adult at Risk involving the same Associated Person;
- S.14.3. any referral it has made to any external agency (as described in Rule S.13); and
- S.14.4. any allegation of abuse of a Child or Adult at Risk committed by an Academy Player (as defined in the Youth Development Rules) or a participant in any activity organised by a Club’s affiliated community organisation or foundation; and
- S.14.5. any investigation by such an external agency into suspected abuse of or ‘unsuitable behaviour’ towards a Child or Adult at Risk involved in an Activity of which the Club becomes aware, whether such investigation results from a referral made pursuant to Rule S.14.1 or otherwise, in each case, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event within 24 hours of the relevant evidence, incident or investigation being referred to the external agency (where such a referral is made).

Monitoring

S.15. Each Club will permit the League to conduct at least three monitoring visits each Season to ensure compliance with this Section of these Rules, which will be attended by a Person appointed for this purpose by the League. Each Club shall ensure that each such Person is given access to all records kept in accordance with the requirements of this Section of these Rules and is able to meet Staff, Parents, Children, Academy Players, Adults at Risk and their carers.
### Publicity

S.22. Each Club shall publish in an easily accessible section of its website:

S.22.1. a clear statement of the Club’s commitment to safeguarding;

S.22.2. the name and contact details of the Club’s Head of Safeguarding; and

S.22.3. a copy of the Club’s policies and procedures referred to at Rule S.1.

### Mental and Emotional Wellbeing

S.23. Each Club shall ensure that:

S.23.1. each Season, it makes each of its Contract Players available for a session of between 45 and 90 minutes in duration, to receive information regarding the support and resources available to promote mental and emotional wellbeing;

S.23.2. it devises, implements and makes available to the League on request, a Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Action Plan; and

S.23.3. designates an individual as its Mental and Emotional Wellbeing Lead, with responsibility for the Club’s mental emotional wellbeing provision and who actively champions mental and emotional wellbeing initiatives at board level.

### Safer Recruitment

S.16. Such Person shall:

S.16.1. give written feedback to the Club concerned on each monitoring visit made and, if appropriate, agree with the Club an action plan setting out actions to be taken by the Club to ensure compliance with this Section of these Rules;

S.16.2. report on each visit in writing to the League; and

S.16.3. at the end of each Season or as soon as practicable thereafter, present to the League and the Club a written annual report on the Club’s compliance with this Section of these Rules.

S.17. Where, as a result of its monitoring of Clubs in accordance with Rule S.15, receipt of a referral or notification in accordance with Rules S.13 and S.14, or otherwise, the League becomes aware of abuse of or unsuitable behaviour towards a Child or Adult at Risk by a member of Staff or otherwise holds concerns regarding a Club’s handling of a matter relating to safeguarding, it may (in its absolute discretion) conduct a case review, either on its own or in conjunction with The Football Association. Where such a case review is undertaken, the League shall be entitled to have access to all records kept in accordance with the requirements of this Section of these Rules and shall be entitled to meet Staff, Parents, Children, Adults at Risk and their carers. Following such a case review, the League may make such directions to the Club concerned and/or propose such measures be put in place by the Club as it considers necessary, which must be adopted by the Club concerned in full.

S.18. The League will undertake all matters connected with the use of the Disclosure service for those Clubs not registered with the DBS.

S.19. Clubs not registered with the DBS agree to be bound by any guidance or policy on the issue of safer recruitment published by the League from time to time.

S.20. Each Club shall prepare, implement and review regularly a safer recruitment policy, which shall:

S.20.1. be in accordance with this Section of these Rules; and

S.20.2. comply in full with any guidance or policy published by the League from time to time.

S.21. Each Club shall designate a member of Staff as its Lead Disclosure Officer whose name shall be notified to the League in Form 13. The Lead Disclosure Officer shall:

S.21.1. act as the Club’s principal point of contact with the League on all matters connected with safer recruitment and the use of the Disclosure service;

S.21.2. liaise regularly with and be guided by the advice of the League on all matters concerning safer recruitment procedures and the use of the Disclosure service; and

S.21.3. ensure strict compliance by the Club with its safer recruitment policies.
### Rules: Section T

#### Players – Contracts

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### Guidance

For Season 2019/20, the Board will grant permission: (a) for contracts to be varied in an approved form, so as to reduce and/or defer the remuneration payable to the Player; or (b) for Season 2019/20 Contract Extensions to be reflected in some form other than Form 15, provided the form is approved by the Board.

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### Signing-on Fees

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<td>T.15</td>
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<td>is for a period of not less than three months; and</td>
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T.17. If the registration of a Contract Player is transferred when any part of his Signing-on Fee remains unpaid, a sum equal to the unpaid balance thereof shall be paid to him forthwith by the Transferor Club unless:

T.17.1. the transfer is consequent upon the Contract Player’s contract having been terminated by the Transferor Club by reason of the Contract Player’s breach of its terms and conditions;
T.17.2. the transfer is consequent upon the Contract Player’s written request to that effect;
T.17.3. the Board, on the application of either the Transferor Club or the Contract Player, otherwise decides and either party may appeal to the Premier League Appeals Committee against the decision of the Board in this respect in accordance with the provisions of Section Z of these Rules; or
T.17.4. the Contract Player and Transferor Club agree in writing (with a copy of such agreement submitted to the Board) that the Contract Player’s entitlement under this Rule T.17 to receive the unpaid balance is waived.

Lump Sum Payments

T.18. Unless otherwise agreed by the Board, no lump sum payment shall be paid or payable by a Club to a Player during the first year of his employment as a Contract Player with that Club save for:

T.18.1. a Signing-on Fee (which must be paid in accordance with Rules T.15 to T.17); or
T.18.2. a sum paid in respect of the Player’s relocation expenses not exceeding the amount from time to time permitted by HMRC to be paid for this purpose without income tax and national insurance liability.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, a sum payable in equal weekly or monthly instalments over the duration of the first year of a Contract Player’s employment will not constitute a ‘lump sum’ for the purposes of Rule T.18.

Image Contracts

T.19. Particulars of any Image Contract Payment in respect of the Player shall be set out in the contract with his Club.

T.20. No Image Contract or other agreement entered into by a Club may vary or affect the rights and obligations set out in clause 4 of Form 15 (Standard Player’s Contract) to the extent that such rights and obligations relate to rights granted to the Premier League.

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Signing the Contract

T.21. Save where an alternative method of execution is approved by the Board in advance, a contract between a Club and a Player shall be signed in each case in the presence of a witness by:

T.21.1. the Player;
T.21.2. the Player’s Parent if the Player is under the age of 18 years; and
T.21.3. an Authorised Signatory on behalf of the Club.

Reporting Fines etc.

T.22. A copy of any notice terminating a Player’s contract, whether given by the Club or the Player, and any notice given by a Club imposing a fine on a Player or suspending him shall be sent forthwith by the Club to the League and to The Football Association.

Submission to Board

T.23. A Club shall request each Contract Player (or if he is a minor his Parent) to complete Form 16 at the same time that he signs his first contract with the Club. If he does, the Club shall submit the completed Form 16 to the Board when it submits a copy of the contract pursuant to Rule T.24.

T.24. Subject to the provisions of Rules U.17, U.19, U.21 and V.11.3, Clubs shall submit to the Board copies of all contracts with Players (including any amendments to contracts permitted by the Board and any Season 2019/20 Contract Extensions) within five days of their execution.

Mutual Termination

T.25. If the parties thereto agree to terminate a Player’s contract before its expiry date they shall forthwith notify The Football Association and the Board to that effect and shall provide the Board with a copy of any compromise or other agreement recording that termination within five days of its coming into full force and effect.

T.26. A Club shall be at liberty at any time to reach agreement with a Contract Player to amend the terms of his contract. If such an agreement increases the Contract Player’s remuneration then, unless the agreement is made in the Close Season, it shall be a term thereof that the Contract Player’s current contract is extended by a minimum of one year.

Appeal against Termination

T.27. An appeal by a Player under the provisions of clause 10.3 of Form 14 or Form 15 or by a Club under the provisions of clause 11.2 of Form 14 or Form 15 shall be commenced by notice in writing addressed to the other party to the contract and to the Chairman of the Judicial Panel (with a copy provided to the Board).
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Appeal against Disciplinary Decision

T.28. An appeal by a Player under the provisions of paragraph 3.3.2 of Schedule 1, Part 1, of Form 14 or Form 15 shall be commenced by notice in writing addressed to the Club and to the Chairman of the Judicial Panel (with a copy provided to the Board).

T.29. Appeals pursuant to Rule T.27 or Rule T.28 shall be conducted in such manner as the Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or any member(s) of the Judicial Panel appointed by the Chairman to consider the appeal) may determine.

T.30. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or any member(s) of the Judicial Panel appointed by the Chairman to consider the appeal) may allow or dismiss any such appeal and make such other order as it thinks fit.

Disputes between Clubs and Players

T.31. Any dispute or difference between a Club and a Player not otherwise expressly provided for in these Rules may be referred in writing by either party to the Board for consideration and adjudication in such manner as the Board may think fit. For the purpose of this Rule only, “Player” shall include one who was formerly employed by the Club with which the dispute or difference has arisen, whether or not he has been registered to play for another Club.

Orders for Costs

T.32. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his appointee(s), as appropriate), shall have the power to make an order for costs:

T.32.1. in determining appeals under Rule T.27 or Rule T.28;
T.32.2. in making an adjudication under Rule T.31; and
T.32.3. if any proceedings under Rule T.27 or Rule T.28 or Rule T.31, having been commenced, are withdrawn.

T.33. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his appointee(s), as appropriate), shall have the power to determine the amount of any such costs which may include, without limitation, those incurred by the League in the conduct of the proceedings.

T.34. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his appointee(s), as appropriate), shall have the power, at any time during the proceedings, to order one or several interim or final payments on account of the costs of the League.

T.35. Costs ordered to be paid as aforesaid shall be recoverable:

T.35.1. in the case of a Club, under the provisions of Rule E.19; or
T.35.2. in any other case, as a civil debt.

Appeal

T.36. Within 14 days of a decision of the Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his appointee(s), as appropriate), given under the provisions of either Rule T.30 or Rule T.31, either party may by notice in writing appeal against such decision to the Premier League Appeals Committee whose decision shall be final.

Effect of Termination

T.37. Upon the termination of a Player’s contract by a Club under the provisions of clause 10.1 of Form 14 or Form 15 becoming operative or upon the termination by a Player of his contract with his Club under the provisions of clause 11.1 of Form 14 or Form 15 becoming operative, the Club shall forthwith release the Player’s registration.

T.38. Except in the case of a Retired Player to whom the provisions of Rule U.29.5 apply, upon a Player’s contract being terminated by mutual consent, his Club shall retain the Player’s registration for such period (if any) and on such terms (if any) as the parties may in writing agree. Should the Player sign for another Club (or Football League club) during that period, that Club (or Football League club) shall pay to the Club retaining the registration a Compensation Fee determined, in default of agreement, by the Professional Football Compensation Committee.

Testimonial Matches

T.39. Notwithstanding that it has no contractual obligation to do so, a Club in its absolute discretion and with the prior written consent of the Board may, in the case of a Player who has completed 10 or more years in its service as such, permit its Stadium to be used without charge for the purposes of a testimonial match.

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Section U: Players – Registrations

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<td>U.2. A Club shall be deemed to hold the registration of a Player upon receipt of the League’s confirmation by email to that effect.</td>
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<td>U.3. If a loan of a Player (whether by Temporary Transfer or otherwise) is cancelled by mutual consent, the Player shall not play for the Club to which he is returning unless the League has confirmed to that Club that the Player is eligible to play for it.</td>
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<td>U.4. A Club shall apply to:</td>
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<td>U.5. A Player shall be deemed to have been included or removed from a Club’s Squad List on receipt of the Board’s written confirmation.</td>
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<td>U.7. Each application to register a Player shall be subject to the approval of the Board.</td>
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<td>U.8. In addition to the forms and documents specifically required by these Rules, a Club shall submit to the Board:</td>
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<td>U.8.2. any contract it proposes to enter into, save for a Representation Contract or an Image Contract, which gives the Club or any other party to the proposed contract the right to receive payments in respect of a Player.</td>
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Any such proposed contract shall be subject to the approval of the Board. In deciding whether to give such approval the Board shall have regard to (without limitation) Rules I.4 and I.7 (regarding dual interests).

Types of Registration

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<td>U.11. A Player who last played (or was last registered to play) for a club affiliated to a national association other than that to which the Club which is applying to register him is affiliated shall not be registered unless the League has received written confirmation from the Club’s national association that an international transfer certificate has been issued in respect of the Player.</td>
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<td>U.12. A Player who is the subject of a loan to a Club or club affiliated to a national association other than that to which the loaning Club is affiliated may not play for the loaning Club following the termination of the loan until the League has received written confirmation from the Club’s national association that an international transfer certificate has been issued in respect of his return to his Club, and the League has confirmed to the Club in writing receipt thereof and that he is eligible to play for that Club.</td>
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<td>U.13. An application to register a Player shall be accompanied by such evidence as the League may require to demonstrate that the Player may take up employment in the United Kingdom, and the League shall not confirm that he is eligible to play for the Club applying to register him until the League has received such evidence.</td>
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Registration Procedure

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<td>U.14. For the purpose of this Section of these Rules the New Registration of a Player shall mean his registration at a time when no other Club (or club) holds his registration (which shall include, in the circumstances set out in Rules U.3 and U.12, confirmation that he is eligible to play for it) with effect from at least 75 minutes before kick-off and for League Matches to be played between the close of the Summer Transfer Window and the end of the Season either:</td>
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U.18. The transfer of the registration of a Contract Player shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Rule V.11.

U.19. The New Registration of a Contract Player on a Monthly Contract basis shall be effected by completion of and submission to the Board of Football Association Form G(1), signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory, together with a copy of the Player’s contract.

U.20. The transfer of the registration of a Contract Player on a Monthly Contract basis shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Rule V.11.

U.21. A Monthly Contract registration may be extended by one month by completion of and submission to the Board of Football Association Form G(1) (Extension), signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory, and, if any changes to it have been made, a copy of the Player’s contract.

U.22. The Temporary Transfer of the registration of a Contract Player and any extension thereof shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Rules V.6 to V.10.

U.23. Subject to the provisions of Rule V.1, the deadline for receipt by the Board of all duly completed documents required by these Rules to effect the registration of a Player shall be 12 noon on the last Working Day before the date of the first League Match in which the Club making the application intends him to play, save that the international transfer certificate and evidence of eligibility to take up employment in the United Kingdom (in both cases if applicable) may be provided thereafter (but must be provided before the Player is registered by the League).

U.24. A Club which transfers or cancels the registration of a Player may not apply to register that Player within a year except with the prior written consent of the Board.

Multiplicity of Registrations

U.25. A Player shall not apply to be registered by more than one Club (or club) at any one time and the Board shall refuse any application made in breach of this Rule.

Monthly Registrations

U.26. There shall be no limit to the number of times a Monthly Contract registration may be extended under Rule U.21 provided that a Club intending to apply to extend the Monthly Contract registration of a Player for a third or subsequent time shall give to the Player not less than seven days’ notice of its intention to do so.

U.27. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule V.1, a Club may apply at any time to extend a Monthly Contract registration provided it has not been allowed to expire.

Termination of Registrations

U.28. The registration of an Amateur Player:
   U.28.1. shall expire at the end of the Season in which it commenced;
   U.28.2. may be terminated before its expiry by agreement to that effect between the Club and the Player, such agreement to be notified in writing forthwith by the Club to the Board; and
   U.28.3. may likewise be terminated by order of the Board on the application of either the Club or the Player.

U.29. Subject to the provisions of Rules T.38 and T.39, a contract registration shall terminate:
   U.29.1. in the case of a Contract Player, upon it being transferred in accordance with Rule V.11;
   U.29.2. in the case of an Out of Contract Player in respect of whom the conditions set out in Rule V.17 have been satisfied, upon a Transferee Club effecting his New Registration;
   U.29.3. in the case of an Out of Contract Player in respect of whom the said conditions have not been satisfied, upon the expiry of his contract;
   U.29.4. in the case of a Contract Player, upon his contract being terminated on the ground of his permanent incapacity; and
   U.29.5. in the case of a Retired Player, on the expiry of a period of 30 months commencing at the end of the Season in which he stops playing competitive football.

New Registrations Requiring Consent

U.30. An application for the New Registration of a Contract Player whose contract has been terminated by a Club (or club) on the ground of his permanent incapacity shall be refused unless that Club (or club) consents.

U.31. An application for the New Registration of a Contract Player who has received a lump sum disability benefit under the terms of the League’s personal accident insurance scheme shall be refused unless, upon being satisfied that the circumstances of such application are exceptional, the Board consents.

List of Players

U.32. By no later than 23 June 2020 each Club shall confirm to the Board:
   U.32.1. whether the list of Players provided to it for these purposes is complete and accurate in all material particulars;
   U.32.2. details of any Players who are not included in the list referred to in Rule U.32.1 but who should be so included;
   U.32.3. in the case of each Contract Player whose registration it holds and whose contract expires on the 30 June in that year, whether or not the Club has:
      U.32.3.1. offered him a new contract under the provisions of Rule V.17.2, or
      U.32.3.2. implemented any option provision in respect of him, or
      U.32.3.3. agreed a Season 2019/20 Contract Extension with him, and
### Clubs Ceasing to be Members

**U.34.** Upon a Club (in this Rule and Rule U.35 called “the Former Member”) ceasing to be a member of the League under the provisions of Rule B.5 (other than by reason of its relegation from the League in accordance with Rule C.14), the registrations of its Players (except those held in consequence of a Temporary Transfer) shall vest in the League and thereafter the League shall be at liberty to transfer those registrations as it shall think fit and shall receive any Compensation Fees to which the Former Member would otherwise have been entitled under the provisions of Section V of these Rules (Players – Transfers of Registrations).

**U.35.** Any Compensation Fees obtained in accordance with Rule U.34 shall belong to the League and thereupon the League shall be at liberty to transfer those registrations as it shall think fit and shall receive any Compensation Fees to which the Former Member would otherwise have been entitled under the provisions of Section V of these Rules (Players – Transfers of Registrations).

### Prohibition of Third Party Investment

**U.36.** Unless otherwise agreed by the Board and subject to Rule U.37, a Club may only make or receive a payment or incur any liability as a result of or in connection with the proposed or actual registration (whether permanent or temporary), transfer of registration or employment by it of a Player in the following circumstances:

- **U.36.1.** by payment to a Transferor Club or receipt from a Transferee Club of a Compensation Fee, Contingent Sum, Loan Fee or sell-on fee;
- **U.36.2.** by payment of levy pursuant to Rules V.38, V.39 and V.40;
- **U.36.3.** by receipt of all or part of a Compensation Fee, Contingent Sum, Loan Fee or sell-on fee, in default of payment of it by the Transferee Club from which it is due, from:
  - a financial institution or other guarantor;
  - the League in accordance with the provisions of these Rules; or
- **U.36.3.3.** The Football League in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of The Football League;
- **U.36.4.** by way of remuneration (including benefits in cash or kind and Image Contract Payments) to or for the benefit of a Contract Player whose registration it holds;
- **U.36.5.** by way of an allowance permitted by Youth Development Rule 286, to an Academy Player with whom it has entered into a Scholarship Agreement (as defined in the Youth Development Rules);
- **U.36.6.** by way of payment to an Intermediary strictly in accordance with the terms of the The FA Regulations on Working with Intermediaries;
- **U.36.7.** by payment of incidental expenses arising in respect thereof;
- **U.36.8.** by payment or receipt of training compensation or solidarity payment pursuant to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and any other levies or payments payable to or by a Club pursuant to the statutes or regulations of FIFA or any other football governing body from time to time, or otherwise properly due to or from such a governing body;
- **U.36.9.** by payment of value added tax payable in respect of any of the above payments or liabilities, and
- **U.36.10.** in the case of a Transferor Club, by assignment of its entitlement to a Compensation Fee or Loan Fee to a Financial Institution.

### Assignment of Entitlement to Compensation Fee or Loan Fee

**U.37.** In respect of a player whom it applies to register as a Contract Player, a Club is permitted to make a payment to buy out the interest of a Person who, not being a Club or club, nevertheless has an agreement either with the club with which the player is registered, or with the player, granting it the right to receive money from a new Club or club for which that player becomes registered. Any such payment which is not dependent on the happening of a contingent event may be made either in one lump sum or in instalments provided that all such instalments are paid on or before the expiry date of the initial contract between the Club and the player. Any such payment which is payable upon the happening of a contingent event shall be payable within seven days of the happening of that event.

**U.38.** A Club may only assign its entitlement to a Compensation Fee or Loan Fee to a Financial Institution in accordance with Rule U.36.10 where, as a condition of such assignment, the relevant Financial Institution confirms in a written agreement with the Club that it will not further assign the entitlement to a third party without the express prior written consent of the League.
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Section V: Players – Transfers of Registrations

Transfer Windows

V.1. “Transfer Windows” means the two periods in a year during which, subject to Rule V.4, a Club may apply for:
V.1.1. the New Registration of a player;
V.1.2. the registration of a player transferred to it; and
V.1.3. the registration of a Temporary Transfer.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, the duration of a Temporary Transfer may be extended by all parties entering into a Season 2019/20 Loan Extension notwithstanding the fact that the Season 2019/20 Loan Extension is concluded outside of a Transfer Window.

V.2. Subject to Rules V.2A and V.2B, the Summer Transfer Window in any year shall:
V.2.1. conclude at 17:00 on the Thursday before the commencement of the relevant Season or at such other date and at such other time as the Board may determine in its discretion (which will only be exercised in the event of agreement by a simple majority of Clubs on an alternative date and time); and
V.2.2. commence either: (1) at midnight on the last day of the Season, or (2) at midnight on the date 12 weeks prior to the date on which it is to conclude (in accordance with Rule V.2.1, above), whichever is the later.

Guidance

The Board will confirm the two issues of: (a) the date/time on which the Summer Transfer Window will open; and (b) whether or not the Summer Transfer Window will close at 17:00 on the Thursday before the commencement of the relevant Season, at the first General Meeting of the preceding Season (for example, the opening and closing time and date of the 2020 Summer Transfer Window will be determined at the first General Meeting of Season 2019/20).

V.2A. In 2020, the Summer Transfer Window shall:
V.2A.1. open at midnight following the conclusion of the last League Match of Season 2019/20; and
V.2A.2. subject to Rule V.2B, close at 17:00 on 16 October 2020.

V.2B. Between 23:01 on 5 October 2020 and the closure of the 2020 Summer Transfer Window, a Club may only apply for the registration of a player (whether by way of permanent registration or Temporary Transfer) who was last registered with a club that is (a) affiliated to The FA, or (b) has its registered address in Wales but is a member of the Football League.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, during the period referred to in Rule V.2B, no Club may acquire the registration (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) of a player from another Club or overseas club (with the exception of a Welsh club in membership of the Football League).

V.3. The Winter Transfer Window in any year shall commence at midnight on 31 December or at such other date and time as the Board shall determine and shall end on 31 January next if a Working Day or, if not, on the first Working Day thereafter, at a time to be determined by the Board.

Section V: Players – Transfers of Registrations

Temporary Transfers

V.4. Outside a Transfer Window, the Board in its absolute discretion may:
V.4.1. refuse an application to register a player; or
V.4.2. grant an application to register a player and, if thought fit, impose conditions by which the Club making the application and the player shall be bound.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, the duration of a Temporary Transfer may be extended by all parties entering into a Season 2019/20 Loan Extension notwithstanding the fact that the Season 2019/20 Loan Extension is concluded outside of a Transfer Window.

V.5. A “Temporary Transfer” shall mean the transfer of a contract registration effected in accordance with Rules V.6 to V.10.

V.6. Subject to the conditions set out below, a Temporary Transfer shall be permitted:
V.6.1. between Clubs; and
V.6.2. between a Club and a club in membership of The Football League, the National League, the Northern Premier League, the Isthmian League and the Southern League; and
V.6.3. between a Club that has its registered address in Wales and a club in membership of the Welsh Premier League.

V.7. The conditions referred to in Rule V.6 are:
V.7.1. a Temporary Transfer to a Club may not take place in the Transfer Window in which the Transferor Club acquired the Player’s registration;
V.7.2. during the period of the Temporary Transfer of his contract registration a Player shall not play against the Transferor Club;
V.7.3. if during the period of a Temporary Transfer the Player’s registration is transferred permanently from the Transferor Club to the Transfersee Club, the two Clubs may agree in writing (with such agreement copied to the League) that the Player shall not play against the Transferor Club for the remainder of the Season;
V.7.4. subject to any conditions imposed by the Board in the exercise of its discretion under Rule V.4.2, and save where a Season 2019/20 Loan Extension has been agreed between the two Clubs and the Player, the minimum period of a Temporary Transfer shall be the period between two consecutive Transfer Windows and the period of a Temporary Transfer shall not extend beyond 30 June next after it was entered into, save that the Board may, in its absolute discretion, permit a Temporary Transfer to be terminated before the commencement of the second Transfer Window (subject to such conditions as the Board deems appropriate);
V.7.5. the maximum number of Temporary Transfers to any one Club registrable in the same Season shall be four and in no circumstances shall more than one be from the same Transferor Club at any one time save there shall be excluded from these numbers any Temporary Transfer of the kind described in V.7.6.1 or V.7.6.2;
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V.7.6. not more than two Temporary Transfers shall be registered by a Club at the same time except that there shall be excluded from that number:
  V.7.6.1. any Temporary Transfer which become permanent; and
  V.7.6.2. the Temporary Transfer of a goalkeeper whose registration the Board may in its absolute discretion the Board may allow in circumstances it considers to be exceptional;
  V.7.7. a Club may transfer the registration of no more than one of its goalkeepers by way of temporary transfer to another Club each Season, subject to any further Temporary Transfer of one of its goalkeepers pursuant to Rule V.7.6.2, and
  V.7.8. any other conditions agreed between the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club or, in the exercise of its discretion, imposed by the Board.

Guidance

Where a Season 2019/20 Loan Extension has been agreed by the two Clubs and the Player, the duration of the Temporary Transfer will extend beyond 30 June and conclude at midnight on the day after the Club’s last Season 2019/20 match in any of the competitions listed in Rule L.9. The Board will also permit Season 2019/20 Loan Extensions, subject to compliance with FIFA’s Regulation on the Status and Transfer of Players, in respect of a Player whose permanent registration is held by a club in membership of a national association other than The FA.

For the avoidance of doubt, no Club that already has two Temporary Transfers registered at the same time may be permitted to register a further player whose permanent registration is held by a Club on a ‘sub-loan’. That is to say, if a player is loaned by a club based overseas (or to which Rules V.5 to V.7 do not otherwise apply), that player cannot then be ‘sub-loaned’ by the overseas club to another Club where that Club already has two Temporary Transfers registered at that time.

An example of the circumstances in which the Board might exercise its discretion in Rule V.7.4 is where a Player subject to a Temporary Transfer is unable to represent the Club temporarily holding his registration, due to a long-term injury. In such circumstances, the Board might approve the termination of the Temporary Transfer on the condition that the Player is prohibited from making any first team appearances at the Club with which he re-registers, during the remaining period of the original Temporary Transfer.

V.8. The Loan Fee payable on a Temporary Transfer shall be such sum (if any) as shall have been agreed between the Transferee Club and the Transferor Club and set out in Football Association Form H.2 or Form H.3 (as appropriate) or in a supplementary agreement.

V.9. Any Loan Fee (including any instalments thereof) shall be paid on or before the date or dates agreed between the parties, the latest of which must be no later than 30 June immediately following the conclusion of the Season in which the Temporary Transfer expired.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, where a Season 2019/20 Loan Extension has been agreed, the relevant Loan Fee (which includes any amount payable in respect of the initial loan and any amount payable for the Season 2019/20 Loan Extension) must be paid by 30 June 2021.

V.10. A Temporary Transfer shall be effected by submitting to the Board Football Association Form H.2 or Form H.3 duly completed and signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory.
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V.17. Provided that the following conditions are satisfied, a Compensation Fee shall be paid to a Transferor Club by a Transferee Club upon effecting the New Registration of an Out of Contract Player:

V.17.1. the Out of Contract Player in question must be under the age of 24 years as at the 30 June in the year his contract of employment with a Club has expired;

V.17.2. by: (a) 23 June 2020, or (b) four Working Days after the last relevant F.A. Cup match, UEFA Champions League match, UEFA Europa League match or League Match of Season 2019/20, whichever is the earlier, the Transferor Club must send to the Player Form 19 offering him a new contract, (which for the avoidance of doubt does not include a Season 2019/20 Contract Extension) on the terms therein set out, which must be no less favourable than those in his current contract;

V.17.3. any offer made on Form 19 by a Club to a Player under the provisions of Rule V.17.2 shall remain open and capable of acceptance by the Player for a period of one month from the date upon which it was sent by the Club by ordinary first class post to his usual or last known address; and

V.17.4. a copy of Form 19 must be sent forthwith to the Board.

V.18. Contract terms shall be deemed to be no less favourable if, disregarding any provision for a Signing-on Fee in the Player’s current contract which is stated to be a once only payment, they are at least equal in value to the most favourable terms to which the Player was or is entitled in any year of his current contract.

The Player’s Options

V.19. Upon receiving an offer on Form 19 a Player may either:

V.19.1. accept the same within one month of its date and enter into a new contract with his Club in the terms offered; or

V.19.2. decline it in writing.

V.20. If the Player considers that the terms offered by his Club and set out in Form 19 are less favourable than those in his current contract, he may give notice to that effect to his Club and the Board in Form 20 and apply for a free transfer.

V.21. Such application shall be determined by the Board and if it succeeds:

V.21.1. the Player’s Club will not be entitled to a Compensation Fee upon a Transferor Club effecting his New Registration; and

V.21.2. the Player will receive severance pay in accordance with his contract.

The Club’s Options

V.22. If a Club makes an offer to a Player on Form 19 and the Player declines it, upon the expiry of the Player’s contract the Club may either:

V.22.1. enter into a Conditional Contract with the Player in such financial terms as may be agreed;

V.22.2. enter into a Week by Week Contract with the Player; or

V.22.3. if neither a Conditional Contract nor a Week by Week Contract has been entered into or a Week by Week Contract has been determined by the Club, continue to pay the Player the amount of the basic wage under his expired contract, and in any such case the Club shall be entitled to a Compensation Fee upon a Transferee Club effecting the Player’s New Registration provided he then remains under the age of 24 years and the other conditions set out in Rule V.17 have been satisfied.

V.23. The financial terms of a Week by Week Contract shall be those contained in the Player’s expired contract, excluding any Signing-on Fee, except that the Player shall be entitled to receive such incentives (if any) as are payable by the Club to its Contract Players with effect from the date of his new contract.

V.24. An Out of Contract Player who continues to receive from his Club the amount of his basic wage under the provisions of Rule V.22.3 shall not be entitled to play for that Club. If such Out of Contract Player unreasonably refuses an offer of employment by another Club (or club), his Club may make application to the Premier League Appeals Committee for an order that payments to the Out of Contract Player may cease without affecting his Club’s entitlement to a Compensation Fee.

V.25. A Club which having continued to pay the Player the amount of his basic wage under Rule V.22.3 intends to cease making such payments shall give to the Player two weeks’ notice to that effect and upon a Transferee Club effecting the Player’s New Registration the Club shall not be entitled to a Compensation Fee.

The Compensation Fee

V.26. The Compensation Fee payable by a Transferee Club to a Transferor Club upon the transfer of the registration of a Contract Player to the Transferee Club shall be such sum as shall have been agreed between the Transferee Club and the Transferor Club and set out in the Transfer Agreement.

V.27. The Compensation Fee likewise payable in respect of an Out of Contract Player under the provisions of Rule V.17 shall be:

V.27.1. such sum as shall have been agreed between the Transferee Club and the Transferor Club or in default of agreement; or

V.27.2. such sum as the Professional Football Compensation Committee on the application of either Club shall determine.

V.28. A Club which is a Transferor Club shall provide to any previous Club or Football League club with which a Player was registered, and which has a right to sell-on fee in respect of any transfer of that Player, full details of any Compensation Fee and Contingent Sum(s) to which it becomes entitled. The Club receiving the information shall not disclose or divulge it directly or indirectly to any third party without the prior written consent of the Transferor Club save to statutory and regulatory authorities or as may be required by law or to its auditors.
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Method of Payment

V.29. Subject to Rules V.30 and V.35, all Compensation Fees, Loan Fees (including in both cases instalments thereof) and Contingent Sums payable to a Club or to a Football League club shall be paid (together in each case with value added tax at the then current rate) by the Transferor Club into the Compensation Fee Account by telegraphic transfer or by such other means as the Board may from time to time direct.

V.30. If a Club assigns its entitlement to a Compensation Fee or Loan Fee instalment pursuant to Rule U.36.10:
V.30.1. it shall procure by means of a legally enforceable agreement that monies payable by virtue of the assignment are paid into the Compensation Fee Account by the assignee; and
V.30.2. it shall irrevocably and unconditionally instruct the Transferor Club to pay such monies to the assignee upon their becoming due.

V.31. Subject to Rule V.37.2, forthwith upon receiving monies into the Compensation Fee Account the Board shall pay the same to the Transferor Club entitled to receive them.

V.32. A Transfer Agreement shall provide that the agreed Compensation Fee together with value added tax at the then current rate shall be paid on or before the dates set out in the Transfer Agreement (and if any such date is not a Working Day then the instalment shall be paid on the Working Day which immediately precedes that date).

V.33. Where any Compensation Fee payable under the provisions of Rule V.17 is not agreed between the Transferor Club and the Transferer Club, the Transferor Club shall upon applying to register the Out of Contract Player pay into the Compensation Fee Account at least half the Compensation Fee offered to the Transferor Club and the balance shall likewise be paid as determined by the Professional Football Compensation Committee under Rule V.27.2.

V.34. If the registration of a Player is further transferred before the Compensation Fee in respect of an earlier transfer is paid in full, the Transferor Club in that earlier transfer shall forthwith pay the balance of such Compensation Fee into the Compensation Fee Account, save:
V.34.1. where it has received an instruction in accordance with Rule V.30.2, in which case it shall pay such balance to the assignee named in the instruction on the date or dates when it becomes due under the Transfer Agreement pursuant to which it acquired the registration of the Player; or
V.34.2. where the Board expressly approves an alternative arrangement for the payment of the balance of the Compensation Fee into the Compensation Fee Account.

Transfer Levy

V.35. An agreement for an International Transfer and a Transfer Agreement with a Transferor Club which is not in membership of the League or The Football League shall provide that the Compensation Fee, any instalments thereof and any Contingent Sums payable by the Transferor Club shall be paid (together with any value added tax payable in respect thereof) to The Football Association by telegraphic transfer or by such other means as the Board may from time to time direct for payment to the Transferor Club in accordance with The Football Association Rules.

V.36. Upon the happening of a contingent event resulting in a Contingent Sum (including for the avoidance of doubt, contingent compensation payable pursuant to the Youth Development Rules) becoming payable:
V.36.1. in the case of an International Transfer, the Transferor Club shall forthwith inform the Transferor Club in writing to that effect and shall pay such Contingent Sum by the date stipulated in the transfer agreement (which must be no later than the following 31 July) in accordance with Rule V.35;
V.36.2. in every other case, the Transferor Club shall forthwith inform the Transferor Club to that effect on Form 21 and shall pay such Contingent Sum by the date stipulated in the transfer agreement (which must be no later than the following 31 July) in accordance with Rule V.29.

V.37. If any Transferor Club acts in breach of Rules V.29 or V.32 to V.36 inclusive:
V.37.1. the Board shall have power to refuse any application by that Transferor Club to register any Player until any sums then payable to its Transferor Club are paid;
V.37.2. the Board shall have the power set out at Rule E.22;
V.37.3. the Board shall have power to impose a penalty in accordance with the tariff of applicable penalties which it shall from time to time notify to Clubs; and
V.37.4. that Transferor Club shall pay to its Transferor Club interest on any part of a Compensation Fee or Contingent Sum not paid on its due date at the rate of five per cent over the base rate from time to time of Barclays Bank Plc from that date until the date of payment together with such other penalty as the Board in its discretion may decide.

V.38. Subject to Rule V.39, upon payment of a Compensation Fee, a Contingent Sum or a payment made pursuant to Rule U.37, a Club shall forthwith pay to the League a levy equal to four per cent of the sum paid (net of any value added tax) and in the case of a Compensation Fee payable by instalments, the levy upon the whole of it shall be paid as aforesaid upon the Transferor Club applying to register the Player to which it relates.

V.39. Levy shall not be payable on a Loan Fee unless the registration of the Contract Player who is the subject of the Temporary Transfer is transferred on a permanent basis from the Transferor Club to the Transferer Club during, or within four months of the expiry of, the Temporary Transfer, in which case a levy equal to four per cent of the aggregate of any Loan Fee and Compensation Fee shall be paid to the League.
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V.40. Where a Transferee Club registers a Player and the relevant consideration tendered by the Transferor Club includes the registration of another Player or some other form of non-financial consideration or value-in-kind, the Transferee Club and Transferor Club shall attribute a financial value to the Player(s) transferred, which shall be noted in the Transfer Agreement(s), and upon which a levy equal to four per cent of such value shall be paid in each case.

Guidance
Where in the case of a proposed transfer of the type referred to in Rule V.40, above, the Board is of the view that the financial value attributed to either of the Players is materially below that Player’s true transfer value (with the effect that a reduced sum is payable by way of levy), the Board will request that the Transferor Club(s) restate(s) the declared transfer value and may exercise its power under Rule V.12 if necessary.

V.41. The sums received by the League by way of levy shall be used to pay premiums due under the Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme and any surplus shall be added to the Professional Game Youth Fund.

Solidarity – England and Wales

V.42. Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between each Club that they shall not make or continue any claim (to FIFA, the Football Association or any other relevant regulatory body of football and/or any judicial bodies exercising jurisdiction pursuant to any rules thereof) under Article 20 (Training Compensation) and/or Article 21 (Solidarity Mechanism) of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players in relation to movement of players between:

V.42.1 Clubs (or clubs) affiliated to the Football Association; and
V.42.2 Clubs (or clubs) affiliated to the Football Association of Wales but which participate in leagues sanctioned by the Football Association.

V.43. Any Club that makes or continues any claim (including any claim made prior to admission into membership of the League) in breach of the agreement set out in Rule V.42 shall indemnify those Club(s) or club(s) that are the subject of the claim against any liability imposed by FIFA, the Football Association or any other relevant regulatory body of football and/or any judicial bodies exercising jurisdiction pursuant to any rules thereof.
Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution

Section W: Disciplinary

Power of Inquiry

W.1. The Board shall have power to inquire into any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules and for that purpose may require:
   W.1.1. any Manager, Match Official, Official or Player to appear before it to answer questions and/or provide information; and
   W.1.2. any such Person or any Club to produce documents.

W.2. Any Manager, Match Official, Official or Player who fails to appear before or to produce documents to the Board when required to do so under Rule W.1 shall be in breach of these Rules.

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W.3. The Board shall have power to deal with any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules by either:
   W.3.1. issuing a reprimand;
   W.3.2. imposing a fixed penalty or other sanction where such provision is made in these Rules;
   W.3.3. exercising its summary jurisdiction;
   W.3.4. referring the matter to a Commission appointed under Rule W.16;
   W.3.5. referring the matter to The Football Association for determination under The Football Association Rules; or
   W.3.6. concluding an agreement in writing with that Person in which it accepts a sanction (which may include any of the sanctions referred to at Rule W.49) proposed by the Board.

Fixed Penalty Procedure

W.4. Upon being satisfied that a fixed penalty is payable under the provisions of these Rules, the Board shall give notice in Form 21 to the Club or Person by whom it is payable.

W.5. Within 14 days of the date of a notice in Form 21 the Club or Person to whom it is addressed must either:
   W.5.1. pay the fixed penalty; or
   W.5.2. appeal under the provisions of Rule W.56.1.1 against the imposition of the same.

W.6. Failure to pay a fixed penalty as provided in Rule W.5.1 or within seven days, upon an appeal against the same being dismissed, shall in either case constitute a breach of these Rules.

Summary Jurisdiction

W.7. The Board’s summary jurisdiction shall extend to any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules (other than a breach for which a fixed penalty is prescribed) which in its absolute discretion the Board considers should not be referred to a Commission under Rule W.3.4 or to The Football Association under Rule W.3.5.
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Appointing a Commission

W.16. Subject to Rule W.78, a Commission shall be appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel and shall comprise three members of the Disciplinary Panel of whom one, who shall be legally qualified, shall sit as chairman of the Commission.

W.17. Subject to Rule W.78, a Commission appointed to deal with a suspected or alleged breach of Rules E.45 to E.51 shall include at least one member of the Disciplinary Panel qualified as set out in Rule W.15.4 (but who shall not sit as the chairman of the Commission, who shall be legally qualified as set out in Rule W.16).

W.18. Subject to Rule W.78, and notwithstanding Rule W.16, where both parties are in agreement that the proceedings should be determined by a single member (rather than three members) of the Disciplinary Panel, the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall appoint a one-person Commission for that purpose. In such circumstances, this Section of the Rules shall be interpreted on the basis that the Commission comprises a single individual, who shall undertake the duties of chairman of the Commission.

Commission Procedures

W.19. The parties to proceedings before a Commission shall be:
  W.19.1. the Board; and
  W.19.2. the Club, Manager, Match Official, Official or Player allegedly in breach of these Rules (the “Respondent”).

W.20. Proceedings before a Commission shall be commenced by a written complaint which shall be drafted by or on behalf of the Board.

W.21. The complaint shall be in Form 23 and shall identify the Rule(s) allegedly breached, it shall contain a summary of the facts alleged and it shall have annexed to it copies of any documents relied upon by the Board in support of the complaint.

W.22. The complaint shall be sent by recorded delivery post by the Board to the Respondent and the Chair of the Judicial Panel. In the case of a Respondent who is a Manager, an Official or a Player it shall be sent to him care of his Club. A complaint shall be deemed to have been received by a Respondent on the third day after the date of posting. No defect in the service of a complaint shall invalidate all or any part of the proceedings if it can be shown that it is likely that the complaint has come to the attention of the Respondent.

W.23. As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of a complaint, the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall appoint a Commission to hear the complaint, confirm the identities of the Commission members to the Board and the Respondent(s) and require each appointed individual to complete a statement of impartiality in such form as the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall prescribe. Where a party objects to one or more of the appointments made to the Commission, it must raise such objection within two Working Days of the relevant appointment(s), which shall be resolved by the Chair of the Judicial Panel in such manner as he thinks fit.

W.24. At any stage the Commission may indicate (either of its own accord or as a result of representations from a Person, Club (or club) and in any event in its sole discretion), that if the complaint is upheld, it may wish to exercise its power under Rule W.49.5 to award compensation to any Person or to any Club (or club): if the Commission so indicates, it shall notify the parties to the proceedings and the relevant Person, Club (or club) of this fact. The Commission may then make appropriate directions as to the receipt of evidence of loss from the relevant Person, Club (or club) as well as directions on the receipt of evidence in response from the parties to the proceedings.

W.25. Where (in proceedings in which the Respondent is a Club or Relegated Club) the Commission makes the indication referred to at Rule W.24, above, and after having heard evidence from both parties subsequently determines that no compensation is to be awarded in accordance with Rule W.49.5, the Club (or Relegated Club) claiming compensation in such circumstances may appeal that determination to an Appeal Board. If it fails to do so (or if the Appeal Board dismisses any such appeal) the Club (or Relegated Club) will not be able to bring any further claim of any kind (whether for compensation, in damages or otherwise) against the Respondent Club arising out of the breach of these Rules in respect of which the Commission was appointed.

W.26. Within 14 days of receipt of the complaint (or such shorter time as ordered pursuant to Rule W.28) the Respondent shall send to the Board and to the Commission (or the Chair of the Judicial Panel if a Commission has not yet been fully constituted) by recorded delivery post a written answer in Form 24 in which the Respondent:
  W.26.1. shall either admit or deny the complaint; and
  W.26.2. may request that the complaint shall be determined by written representations in which case, if the complaint is denied, the written representations shall be contained in the answer.

W.27. The Board shall respond in writing to any request that the matter be determined by written representations within 14 days of receipt of the answer (or such shorter time as ordered pursuant to Rule W.28), and if the request is contested by the Board, the Commission (or the Chair of the Judicial Panel if the Commission has not yet been fully constituted) shall determine (in accordance with such procedure as he/it sees fit) whether the complaint shall be determined at a hearing or by written representations alone.

W.28. The Commission (or the Chair of the Judicial Panel if a Commission has not yet been fully constituted) shall have the power to amend the time periods set out in Rules W.26 and W.27 if there is a compelling reason why the proceedings before the Commission need to be concluded expeditiously and/or the parties are in agreement in respect of such amendment.

W.29. If the complaint is admitted, the Respondent may include in the answer details of any mitigating factors (together with any supporting evidence) that it wishes to be taken into account by the Commission.

W.30. If the complaint is denied, the Respondent’s reasons shall be set out in the answer and copies of any documents on which the Respondent relies shall be annexed.
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W.31. Documentary evidence shall be admissible whether or not copies are attached to the complaint or the answer as long as such documents are:
W.31.1. relevant; and
W.31.2. submitted by a party to the Commission in sufficient time before the hearing, such that neither party will be prejudiced by their submission.

W.32. If the Respondent fails to send an answer in accordance with Rule W.26, the Respondent shall be deemed to have denied the complaint which shall be determined at a hearing.

W.33. If the complaint is to be determined by written representations, forthwith upon receipt of the answer the chairman of the Commission shall convene a meeting of its members at which the complaint will be determined.

W.34. If the complaint is to be determined at a hearing, the chairman of the Commission may give directions for the future conduct of the complaint addressed in writing to the parties or require the parties to attend a directions hearing.

W.35. A directions hearing shall be conducted by the chairman of the Commission sitting alone. He may give such directions as he thinks fit including directions for:
W.35.1. the Board to give further particulars of the complaint;
W.35.2. the Respondent to give further particulars of the answer;
W.35.3. either or both parties to produce and exchange documents;
W.35.4. the submission of expert evidence;
W.35.5. lists of witnesses and lodging and exchange of witness statements;
W.35.6. witnesses to be summoned to attend the hearing;
W.35.7. prior notice to be given of any authorities relied on by the parties;
W.35.8. the parties to lodge and exchange an outline of their submissions, and/or
W.35.9. the assessment of the entitlement to and amount of compensation that may be ordered pursuant to Rule W.49.5.

W.36. Notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be given in writing to the parties by the chairman of the Commission.

W.37. If the Board or its representative fails to attend the hearing, the chairman of the Commission may either adjourn it or proceed in the Board’s absence.

W.38. If the Respondent fails to attend the hearing, it shall proceed in the absence of the Respondent.

W.39. Any witness who is bound by these Rules, and who having been summoned by a Commission to attend a hearing fails to do so, shall be in breach of these Rules.

W.40. The chairman of the Commission shall have an overriding discretion as to the manner in which a hearing is conducted but, subject thereto:
W.40.1. where the complaint has been admitted, he shall invite the Board or its representative to outline the facts of the complaint and shall give the Respondent the opportunity to provide further details of any mitigating factors contained in the answer;
W.40.2. where the complaint has been denied, witnesses shall be taken through their evidence in chief by the party tendering such evidence and may be subject to cross-examination by the opposing party (at its option) and re-examination if required. Witnesses may also be examined by the chairman of the Commission and its members;
W.40.3. the parties shall be permitted to put questions to witnesses;
W.40.4. witnesses may be examined on oath; and
W.40.5. at the conclusion of the evidence the parties shall each be invited to address the Commission.

W.41. The chairman of a Commission may order that a transcript of the proceedings be taken.

W.42. The proceedings of a Commission shall be confidential and shall be conducted in private.

W.43. The Board shall have the burden of proving the complaint. The standard of proof shall be on a balance of probabilities.

W.44. The Commission shall make its decision unanimously or by majority. No member of the Commission may abstain.

W.45. In the case of a determination by written representations the Commission’s decision shall forthwith be communicated in writing by the chairman of the Commission to the parties (and copied to the Chair of the Judicial Panel).

W.46. In the case of a determination at a hearing the Commission’s decision shall be announced as soon as practicable thereafter and if possible at the end of the hearing and shall be confirmed in writing by the chairman of the Commission to the parties (and copied to the Chair of the Judicial Panel).

W.47. In either case, unless the parties otherwise agree, the Commission shall give its reasons for its decision (a copy of which shall be provided to the Chair of the Judicial Panel). In the event of a majority decision no minority or dissenting opinion shall be produced or published.
Section W: Disciplinary

Commission's Powers

W.48. Upon finding a complaint to have been proved the Commission shall invite the Respondent to place any mitigating factors before the Commission.

W.49. Having heard and considered such mitigating factors (if any) the Commission may:

W.49.1. reprimand the Respondent;
W.49.2. impose upon the Respondent a fine unlimited in amount and suspend any part thereof;
W.49.3. in the case of a Respondent who is a Manager, Match Official, Official or Player, suspend him from operating as such for such period as it shall think fit;
W.49.4. in the case of a Respondent which is a Club:

W.49.4.1. suspend it from playing in League Matches or any matches in competitions which form part of the Games Programme or Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the Youth Development Rules) for such period as it thinks fit;
W.49.4.2. deduct points scored or to be scored in League Matches or such other matches as are referred to in Rule W.49.4.1;
W.49.4.3. recommend that the Board orders that a League Match or such other match as is referred to in Rule W.49.4.1 be replayed;
W.49.4.4. recommend that the League expels the Respondent from membership in accordance with the provisions of Rule B.6.

W.49.5. order the Respondent to pay compensation unlimited in amount to any Person or to any Club (or club);
W.49.6. cancel or refuse the registration of a Player registered or attempted to be registered in contravention of these Rules;
W.49.7. impose upon the Respondent any combination of the foregoing or such other penalty as it shall think fit;
W.49.8. order the Respondent to pay such sum by way of costs as it shall think fit which may include the fees and expenses of members of the Commission; and
W.49.9. make such other order as it thinks fit.

W.50. Where a Person, Club (or club) has been invited to address the Commission on compensation, in accordance with Rules W.24 and W.25, the Commission may adjourn the hearing to allow all relevant parties to make submissions, or if it considers that it is in the interest of justice that the determination of the complaint be resolved before the issue of compensation is addressed, direct that a further hearing take place on the issue of compensation after the complaint has been determined.

W.51. A Person, Club (or club) invited to make submissions on compensation shall be entitled to be present at the hearing, but may only make submissions or advance evidence or question witnesses if and to the extent that the chairman of the Commission gives it leave.

W.52. If the Board fails to prove a complaint a Commission may order the League to pay to the Respondent such sum by way of costs as it shall think fit.

W.53. Where a Respondent Club is suspended from playing in League Matches or any matches in competitions which form part of the Games Programme or Professional Development Leagues (as those terms are defined in the Youth Development Rules) under the provisions of Rule W.49.4.1, its opponents in such matches which should have been played during the period of suspension, unless a Commission otherwise orders, shall be deemed to have won them.

W.54. Fines and costs shall be recoverable by the Board as a civil debt; compensation shall likewise be recoverable by the Person or Club entitled to receive it.

W.55. Fines recovered by the Board shall be used towards the operating expenses of the League or, at the discretion of the Board, towards charitable purposes. Costs recovered by the Board shall be used to defray the costs of the Commission.

Appeals

W.56. Either:

W.56.1. a Club (or club) or Person that wishes to challenge:

W.56.1.1. the decision of the Board to impose a fixed penalty; or
W.56.1.2. the decision of a Commission before which such Club or Person appeared as Respondent; or
W.56.1.3. the amount of compensation (if any) which a Commission has, pursuant to Rule W.49.5, ordered either that it shall pay or that shall be paid in its favour; or

W.56.2. the Board, where it:

W.56.2.1. wishes to challenge a decision taken by a Commission to dismiss a complaint; or
W.56.2.2. considers a decision on sanction imposed by a Commission to be unduly lenient,

may appeal in accordance with the provisions of these Rules against the decision, the penalty or the amount of compensation (as appropriate).

W.57. An appeal shall lie to an Appeal Board which shall be appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel and, subject to Rule W.78, shall comprise three members of the Appeals Panel of whom one, who shall have held judicial office, shall sit as chairman of the Appeal Board.

W.58. The parties to an appeal shall be:

W.58.1. a Respondent to a complaint; and/or
W.58.2. a Person, Club or club pursuant to Rule W.56.1.3; and/or
W.58.3. the Board.

W.59. An appeal against the decision of the Board to impose a fixed penalty shall be in Form 25.

W.60. An appeal against the decision of a Commission shall be in Form 26.
W.61. An appeal shall be commenced by the appellant sending or delivering to the Chair of the Judicial Panel Form 25 or Form 26, as the case may be, so that it is received together with a deposit of £1,000 within 14 days of the date of the decision appealed against (time being of the essence) unless a lesser period is ordered pursuant to Rule W.69.

W.62. As soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of Form 25 or Form 26, as appropriate, the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall appoint an Appeal Board to hear the appeal, confirm the identities of the Appeal Board members to the parties and require each appointed individual to complete a statement of impartiality in such form as the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall prescribe. Where a party objects to one or more of the appointments made to the Appeal Board, it must raise such objection within two Working Days of the relevant appointment(s), which shall be resolved by the Chair of the Judicial Panel in such manner as he thinks fit.

W.63. The Appeal Board (or the Chair of the Judicial Panel if an Appeal Board has not yet been fully constituted) shall have the power to abridge the time period set out in Rule W.61 if there is a compelling reason why the proceedings before the Appeal Board need to be concluded expeditiously.

W.64. The Appeal Board may give directions as it thinks fit for the future conduct of the appeal, addressed in writing to the parties, or require the parties to attend a directions hearing.

W.65. Any party to an appeal may apply for permission to adduce evidence that was not adduced before the Commission that heard the complaint. Such permission shall only be granted if it can be shown that the evidence was not available to the party and could not have been obtained by such party with reasonable diligence, at the time at which the Commission heard the complaint.

W.66. Notice of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing shall be given in writing to the parties by the chairman of the Appeal Board.

W.67. If a party fails, refuses or is unable to attend the hearing the Appeal Board may either adjourn it or proceed in the party’s absence.

W.68. Except in cases in which the Appeal Board gives leave to adduce fresh evidence pursuant to Rule W.65, an appeal shall be by way of a review of the evidence adduced before the Commission and the parties shall be entitled to make oral representations. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Rule, the Appeal Board shall have an overriding discretion as to the manner in which the hearing is conducted.

W.69. The Appeal Board may permit the appellant at any time to withdraw the appeal on such terms as to costs and otherwise as the Appeal Board shall determine.

W.70. The proceedings of an Appeal Board shall be confidential and shall be conducted in private.

W.71. The Appeal Board shall make its decision unanimously or by majority. No member of the Appeal Board may abstain.

W.72. The Appeal Board’s decision shall be announced as soon as practicable after the appeal hearing and if possible at the end thereof and shall be confirmed in writing by the chairman of the Appeal Board to the parties, giving reasons (with a copy provided to the Chair of the Judicial Panel). If the decision reached by the Appeal Board was by a majority, no minority or dissenting opinion shall be produced or published.

### Appeal Board’s Powers

W.73. Upon the hearing of an appeal, an Appeal Board may:

- W.73.1. allow the appeal;
- W.73.2. dismiss the appeal;
- W.73.3. except in the case of a fixed penalty, vary any penalty imposed or order made at first instance;
- W.73.4. vary or discharge any order for compensation made by the Commission;
- W.73.5. order the deposit to be forfeited to the League or repaid to the appellant;
- W.73.6. order a party to pay or contribute to the costs of the appeal including the fees and expenses of members of the Appeal Board;
- W.73.7. remit the matter back to the Commission with directions as to its future disposal; or
- W.73.8. make such other order as it thinks fit.

W.74. Subject to the provisions of Section X of these Rules (Arbitration), the decision of an Appeal Board shall be final.

### Admissibility of Evidence

W.75. In the exercise of their powers under this Section of these Rules, a Commission or an Appeal Board shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence. Instead, facts relating to a breach of these Rules may be established by any reliable means.

### Legal Representation

W.76. The parties to proceedings before a Commission or an Appeal Board shall be entitled to be represented by a solicitor or counsel provided that they shall have given to the other party and to the chairman of the Commission or of the Appeal Board as the case may be 14 days’ prior written notice to that effect identifying the solicitor or counsel instructed.
Publication and Privilege

W.7. Without prejudice in any event to any form of privilege available in respect of any such publication, whether pursuant to the Defamation Act 2013 or otherwise, the Board, a Commission and an Appeal Board shall be entitled to publish reports of their proceedings (including details of any submissions, oral or written statements or other evidence adduced in those proceedings), whether or not they reflect adversely on the character or conduct of any Club, Manager, Match Official, Official or Player. All Clubs and Persons bound by these Rules (and any Person required to observe these Rules as a result of any obligation whether to the League or to any third party) shall be deemed to have provided their full and irrevocable consent to such publication.

Ad Hoc Appointments

W.78. Notwithstanding Rules W.16 to W.18 and W.57 and any other Rules to the contrary, the Chair of the Judicial Panel may, in his absolute discretion, when appointing Commissions, Appeal Boards, tribunals and otherwise, as provided for in the Rules, appoint on an ad hoc basis individuals who are not members of the Judicial Panel but whom he considers would be suitable for the particular appointment (and for the period of their temporary appointment each such person will be considered a member of the Judicial Panel). It is anticipated that the Chair of the Judicial Panel will exercise this power only in exceptional circumstances.
Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution

Section X: Arbitration

Definitions

X.1. In this Section of these Rules:
X.1.1. “the Act” means the Arbitration Act 1996 or any re-enactment or amendment thereof for the time being in force;
X.1.2. “party” means a party to the arbitration;
X.1.3. “the tribunal” means the arbitral tribunal; and
X.1.4. “the chairman” means the chairman of the tribunal.

Agreement to Arbitrate

X.2. Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement in writing between the League and Clubs and between each Club for the purposes of section 5 of the Act in the following terms:
X.2.1. to submit all disputes which arise between them (including in the case of a Relegated Club any dispute between it and a Club or the League, the cause of action of which arose while the Relegated Club was a member of the League), whether arising out of these Rules or otherwise, to final and binding arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Act and this Section of these Rules;
X.2.2. that the seat of each such arbitration shall be in England and Wales;
X.2.3. that the issues in each such arbitration shall be decided in accordance with English law; and
X.2.4. that no other system or mode of arbitration will be invoked to resolve any such dispute.

X.3. Disputes under these Rules will be deemed to fall into one of three categories, being:
X.3.1. disputes arising from decisions of Commissions or Appeal Boards made pursuant to Rules W.1 to W.78 (Disciplinary) of these Rules (“Disciplinary Disputes”);
X.3.2. disputes arising from the exercise of the Board’s discretion (“Board Disputes”); and
X.3.3. other disputes arising from these Rules or otherwise.

X.4. In the case of a Disciplinary Dispute, the only grounds for review of a decision of a Commission or Appeal Board by way of arbitration under this Section X shall be that the decision was:
X.4.1. reached outside of the jurisdiction of the body that made the decision;
X.4.2. reached as a result of fraud, malice or bad faith;
X.4.3. reached as a result of procedural errors so great that the rights of the applicant have been clearly and substantially prejudiced;
X.4.4. reached as a result of a perverse interpretation of the law; or
X.4.5. one which could not reasonably have been reached by any Commission or Appeal Board which had applied its mind properly to the facts of the case.

X.5. In the case of a Board Dispute, the only grounds for review shall be that the decision:
X.5.1. was reached outside the jurisdiction of the Board;
X.5.2. could not have been reached by any reasonable Board which had applied its mind properly to the issues to be decided;
X.5.3. was reached as a result of fraud, malice or bad faith; or
X.5.4. was contrary to English law, and directly and foreseeably prejudices the interests of a Person or Persons who were in the contemplation of the Board at the time that the decision was made as being directly affected by it and who suffer loss as a result of that decision.

Standing

X.6. A Person who is not a party to a Disciplinary Dispute or a Board Dispute may not invoke these arbitration provisions in respect of such a dispute, unless that party can show that they are sufficiently affected by the outcome of the dispute that it is right and proper for them to have standing before the tribunal.

Commencement of the Arbitration

X.7. An arbitration shall be deemed to have commenced (and for the purpose of Rule X.2 a dispute shall be deemed to have arisen) upon the party requesting an arbitration serving upon the other party (and copied to the Board) the Form 27.

Appointing the Arbitrators

X.8. Subject to Rule X.13, the tribunal shall comprise three Suitably Qualified Persons (as defined in Rule X.10) and there shall be no umpire.

X.9. Within 14 days of the party requesting an arbitration serving upon the other party (and copied to the Board) the Form 27 pursuant to Rule X.7, each party shall by notice in Form 28 addressed to the other party (and copied to the Board) appoint one Suitably Qualified Person (as defined in Rule X.10), to act as an arbitrator in the arbitration requested. And within 14 days of their appointment (ie, of the date of the second appointee being appointed) the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint another Suitably Qualified Person (as defined in Rule X.10) as the third arbitrator who shall sit as chair. If the two arbitrators so appointed fail to agree on the appointment of the third arbitrator the Board (or The Football Association if the League is a party) shall make the appointment giving notice in writing to that effect to each party.

X.10. A Suitably Qualified Person for the purposes of this Section X shall be any individual who is both:
X.10.1. a solicitor of no less than 10 years’ admission or a barrister of no less than 10 years’ call; and
X.10.2. independent of the party appointing him and able to render an impartial decision.
### Appointing a Single Arbitrator

X.13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule X.8, the parties shall be at liberty to appoint a single arbitrator (who must be a Suitably Qualified Person) in which case:

X.13.1. Form 29 shall be substituted for Form 28; and
X.13.2. this Section of these Rules shall be interpreted on the basis that the tribunal comprises a single arbitrator who shall undertake the duties of the chairman.

### Replacing an Arbitrator

X.14. If following his appointment an arbitrator refuses to act, becomes incapable of acting, is removed by order of a competent court or dies, the Board (or The Football Association if the League is a party) shall appoint a replacement arbitrator (who must be a Suitably Qualified Person) to replace him.

### Communications

X.15. All communications sent in the course of the arbitration by the arbitrators shall be signed on their behalf by the chairman.

X.16. Such communications addressed by the arbitrators to one party shall be copied to the other and to the Board.

X.17. Any communication sent by either party to the arbitrators shall be addressed to the chairman and shall be copied to the other party and the Board.

### Directions

X.18. The chairman of the tribunal shall decide all procedural and evidential matters and for that purpose within 14 days of his appointment he shall either give directions for the conduct of the arbitration addressed in writing to each party or serve on each party Form 30 requiring their attendance at a preliminary meeting at which he will give directions. In either case the directions shall address without limitation:

X.18.1. where appropriate, whether the proceedings should be stayed to permit the parties to explore whether the dispute may be resolved by way of mediation;
X.18.2. whether and if so in what form and when statements of claim and defence are to be served.

X.18.3. whether and if so to what extent discovery of documents between the parties is necessary;
X.18.4. whether strict rules of evidence will apply and how the admissibility, relevance or weight of any material submitted by the parties on matters of fact or opinion shall be determined;
X.18.5. whether and if so to what extent there shall be oral or written evidence or submissions;
X.18.6. whether expert evidence is required; and
X.18.7. whether and if so to what extent the tribunal shall itself take the initiative in ascertaining the facts and the law.

### The Tribunal's General Powers

X.19. The chairman of the tribunal shall have power to:

X.19.1. allow either party upon such terms (as to costs and otherwise) as it shall think fit to amend any statement of claim and defence;
X.19.2. give directions in relation to the preservation, custody, detention, inspection or photographing of property owned by or in the possession of a party to the proceedings;
X.19.3. give directions as to the preservation of evidence in the custody or control of a party;
X.19.4. direct that a witness be examined on oath;
X.19.5. require each party to give notice of the identity of witnesses it intends to call;
X.19.6. require exchange of witness statements and any expert’s reports;
X.19.7. require one or more experts to report to it on specific issues;
X.19.8. require a party to give any such expert any relevant information or to produce or provide access to any relevant documents or property;
X.19.9. order that a transcript be taken of the proceedings;
X.19.10. extend or abbreviate any time limits provided by this Section of these Rules or by its directions;
X.19.11. require the parties to attend such procedural meetings as it deems necessary to identify or clarify the issues to be decided and the procedures to be adopted; and
X.19.12. give such other lawful directions as it shall deem necessary to ensure the just, expeditious, economical and final determination of the dispute.

### Duty of the Parties

X.20. The parties shall do all things necessary for the proper and expeditious conduct of the arbitration and shall comply without delay with any direction of the chairman of the tribunal as to procedural or evidential matters.
Section X: Arbitration

Default of the Parties

X.21. If either party is in breach of Rule X.20 the tribunal shall have power to:
   X.21.1. make peremptory orders prescribing a time for compliance;
   X.21.2. make orders against a party which fails to comply with a peremptory order;
   X.21.3. dismiss a claim for want of prosecution in the event of inordinate or inexcusable delay by a party which appears likely to give rise to a substantial risk that it will not be possible to have a fair resolution of the issues or will cause serious prejudice to the other party; and
   X.21.4. debar that party from further participation and proceed with the arbitration and make an award but only after giving that party written notice of its intention to do so.

The Hearing

X.22. The chairman shall fix the date, time and place of the arbitration hearing and shall give the parties reasonable notice thereof. A representative of the Board shall be entitled to attend the hearing as an observer.

X.23. At or before the hearing the chairman shall determine the order in which the parties shall present their cases.

X.24. Any witness who gives oral evidence may be questioned by the representative of each party and by each of the arbitrators.

X.25. The proceedings of an arbitration convened under this Section X shall be confidential and shall be conducted in private.

Remedies

X.26. The tribunal shall have power to:
   X.26.1. determine any question of law or fact arising in the course of the arbitration;
   X.26.2. determine any question as to its own jurisdiction;
   X.26.3. make a declaration as to any matter to be determined in the proceedings;
   X.26.4. order the payment of a sum of money;
   X.26.5. award simple or compound interest;
   X.26.6. order a party to do or refrain from doing anything;
   X.26.7. order specific performance of a contract (other than a contract relating to land); and
   X.26.8. order the rectification, setting aside or cancellation of a deed or other document.

Majority Decision

X.27. If the arbitrators fail to agree on any issue they shall decide by a majority and a majority decision shall be binding on all of them. No dissenting judgment shall be produced.

Provisional Awards

X.28. The tribunal shall have power to make provisional awards during the proceedings including, without limitation, requiring a party to make an interim payment on account of the claim or the costs of the arbitration. Any such provisional award shall be taken into account when the final award is made.

The Award

X.29. If before the award is made the parties agree on a settlement of the dispute the tribunal shall record the settlement in the form of a consent award.

X.30. The tribunal may make more than one award at different times on different aspects of the matters in dispute.

X.31. The award shall be in writing and shall contain reasons for the tribunal’s decision. A copy of it shall be provided to the Board and to the Chair of the Judicial Panel. Where the award contains decisions on points of law or interpretation that the Chair of the Judicial Panel considers to be of wider application or use to the Board and Clubs, with the agreement of the parties to the arbitration, he may produce and circulate to the Board (for distribution to Clubs) an anonymised summary of the award.

Costs

X.32. Until they are paid in full, the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to meet the arbitrators’ fees and expenses, the total amount of which shall be specified in the award.

X.33. The tribunal shall award costs on the general principle that costs should follow the event except where it appears to the tribunal that in the circumstances this is not appropriate in relation to the whole or part of the costs.

X.34. The party in favour of which an order for costs is made shall be allowed, subject to Rule X.35, a reasonable amount in respect of all costs reasonably incurred, any doubt as to reasonableness being resolved in favour of the paying party.

X.35. In appropriate cases the tribunal may award costs on an indemnity basis.

X.36. The chairman shall have power to tax, assess or determine the costs if requested to do so by either party.

Challenging the Award

X.37. Subject to the provisions of sections 67 to 71 of the Act, the award shall be final and binding on the parties and there shall be no right of appeal. There shall be no right of appeal on a point of law under section 69 of the Act. In the event that a party to arbitration under this Section X challenges the award, whether in the English High Court or any other forum, it shall ensure that the League is provided with a copy of any written pleadings, filed and/or evidence adduced as soon as reasonably practicable after their filing.
Section X: Arbitration

### Representation

**X.38.** A party may be represented before a tribunal by a solicitor or counsel provided that 14 days’ prior written notice to that effect identifying the solicitor or counsel instructed is given to the other party and to the chairman.

**X.39.** A Club which is a party may be represented before a tribunal by one of its Officials. An Official shall not be prevented from representing his Club because he is or may be a witness in the proceedings.

### Waiver

**X.40.** A party which is aware of non-compliance with this Section of these Rules and yet proceeds with the arbitration without promptly stating its objection to such non-compliance to the chairman shall be deemed to have waived its right to object.
Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution

Section Y: Managers' Arbitration Tribunal

Managers' Arbitration Tribunal

Y.1. Any dispute arising between the parties to a Manager’s contract of employment shall be determined by the Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal (in this Section of these Rules referred to as “the Tribunal”).

Y.2. The seat of each arbitration conducted by the Tribunal shall be in England and Wales. Each such arbitration shall be decided in accordance with English law.

Y.3. Such an arbitration shall be deemed to have commenced upon the party requesting it serving on the other party a request in Form 27.

Guidance

Parties to such disputes are encouraged to seek resolution without recourse to arbitration through, for example, a pre-action meeting to discuss the matter, prior to issuing a Form 27.

Y.4. The party requesting such an arbitration shall send a copy of Form 27 together with a deposit of £5,000 to the Board. That party will also send a copy of the Form 27 to the Chair of the Judicial Panel who shall forthwith send to each party particulars of those individuals who are members of the Judicial Panel and noting which of the members are eligible to sit as chair of the Tribunal.

Y.5. The Tribunal shall ordinarily comprise three members of the Judicial Panel (one of whom is eligible to sit as chair of the Tribunal) and there shall be no umpire. However, the parties are at liberty to agree that the matter be resolved by a single eligible member of the Judicial Panel, in which case this Section of the Rules shall be interpreted on the basis that the Tribunal consists of a single arbitrator (an eligible member of the Judicial Panel) who shall undertake the duties of the chairman.

Y.6. Within 14 days of service of the Chair of the Judicial Panel sending particulars of those individuals who are members of the Judicial Panel and noting which of the members are eligible to sit as chair of the Tribunal.

Y.7. If a party refuses or fails to appoint an arbitrator in accordance with Rule Y.6 the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall make the appointment giving notice in writing to that effect to each party (copied to the Board).

Y.8. Within 14 days of their appointment the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third arbitrator who shall be an eligible legally qualified member of the Judicial Panel and who shall sit as chairman of the Tribunal. If the two arbitrators so appointed fail to agree on the appointment of the third arbitrator the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall make the appointment giving notice in writing to that effect to each party (copied to the Board).

Y.9. If following his appointment an arbitrator refuses to act, becomes incapable of acting, is removed by order of a competent court or dies, the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall appoint a member of the Judicial Panel to replace him (and provide notice of that appointment to the Board).

Y.10. All communications sent in the course of the arbitration by the Tribunal shall be signed on its behalf by its chairman.

Y.11. Such communications addressed by the Tribunal to one party shall be copied to the other and to the Board.

Y.12. Any communications sent by either party to the Tribunal shall be addressed to its chairman and shall be copied to the other party and to the Board.

Y.13. The chairman of the Tribunal shall decide all procedural and evidential matters and for that purpose within 14 days of his appointment he shall serve on each party Form 30 requiring their attendance at a preliminary meeting at which he will give directions including, but not limited to, those set out in Rule X.18.

Y.14. The chairman of the Tribunal shall have the powers set out in Rule X.19.

Y.15. The parties shall do all things necessary for the proper and expeditious conduct of the arbitration and shall comply without delay with any direction of the chairman of the Tribunal as to procedural or evidential matters.

Y.16. If either party is in breach of Rule Y.15 the Tribunal shall have power to:

Y.16.1. make peremptory orders prescribing a time for compliance;

Y.16.2. make orders against a party which fails to comply with a peremptory order;

Y.16.3. dismiss a claim for want of prosecution in the event of inordinate or inexcusable delay by a party which appears likely to give rise to a substantial risk that it will not be possible to have a fair resolution of the issues or will cause serious prejudice to the other party; and

Y.16.4. debar that party from further participation and proceed with the arbitration and make an award but only after giving that party written notice of its intention to do so.

Y.17. The chairman of the Tribunal shall fix the date, time and place of the arbitration and make an award but only after giving that party written notice of its intention to do so.

Guidance

Where the parties engage in mediation, each party should ensure that he/it is represented in person at such mediation by an individual with sufficient authority to reach a resolution of the dispute.

Y.18. At or before the hearing the chairman of the Tribunal shall determine the order in which the parties shall present their cases.

Y.19. Any witness who gives oral evidence may be questioned by the representative of each party and by each of the arbitrators.
Section Y: Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal

Rules: Section Y

Y.20. Except for the power to order specific performance of a contract, the Tribunal shall have the powers set out in Rule X.26 together with the following additional powers:

Y.20.1. to order the cancellation of the registration of the Manager’s contract of employment;
Y.20.2. to order that the deposit be forfeited by or returned to the party paying it, and
Y.20.3. to make such other order as it thinks fit.

Y.21. The provisions of Rules X.27 to X.40 inclusive, substituting “Tribunal” for “tribunal” and “chairman of the Tribunal” for “chairman”, shall apply to proceedings of the Tribunal. In exercising its power to award costs the Tribunal shall have regard to the extent to which each of the parties fulfilled their obligation to attempt to reach a settlement of the dispute by mediation.

Y.22. The proceedings of an arbitration convened under this Section Y shall be confidential and shall be conducted in private.
Jurisdiction

Z.1. The Premier League Appeals Committee (hereafter in this Section of these Rules called "the Committee") shall determine the following matters:

Z.1.1. an appeal by a Club or an Academy Player under the provisions of Youth Development Rule 296;

Z.1.2. an appeal by a Club or a Contract Player under the provisions of Rule T.17.3 against a decision of the Board regarding payment of the balance of a Signing-on Fee to the Contract Player;

Z.1.3. an appeal by a Club or a Contract Player under the provisions of Rule T.36 against a decision of the Chairman of the Judicial Panel (or his appointee(s), as appropriate), given under either Rule T.30 or Rule T.31; and

Z.1.4. an application by a Club under the provisions of Rule V.24 that payments to an Out of Contract Player may cease without affecting the Club's entitlement to a Compensation Fee.

Composition of the Committee

Z.2. The Committee shall be composed of:

Z.2.1. an independent chairman who holds or has held judicial office and who, with the prior approval of the Professional Footballers’ Association, shall be appointed by the Board in such terms as it thinks fit;

Z.2.2. a member of the Judicial Panel appointed by the Chair of the Judicial Panel; and

Z.2.3. an appointee of the Professional Footballers’ Association provided that in cases where an officer or employee of that body is appearing before the Committee representing a party to the proceedings then the appointee shall not be an officer or employee of that body.

Z.3. If the chairman of the Committee is unable to act or to continue acting in the determination of any matter, the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall appoint in his stead a member of the Judicial Panel who holds or has held judicial office.

Z.4. If following his appointment any other member of the Committee is unable to act or to continue acting, his appointer may appoint a replacement so that the composition of the Committee is maintained as provided in Rule Z.2.

Z.5. If the members of the Committee fail to agree on any issue, they shall decide by a majority.

Committee Procedures

Z.6. The parties to proceedings before the Committee shall be:

Z.6.1. in an appeal under Rule Z.1.1, Z.1.2 or Z.1.3:

Z.6.1.1. the appellant Club or Contract Player; and

Z.6.1.2. the respondent Contract Player or Club.

Z.6.2. in the determination of a dispute under Rule Z.1.3:

Z.6.2.1. the applicant Club or Player; and

Z.6.2.2. the respondent Player or Club.

Z.6.3. in an application under Rule Z.1.4:

Z.6.3.1. the applicant Club; and

Z.6.3.2. the respondent Out of Contract Player.

Z.7. Proceedings shall be commenced by an application in writing to the Chair of the Judicial Panel (copied to the Board) identifying:

Z.7.1. the respondent;

Z.7.2. the Rule under the provisions of which the appeal or application is made;

Z.7.3. the nature of the appeal or application and the facts surrounding it;

Z.7.4. the remedy or relief sought; and

Z.7.5. any documents relied upon, copies of which shall be annexed.

Z.8. Except in the case of an application made by an Academy Player, an application made under the provisions of Rule Z.7 shall be accompanied by a deposit of £1,000.

Z.9. Upon receipt of an application the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall:

Z.9.1. procure that for the purpose of determining the application the Committee is composed in accordance with Rule Z.2;

Z.9.2. send a copy of the application and any documents annexed to it to the chairman and members of the Committee; and

Z.9.3. send a copy of the same by recorded delivery post to the respondent (copied to the Board).

Z.10. Within 14 days of receipt of the copy application the respondent shall send to the Chair of the Judicial Panel (copied to the Board) by recorded delivery post a written response to the application, annexing thereto copies of any documents relied upon.

Z.11. Upon receipt of the response the Chair of the Judicial Panel shall send a copy thereof together with a copy of any document annexed to:

Z.11.1. the chairman and members of the Committee; and

Z.11.2. the party making the application.

Z.12. The chairman of the Committee may give directions as he thinks fit for the future conduct of the proceedings addressed in writing to the parties with which the parties shall comply without delay.

Z.13. The Committee by its chairman shall have power to summon any Person to attend the hearing of the proceedings to give evidence and to produce documents and any Person who is bound by these Rules and who, having been summoned, fails to attend or to give evidence or to produce documents shall be in breach of these Rules.

Z.14. The Chair of the Judicial Panel shall make all necessary arrangements for the hearing of the proceedings and shall give written notice of the date, time and place thereof to the parties.
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<td><strong>Z.20.</strong> The Committee's decision shall be announced as soon as practicable and if possible at the end of the hearing and shall be confirmed in writing to the parties (with a copy to the Board and the Chair of the Judicial Panel).</td>
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<td><strong>Z.21.</strong> The Committee shall give reasons for its decision.</td>
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<td><strong>Z.22.</strong> The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.</td>
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**Fees and Expenses**

**Z.23.** The chairman and members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive from the League a reasonable sum by way of fees and expenses.

**Committee's Powers**

**Z.24.** Upon determining an application made in accordance with the provisions of this Section of these Rules, the Committee may:

- **Z.24.1.** order the deposit required by Rule Z.8 to be forfeited to the League or repaid to the applicant;
- **Z.24.2.** order either party to pay to the other such sum by way of costs as it shall think fit which may include the fees and expenses of the chairman and members of the Committee paid or payable under Rule Z.23, and
- **Z.24.3.** make such other order as it shall think fit.

**Z.25.** The proceedings of an appeal convened under this Section Z shall be confidential and shall be conducted in private.
Premier League

List of Authorised Signatories of ............................................. Football Club
(Rule A.1.16)

To:  The Board
    The Premier League

The following Officials of the Club are Authorised Signatories:

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<th>Print Name</th>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Signature</th>
<th>Limit of Authority* (If any)</th>
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* In particular, please indicate if the individual is an Authorised Signatory for the purposes of an application for a UEFA Club Licence.

Signed .............................................. Position .............................................. Date ..............................................

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Premier League

Notification of Club Bank Account  (Rule E.2)

To:  The Board
    The Premier League

We confirm on behalf of the board of ............................................. Football Club that the following bank account is the Club’s bank account for the purposes of Rule E.2:

- Name of bank .................................................................
- Name of account holder ..................................................
- Title of account ............................................................
- Sort code ...........................................................................
- Account number ...............................................................

Signed by a Director of the Club ..............................................

Date ............................................................... Signed by a Director of the Club ..............................................

Date ...............................................................
Premier League

Appeal Under Rule E.34

To: The Board
The Premier League

We, [insert name of Club] ......................................................... (the “Club”) hereby appeal
against the deduction of nine points notified to us by the Board on [date] .........................
on the ground that the Event of Insolvency was caused by and resulted directly from
circumstances, other than normal business risks, over which the Club could not reasonably
be expected to have had control and its Officials had used all due diligence to avoid the
happening of such circumstances.

Brief details of the circumstances that led to the Event of Insolvency are set out on the
attached sheet(s).

A deposit of £1,000 is enclosed.

Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Position ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Premier League

Calculation of Aggregated Adjusted Earnings Before Tax
(Rule E.45.3)

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<td>Depreciation / impairment of tangible fixed assets</td>
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<td>Amortisation or impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets (excluding amortisation of the costs of players’ registrations)</td>
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<td>Youth Development Expenditure</td>
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<td>Community Development Expenditure</td>
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<td>Adjusted Earnings Before Tax</td>
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Statement on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Club

On behalf of the board of directors of …………………………………….. Football Club, I confirm in
respect of the [Club’s] OR [the Group’s (of which the Club is a member)] accounting period
of 36 months ended on ......................... 20........ that [with the exception(s) noted below]:

1. The above calculation of Adjusted Earnings Before Tax has been prepared in
   accordance with the Rules of the Premier League;

2. Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 above, the estimated figures
   for T in the above calculation have been prepared:
   2.1 in all material respects in a format similar to the Club’s Annual Accounts; and
   2.2 are based on the latest information available to the Club and are, to the
   best of the Club’s knowledge and belief, an accurate estimate as at the time

[The exception(s) referred to above is/are as follows: ………………………………………....]
For and on behalf of the board of directors of …………………………………….. Football Club

Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Name ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Position ………………………………………………………………………………………..

To be signed by a director of the Club whose particulars are registered under the
provisions section 162 of the Companies Act 2006.

Date ………………………………………………………………………………………..
Owners’ and Directors’ Declaration (Rules A.1.59, F.2, F.3 and F.4)

To: The Board
The Premier League

I, (full name)......................................................................................................................................................of ..........................................................................................................................(post code) ................................ hereby declare that:

1. By signing and dating this declaration, I acknowledge and agree to be bound by the Premier League Rules (“Rules”). I further acknowledge and agree that, as a Director, I am/will* become a “Participant” as that term is defined in The Football Association Rules and, as such, will be bound by them;

2. I am/propose to become* a Director of ............................................................... (“the Club”);

3. I am/am not* a person having Control over the Club;

4. I am/am not* either directly or indirectly involved in or have power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or Football League club;

5. I hold/do not hold* either directly or indirectly a Significant Interest in a Club while either directly or indirectly holding an interest in any class of Shares of another Club;

6. I hold/do not hold* either directly or indirectly a Significant Interest in a club (and in this Declaration 6, Significant Interest shall be construed as if references to ‘the Club’ at definition at Rule A.1.187, were references to ‘the club’);

7. I am/am not* prohibited by law from being a director as set out in Rule F.1.4;

8. I have/have not* been Convicted of an offence as set out in Premier League Rule F.1.5 (nor have I otherwise engaged in conduct outside the United Kingdom that would constitute such an offence in the United Kingdom whether or not such conduct resulted in a Conviction);

9. I have/have not* been the subject of any of the arrangements, orders, plans or provisions set out in Rule F.1.7 or F.1.8;

10. I have/have not* 
   10.1 been a Director of a Club which, while I have been a Director of it, suffered two or more unconnected Events of Insolvency; or
   10.2 been a Director of a Club which, while I have been a Director of it, suffered two or more unconnected Events of Insolvency (and in this Declaration 10.2 the definitions of Director at Rule A.1.60. and Events of Insolvency at Rule A.1.66. shall be construed as if references to ‘the Club’ in those definitions were references to ‘the club’);

11. I have/have not* been a Director of two or more Clubs or clubs each of which, while I have been a Director of them, has suffered an Event of Insolvency (and in this Declaration 11 the definitions of Director at Rule A.1.60. and Events of Insolvency at Rule A.1.66. shall be deemed to apply to clubs in the same way as to Clubs);

12. I am/am not* subject to a suspension or ban from involvement in the administration of a sport as set out in Rule F.1.11;

13. I am/am not* subject to any form of suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body as set out in Rule F.1.12;

14. I have/have not* been an Official of a Club or club (and in this Declaration 14 the definition of Official at Rule A.1.140. shall be construed as if references to a ‘Club’ in that definition includes a ‘club’) that has been expelled from either the League, the EFL, the National League, Isthmian League, Northern Premier League, Southern Football League, the FA Women’s Super League or the FA Women’s Championship whilst I was an Official of that Club or club or in the 30 days immediately following my resignation from the Club or club;

15. I am/am not* required to notify personal information pursuant to Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;

16. I have/have not* been found to have breached any of the rules set out in Rule F.1.14;

17. I am/am not* an Intermediary and/or registered as an intermediary or agent pursuant to the regulations of any national member association of FIFA;
Owners’ and Directors’ Declaration

18. I have provided to the Board of the Premier League all information relevant to its assessment of my compliance with Rule F.1;

19. I have not provided any false, misleading or inaccurate information to the Board of the Premier League relating to my compliance with Rule F.1;

20. This Declaration is true in every particular.

I acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that the Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this form for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy.

I understand that the words “Convicted”, “Club”, “club”, “Control”, “Declaration”, “Director”, “Event of Insolvency”, “Intermediary”, “Shares” and “Significant Interest” (together with any other defined terms comprising any part of these definitions) have the meanings set out in the Rules of the Premier League.

Signed by the Director/proposed Director ..........................................................

Date ........................................................

Signed by an Authorised Signatory ..............................................................

Date ........................................................

* delete as appropriate

Premier League

Dual Interest Notice (Rules G.1 and G.4)

To: The Board

The Premier League

Date: ..................................................

Pursuant to Rule G.1 we hereby give notice that a Person

*holds
*has acquired
*has ceased to hold

a Significant Interest in ...................................................................................................... Football Club.

The particulars required by Rule G.4 are as follows:

1. The Person holding/acquiring/ceasing to hold* a Significant Interest in the Club is

   (name) ...............................................................................................................................

   of (address) ..................................................................................................................

2. The details of the Significant Interest are as follows

   ..........................................................................................................................................

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3. The proportion (expressed in percentage terms) which the Shares bear to the total number of Shares of that class in issue is .....................%.

4. The proportion (expressed in percentage terms) which the Shares bear to the total number of issued Shares of the Club is .....................%.

This notice is given on the basis that the words “Club” “Holding” “Person” “Shares” “Significant Interest” (together with any other defined terms comprising any part of the definitions set out therein) have the meanings set out in the Rules of the Premier League.

Signed ........................................................

Position ........................................................

*delete as appropriate
Premier League

Directors’ Report  (Rules H.6, H.7, H.8 and H.9)

To: The Football Association Premier League Limited (“the League”)

In accordance with the requirements of Section H of the Rules of the League, we, the Directors of ................................. Football Club Limited (“the Club”), hereby report in respect of the Club’s accounting period of ............... months ended on ....................... 20 .......... (“the Period of Review”) that [with the exception(s) noted below] all Material Transactions entered into by the Club during the Period of Review:

(1) were negotiated and approved in accordance with the Club’s written transfer policy; and

(2) have been documented and recorded as required by relevant provisions of these Rules and the Football Association Rules.

[The exception(s) referred to above is/are as follows .........................]

[Signature of each Director and date of signing]
### Form 8: Premier League Team Sheet

**Football Club (Rule L.21)**

- **Date** .............................................
- **Kick-off time** .............................................
- **Opponents** ............................................. F.C. **Referee** .............................................

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Signed .............................................

Position .............................................

### Form 9: Premier League Gate Statement

**Season 20...... 20......**

- **Date of Match** .............................................
- **Home Club** ............................................. F.C. **Visiting Club** ............................................. F.C.

**Tickets issued and Attendance**

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<th>Visiting Club</th>
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**RECEIPTS**

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Signed .............................................

Position .............................................

Date .............................................

* Including hospitality
** Net of VAT
Form 10

Premier League

Notification of Shirt Numbers Allocated by
....................................................... Football Club (Rule M.6)

To: The Board
The Premier League

The shirt numbers allocated to members of our first team squad in Season 20......./20....... are as follows:

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I undertake to give your prompt notice of any deletions from or additions to the above list occurring during the Season.

Signed ........................................ Position ...........................................

Date ........................................

Form 11

Premier League

Registration of Strips by ........................................ Football Club (Rule M.17)

To: The Board
The Premier League

I submit herewith samples of our home Strip, alternative Strip(s) and goalkeeper’s Strip for Season 20......./20....... A brief description (colours) of each is as follows:

Home Strip

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Alternative Strip 1

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Additional Goalkeeper Strip(s) (shirt, shorts, socks) (if applicable)

Signed ........................................

Position ...................................

Date ........................................

* delete if inapplicable
Premier League

Scout Registration Form  (Rule Q.2)

Scout’s Particulars
Surname ........................................................ Other name(s) .........................................................
Address..............................................................................................................................................
..........................................................................................................................................................
Post Code ........................................ Date of birth .................................................................

Application to Register
We hereby apply for the above-named to be registered as a Scout whose registration is
held by ........................................................ Football Club

Signed ........................................................................ Authorised Signatory

Date ........................................................................

Endorsement by Scout
I hereby consent to the above application. I certify that the above particulars are correct.
I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Premier League.

Signed ........................................................................

Date ........................................................................

Premier League

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities  (Rules S.3, S.4 and S.21)

To:  The Board From: ........................................................ Football Club

The following member of Staff has been designated as the Senior Safeguarding Lead:
Name ........................................................................

The following member of Staff has been designated as the Head of Safeguarding:
Name ........................................................................

The following member of Staff has been designated as Lead Disclosure Officer:
Name ........................................................................

Signed ........................................................................

Position ........................................................................

Date ........................................................................
English Football League Contract

No. | FA Copy
---|---

League Copy

Club Copy

Player Copy

Player’s surname

Player’s forename(s)

Present Postal Address

*The Player’s birth certificate must be provided to the League in the case of his first registration.

AN AGREEMENT made the (day) ......................... day of (month and year) .........................

Between ............................................... Football Club/Company Limited/Plc whose registered office is at (address) ........................................................................................................................................

....................................................................................................................................................................................

Registered Company No ......................................................

(hereinafter referred to as “the Club”) of the one part and the above-named Player (hereinafter referred to as “the Player”) of the other part

WHEREBY it is agreed as follows:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 The words and phrases below shall have the following meaning.

“Associated Company” shall mean any company which is a holding company or subsidiary (each as defined in Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985) of the Club or of any holding company of the Club.

“the Board” shall mean the board of directors of the Club for the time being or any duly authorised committee of such board of directors.

“Club Context” shall mean in relation to any representation of the Player and/or the Player’s Image a representation in connection or combination with the name colours Strip trade marks logos or other identifying characteristics of the Club (including trade marks and logos relating to the Club and its activities which trade marks and logos are registered in the name of and/or exploited by any Associated Company) or in any manner referring to or taking advantage of any of the same.

“Club Rules” shall mean the rules or regulations affecting the Player from time to time in force and published by the Club.

“Code of Practice” shall mean the Code of Practice from time to time in force and produced jointly by the Football Association Premier League Limited and the PFA in conjunction with the FA.

“the FA Rules” shall mean the rules and regulations from time to time in force of the FA and including those of FIFA and UEFA to the extent they relate or apply to the Player or the Club.

“the FA” shall mean the Football Association Limited.

“FIFA” shall mean the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

“Gross Misconduct” shall mean serious or persistent conduct behaviour activity or omission by the Player involving one or more of the following:

(a) theft or fraud;
(b) deliberate and serious damage to the Club’s property;
(c) use or possession of or trafficking in a Prohibited Substance;
(d) incapacity through alcohol affecting the Player’s performance as a player;
(e) breach of or failure to comply with or any of the terms of this contract or such other similar or equivalent serious or persistent conduct behaviour activity or omission by the Player which the Board reasonably considers to amount to gross misconduct.

“Holiday Year” shall mean a period of twelve months from 1st July in one year to 30th June in the next year.

“Intermediary” means any person who qualifies as an Intermediary for the purposes of the FA Regulations on Working with Intermediaries as they may be amended from time to time.
"International Club" shall mean any association football club that does not participate in a league competition sanctioned by or otherwise affiliated to the FA.

"International Loan Agreement" shall mean a loan agreement signed between a Transferor Club and an International Club.

"Internet" shall mean the global network of computer systems using TCP/IP protocols including (without limitation) the World Wide Web.

"the Laws of the Game" shall mean the laws from time to time in force governing the game of association football as laid down by the International Football Association Board (as defined in the statutes of FIFA).

"the League" shall mean the football league of which the Club is a member from time to time.

"the League Rules" shall mean the rules or regulations from time to time in force of the League.

"Manager" shall mean the official of the Club responsible for selecting the Club's first team.

"Media" shall mean any and all media whether now existing or hereafter invented including but not limited to any print and/or paper medium broadcast satellite or cable transmission and any visual and/or audio medium and including but not limited to the Internet any television or radio channel Website webcast and/or any transmission made by any mobile or mobile telephony standard or technology or other media or broadcasting service.

"PFA" shall mean the Professional Footballers Association.

"Permanent Incapacity" shall mean either (a) "Permanent Total Disablement" as defined in the League’s personal accident insurance scheme or (b) incapacity of the Player by reason of or resulting from any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) where in the written opinion of an appropriately qualified medical consultant instructed by the Club ("the Initial Opinion") and (if requested in writing either by the Club at any time or by the Player at any time but not later than twenty one days after receipt from the Club of notice in writing terminating this contract pursuant to clause 8.1) of a further such consultant approved or proposed by the Player (and in the absence of either an approval or proposal within 28 days of the request nominated on the application of either party by the President ("the President") for the time being of the Royal College of Surgeons) ("the Further Opinion") the Player will be unlikely by reason of such incapacity to play football to the same standard at which the Player would have played if not for such incapacity for a consecutive period of at least 20 months commencing on the date of commencement of the incapacity PROVIDED that if the Initial Opinion and the Further Opinion disagree with one another then if the Further Opinion was given by a consultant nominated by the President it shall prevail but if not then a third opinion ("the Third Opinion") from a consultant nominated by the President may be obtained on the application of either party and that opinion shall be final and binding for the purposes of this definition.

"Player's Image" shall mean the Player's name nickname fame image signature voice and film and photographic portrayal virtual and/or electronic representation reputation replica and all other characteristics of the Player including his shirt number.

"Player Injury" shall mean any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) other than any injury or illness which is directly caused by or results directly from a breach by the Player of his obligations under clause 3.2.1 of this contract or of any other of his obligations hereunder amounting to Gross Misconduct.

"Prohibited Substance" shall have the meaning set out in the FA Rules.

"the Rules" shall mean the statutes and regulations of FIFA and UEFA the FA Rules the League Rules the Code of Practice and the Club Rules.

"Strip" shall mean all versions from time to time of the Club's official football clothing including shirts shorts socks and/or training kit track suits headwear and/or any other clothing displaying the Club's name and/or official logo.

"UEFA" shall mean the Union des Associations Européennes de Football.

"Website" shall mean a site forming part of the Internet with a unique URL/domain name.
1.2.2 references to person shall include any entity business firm or unincorporated association; and
1.2.3 references to statutory enactments or to the Rules shall include re-enactments and amendments of substantially the same intent as the original referenced enactment or Rule.

1.3 The headings of this contract are for convenience only and not interpretation.

1.4 In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this contract reference shall be made (where appropriate) for clarification to the Code of Practice but so that in the event of any conflict the provisions of this contract shall prevail. Subject thereto wherever specific reference to the Code of Practice is made in this contract the relevant terms and provisions thereof are deemed incorporated herein as if set out in full.

2. Appointment and duration

2.1 The Club engages the Player as a professional footballer on the terms and conditions of this contract and subject to the Rules.

2.2 This contract shall remain in force until the date specified in clause 2 of Schedule 2 hereto subject to any earlier determination pursuant to the terms of this contract.

3. Duties and Obligations of the Player

3.1 The Player agrees:

3.1.1 when directed by an authorised official of the Club:

3.1.1.1 to attend matches in which the Club is engaged;

3.1.1.2 to participate in any matches in which he is selected to play for the Club; and

3.1.1.3 to attend at any reasonable place for the purposes of and to participate in training and match preparation;

3.1.2 to play to the best of his skill and ability at all times;

3.1.3 except to the extent prevented by injury or illness to maintain a high standard of physical fitness at all times and not to indulge in any activity sport or practice which might endanger such fitness or inhibit his mental or physical ability to play practise or train;

3.1.4 to undertake such other duties and to participate in such other activities as are consistent with the performance of his duties under clauses 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 and as are reasonably required of the Player;

3.1.5 that he has given all necessary authorities for the release to the Club of his medical records and will continue to make the same available as requested by the Club from time to time during the continuance of this contract;

3.1.6 to comply with and act in accordance with all lawful instructions of any authorised official of the Club;

3.1.7 to play football solely for the Club or as authorised by the Club or as required by the Rules;

3.1.8 to observe the Laws of the Game when playing football;

3.1.9 to observe the Rules but in the case of the Club Rules to the extent only that they do not conflict with or seek to vary the express terms of this contract;

3.1.10 to submit promptly to such medical and dental examinations as the Club may reasonably require and to undergo at no expense to himself such treatment as may be prescribed by the medical or dental advisers of the Club or the Club’s insurers;

3.1.11 on the termination of this contract for any cause to return to the Club in a reasonable and proper condition any property (including any car) which has been provided or made available by the Club to the Player in connection with his employment.

3.2 The Player agrees that he shall not:

3.2.1 undertake or be involved in any activity or practice which will knowingly cause to be void or voidable or which will invoke any exclusion of the Player’s cover pursuant to any policy of insurance maintained for the benefit of the Club on the life of the Player or covering his physical well-being (including injury and incapacity and treatment thereof);

3.2.2 when playing or training wear anything (including jewellery) which is or could be dangerous to him or any other person;

3.2.3 except to the extent specifically agreed in writing between the Club and the Player prior to the signing of this contract use as his regular
place of residence any place which the Club reasonably deems unsuitable for the performance by the Player of his duties other than temporarily pending relocation;

3.2.4 undertake or be engaged in any other employment or be engaged or involved in any trade business or occupation or participate professionally in any other sporting or athletic activity without the prior written consent of the Club PROVIDED THAT this shall not:

3.2.4.1 prevent the Player from making any investment in any business so long as it does not conflict or interfere with his obligations hereunder; or

3.2.4.2 limit the Player’s rights under clauses 4 and 6.1.8;

3.2.5 knowingly or recklessly do write or say anything or omit to do anything which is likely to bring the Club or the game of football into disrepute cause the Player or the Club to be in breach of the Rules or cause damage to the Club or its officers or employees or any match official. Whenever circumstances permit the Player shall give to the Club reasonable notice of his intention to make any contributions to the public media in order to allow representations to be made to him on behalf of the Club if it so desires;

3.2.6 except in the case of emergency arrange or undergo any medical treatment without first giving the Club proper details of the proposed treatment and physician/surgeon and requesting the Club’s consent which the Club will not unreasonably withhold having due regard to the provisions of the Code of Practice.

4. Community public relations and marketing

4.1 For the purposes of the promotional community and public relations activities of the Club and/or (at the request of the Club) of any sponsors or commercial partners of the Club and/or of the League and/or of any main sponsors of the League the Player shall attend at and participate in such events as may reasonably be required by the Club including but not limited to appearances and the granting of interviews and photographic opportunities as authorised by the Club. The Club shall give reasonable notice to the Player of the Club’s requirements and the Player shall make himself available for up to six hours per week of which approximately half shall be devoted to the community and public relations activities of the Club. No photograph of the Player taken pursuant to the provisions of this clause 4.1 shall be used by the Club or any other person to imply any brand or product endorsement by the Player.

4.2 Whilst he is providing or performing the services set out in this contract (including travelling on Club business) the Player shall:

4.2.1 wear only such clothing as is approved by an authorised official of the Club; and

4.2.2 not display any badge mark logo trading name or message on any item of clothing without the written consent of an authorised official of the Club provided that nothing in this clause shall prevent the Player wearing and/or promoting football boots and in the case of a goalkeeper gloves of his choice.

4.3 Subject in any event to clause 4.4 and except to the extent of any commitments already entered into by the Player as at the date hereof or when on international duty in relation to the Players’ national football association UEFA or FIFA he shall not (without the written consent of the Club) at any time during the term of this contract do anything to promote endorse or provide promotional marketing or advertising services or exploit the Player’s Image either (a) in relation to any person in respect of such person’s products brand or services which conflict or compete with any of the Club’s club branded or football related products (including the Strip) or any products, brand or services of the Club’s two main sponsors/commercial partners or of the League’s one principal sponsor or (b) for the League.

4.4 The Player agrees that he will not either on his own behalf or with or through any third party undertake promotional activities in a Club Context nor exploit the Player’s Image in a Club Context in any manner and/or in any Media nor grant the right to do so to any third party.

4.5 Except to the extent specifically herein provided or otherwise specifically agreed with the Player nothing in this contract shall prevent the Player from undertaking promotional activities or from exploiting the Player’s Image so long as:

4.5.1 the said promotional activities or exploitation do not interfere or conflict with the Player’s obligations under this contract; and

4.5.2 the Player gives reasonable advance notice to the Club of any
intended promotional activities or exploitation.

4.6 The Player hereby grants to the Club the right to photograph the Player both individually and as a member of a squad and to use such photographs and the Player’s Image in a Club Context in connection with the promotion of the Club and its playing activities and the promotion of the League and the manufacture sale distribution licensing advertising marketing and promotion of the Club’s branded and football related products (including the Strip) or services (including such products or services which are endorsed by or produced under licence from the Club) and in relation to the League’s licensed products services and sponsors in such manner as the Club may reasonably think fit so long as:

4.6.1 the use of the Player’s photograph and/or Player’s Image either alone or with not more than two other players at the Club shall be limited to no greater usage than the average for all players regularly in the Club’s first team;

4.6.2 the Player’s photograph and/or Player’s Image shall not be used to imply any brand or product endorsement by the Player; and

4.6.3 PROVIDED that all rights shall cease on termination of this contract save for the use and/or sale of any promotional materials or products as aforesaid as shall then already be manufactured or in the process of manufacture or required to satisfy any outstanding orders.

4.7 In its dealings with any person permitted by the Club to take photographs of the Player the Club shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the copyright of the photographs so taken is vested in the Club and/or that no use is made of the said photographs without the Club’s consent and in accordance with the provisions of this contract.

4.8 The Player shall be entitled to make a responsible and reasonable reply or response to any media comment or published statements likely to adversely affect the Player’s standing or reputation and subject as provided for in clause 3.2.5 to make contributions to the public media in a responsible manner.

4.9 In this clause 4 where the context so admits the expression “the Club” includes any Associated Company of the Club but only to the extent and in the context that such company directly or indirectly provides facilities to or undertakes commercial marketing or public relations activities for the Club and not so as to require the consent of any Associated Company when consent of the Club is required.

4.10 For the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 nothing in this clause 4 is intended to nor does it give to the League any right to enforce any of its provisions against the Club or the Player.

4.11 Nothing in this clause 4 shall prevent the Club from entering into other arrangements additional or supplemental hereto or in variance hereof in relation to advertising marketing and/or promotional services with the Player or with or for all or some of the Club’s players (including the Player) from time to time. Any other such arrangements which have been agreed as at the date of the signing of this contract and any image contract or similar contract required to be set out in this contract by the League Rules are set out in Schedule 2 paragraph 13.

5. Remuneration and expenses

5.1 Throughout his engagement the Club shall pay to the Player the remuneration and shall provide the benefits (if any) as are set out in Schedule 2.

5.2 The Club shall reimburse the Player all reasonable hotel and other expenses wholly and exclusively incurred by him in or about the performance of his duties under this contract PROVIDED that the Player has obtained the prior authorisation of a director the Manager or the secretary of the Club and the Player furnishes the Club with receipts or other evidence of such expenses.

5.3 The Club may deduct from any remuneration payable to the Player:

5.3.1 any monies disbursed and/or liabilities incurred by the Club on behalf of the Player with the Players prior consent;

5.3.2 any other monies (but not claims for damages or compensation) which can be clearly established to be properly due from the Player to the Club.

5.4 If at a Disciplinary hearing conducted under Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto a fine is imposed on a player calculated by reference to the Player’s weekly wage, the fine shall take the form of a forfeiture of wages of a corresponding amount so that the amount forfeit shall not become payable to the Player. The forfeiture shall take effect in relation to the monthly instalment of the Player’s remuneration falling due next after the date on which the notice
of the decision is given to him ("Pay Day"). But see clause 5.5 dealing with appeals. For the avoidance of doubt, the amount forfeit is the gross amount of the weekly wage.

5.5 If on Pay Day the time for appealing has not expired or if notice of appeal has been given, the reference to Pay Day shall be to the day on which the monthly instalment of remuneration becomes payable next after (i) the expiry of the time for appealing without any appeal having been made or (ii) if an appeal is made, the date on which the outcome of the appeal is notified to the Player. In the case of an appeal, the amount that is forfeit shall be the amount (if any) determined on appeal.

6. Obligations of the Club

6.1 The Club shall:

6.1.1 observe the Rules all of which (other than the Club Rules) shall take precedence over the Club Rules;

6.1.2 provide the Player each year with copies of all the Rules which affect the Player and of the terms and conditions of any policy of insurance in respect of or in relation to the Player with which the Player is expected to comply;

6.1.3 promptly arrange appropriate medical and dental examinations and treatment for the Player at the Club's expense in respect of any injury to or illness (including mental illness or disorder) of the Player save where such injury or illness is caused by an activity or practice on the part of the Player which breaches clause 3.2.1 hereof in which case the Club shall only be obliged to arrange and pay for treatment to the extent that the cost thereof remains covered by the Club's policy of medical insurance or (if the Club does not maintain such a policy) then to the extent that it would remain covered by such a policy were one maintained upon normal industry terms commonly available within professional football and so that save as aforesaid this obligation shall continue in respect of any examinations and/or treatment the necessity for which arose during the currency of this contract notwithstanding its expiry or termination until the earlier of completion of the necessary examinations and/or prescribed treatment and a period of eighteen months from the date of expiry or termination hereof;

6.1.4 The Club shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any policy of insurance maintained by the Club for the benefit of the Player continues to provide cover for any examinations and/or treatment as are referred to in clause 6.1.3 until completion of any such examinations and/or treatment;

6.1.5 comply with all relevant statutory provisions relating to industrial injury and any regulations made pursuant thereto;

6.1.6 at all times maintain and observe a proper health and safety policy for the security safety and physical well being of the Player when carrying out his duties under this contract;

6.1.7 in any case where the Club would otherwise be liable as employer for any acts or omissions of the Player in the lawful and proper performance of his playing practising or training duties under this contract defend the Player against any proceedings threatened or brought against him at any time arising out of the carrying out by him of any such acts or omissions and indemnify him from any damages awarded and this obligation and indemnity shall continue in relation to any such acts or omissions during the currency of this contract notwithstanding its expiry or termination before such proceedings are threatened and/or brought;

6.1.8 give the Player every opportunity compatible with his obligations under this contract to follow any course of further education or vocational training which he wishes to undertake and give positive support to the Player in undertaking such education and training. The Player shall supply the Footballer's Further Education and Vocational Training Society with particulars of any courses undertaken by him; and

6.1.9 release the Player as required for the purposes of fulfilling the obligations in respect of representative matches to his national association pursuant to the statutes and regulations of FIFA.

6.2 The Club shall not without the consent in writing of the Player:

6.2.1 take or use or permit to be used photographs of the Player for any purposes save as permitted by clause 4; or

6.2.2 use or reveal the contents of any medical reports or other medical information regarding the Player obtained by the Club save for the purpose of assessing the Player's health and fitness obtaining
7. **Injury and Illness**

7.1 Any injury to or illness of the Player shall be reported by him or on his behalf to the Club immediately and the Club shall keep a record of such injury or illness.

7.2 In the event that the Player shall become incapacitated from playing by reason of any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) the Club shall pay to the Player during such period of incapacity or the period of this contract (whichever is the shorter) the following amounts of remuneration for the following periods:

7.2.1 in the case of a Player Injury his basic wage over the first eighteen months and one half of his basic wage for the remainder of his period of incapacity;

7.2.2 in the case of any other injury or illness his basic wage over the first twelve months and one half of his basic wage for the remainder of his period of incapacity.

7.3 In each case specified in clause 7.2 above there shall be paid to the Player in addition to his basic wage all or the appropriate share of any bonus payments if and to the extent that payment or provision for continuation of the same is specifically provided for in Schedule 2 or in the Club’s Bonus Scheme.

7.4 The payments made by the Club pursuant to clause 7.2 shall be deemed to include all and any statutory sick pay and/or any other state benefits payable by reference to sickness to which the Player may be entitled.

7.5 Nothing in this clause 7 shall reduce or vary the entitlement of the Player to signing on fees and/or loyalty payments or any other payments of a similar nature due to him under this Contract.

8. **Permanent or Prolonged Incapacity**

8.1 In the event that:

8.1.1 the Player shall suffer Permanent Incapacity; or

8.1.2 the Player has been incapacitated from playing by reason of or resulting from the same injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) for a period (consecutive or in the aggregate) amounting to eighteen months in any consecutive period of twenty months;

the Club shall be entitled to serve a notice upon the Player terminating this contract.

8.2 The length of such notice shall be twelve months in the case of an incapacity by reason of a Player Injury and six months in every other case.

8.3 The notice referred to in clause 8.1 may be served at any time after:

8.3.1 the date on which the Player is declared to be suffering Permanent Total Disablement under the terms of the League’s personal accident insurance scheme; or

8.3.2 the date on which such Permanent Incapacity is established by the Initial Opinion; or

8.3.3 in the case of any incapacity as is referred to in 8.1.2 the date on which the period of incapacity shall exceed eighteen months as aforesaid but so that the right to terminate pursuant to clause 8.1.2 shall only apply while such incapacity shall continue thereafter.

8.4 In the event that after the service of any notice pursuant to clause 8.1.1 Permanent Incapacity is not confirmed by the Further Opinion (if requested) or (where relevant) by the Third Opinion then such notice shall lapse and cease to be of effect.

8.5 In the case of any notice of termination given under this clause 8 the Club shall be entitled by further notice on or after serving notice of termination to terminate this contract forthwith on paying to the Player at the time of such termination the remainder of his remuneration and any other sums properly due to him under this contract and the value of any other benefits which would be payable or available to the Player during the remainder of the period of his notice of termination provided always that the Club’s obligations pursuant to clause 6.1.3 shall continue to apply during the remainder of the said notice period and for any further relevant period as provided therein.

8.6 Where the Club has made payment to the Player during any period of incapacity owing to illness or injury and the Player’s absence is due to the action of a third party other than of another club player or match official in relation to any damage or injury sustained on or about the field of play...
or during training or practising giving the Player a right of recovery against
that third party then if the Player makes any claim against such third party
the Player must where he is reasonably able to do so include as part of such
claim from such third party a claim for recovery of any such payment and
upon successful recovery repay to the Club the lesser of the total of the
remuneration paid by the Club to the Player during the period of incapacity
and the amount of any damages payable to or recovered by the Player in
respect of such claim or otherwise by reference to loss of earnings under this
contract under any compromise settlement or judgment. Any amounts paid
by the Club to the Player in such circumstances shall constitute loans from
the Club to be repaid to the Club to the extent aforesaid upon successful
recovery as aforesaid.

9. Disciplinary Procedure
Except in any case where the Club terminates the Player’s employment pursuant to the
provisions of clause 10 hereof (when the procedure set out therein shall apply) the Club
shall operate the disciplinary procedure set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto in relation
to any breach or failure to observe the terms of this contract or of the Rules.

10. Termination by the Club
10.1 The Club shall be entitled to terminate the employment of the Player by
fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Player if the Player:
10.1.1 shall be guilty of Gross Misconduct;
10.1.2 shall fail to heed any final written warning given under the provisions
of Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto; or
10.1.3 is convicted of any criminal offence where the punishment consists
of a sentence of imprisonment of three months or more (which is
not suspended).

10.2 If the Club terminates the Player’s employment for any reason under clause
10.1 the Club shall within seven days thereafter notify the Player in writing
of the full reasons for the action taken.

10.3 The Player may by notice in writing served on the Club and the League at
any time from the date of termination up to fourteen days after receipt by
the Player of written notification under clause 10.2 give notice of appeal
against the decision of the Club to the League and such appeal shall be
determined in accordance with the procedures applicable pursuant to the
League Rules.

10.4 If the Player exercises his right of appeal the termination of this contract
by the Club shall not become effective unless and until it shall have been
determined that the Club was entitled to terminate this contract pursuant
to clause 10.1 but so that if it is so determined then subject only to clause
10.5.3 the Player shall cease to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits
with effect from the expiration of the period of notice referred to in clause
10.3 and any payment made by the Club in respect thereof shall forthwith
become due from the Player to the Club.

10.5 Pending the hearing and determination of such appeal the Club may
suspend the Player for up to a maximum of six weeks from the date of
notice of termination and if the Board so determine such suspension shall
be without pay provided that:
10.5.1 the payment due to the Player in respect of the fourteen days’
notice period under clause 10.1 is made to the Player forthwith;
10.5.2 pending the determination of the appeal an amount equal to the
remuneration which would otherwise have been due to the Player
but for the suspension without pay is paid to an escrow account
held by the PFA as and when it would otherwise have become due
for payment to the Player and following the determination of the
appeal the PFA will either pay the money (including interest earned
on the said account) to the Player or return it to the Club according
to the appeal decision;
10.5.3 all other benefits for the Player under the provisions of clauses 6.1.3
and 6.1.4 of this contract shall be maintained and remain in force
while the appeal is pending; and
10.5.4 during any such period of suspension the Club shall be under no
obligation to assign to the Player any playing training or other
duties and shall be entitled to exclude the Player from the Club’s
premises including its ground and training ground.

10.6 Upon any termination of this contract by the Club becoming operative the
Club shall forthwith release the Player’s registration.

11. Termination by the Player
11.1 The Player shall be entitled to terminate this contract by fourteen days’
notice in writing to the Club if the Club:
11.1.1 shall be guilty of serious or persistent breach of the terms and conditions of this contract; or

11.1.2 fails to pay any remuneration or other payments or bonuses due to the Player or make available any benefits due to him as it or they fall due or within fourteen days thereafter and has still failed to make payment in full or make the benefits available by the expiry of the said fourteen days’ notice.

11.2 The Club may within fourteen days of receipt of any notice of termination of this contract by the Player in accordance with clause 11.1 give written notice of appeal against such termination to the Player and to the League which shall hear such appeal in accordance with procedures applicable pursuant to the League Rules.

11.3 If the Club exercises its right of appeal pursuant to clause 11.2 the termination of this contract shall not become operative unless and until it shall have been determined that the Player was entitled to terminate this contract pursuant to clause 11.1.

11.4 Upon any termination of this contract by the Player becoming operative the Club shall forthwith release the Player’s registration.

12. Grievance Procedure

In the event that the Player has any grievance in connection with his employment under this contract the grievance procedures set out in Part 2 of the Schedule 1 hereto shall be available to the Player.

13. Representation of Player

In any disciplinary or grievance procedure the Player shall be entitled to be accompanied by or represented by his Club captain or a PFA delegate and/or any officer of the PFA.

14. Holidays

For each Holiday Year the Player shall be entitled to take in the aggregate the equivalent of five weeks paid holiday to be taken at a time or times and for such days during the Holiday Year as shall be determined by the Club but so that (subject to the Club’s first team and any international commitments) the Club shall not unreasonably refuse to permit the Player to take three of such weeks consecutively. Holidays not taken during any Holiday Year (or subject to agreement by the Club within one month of the end of such Holiday Year) may not be carried forward into any subsequent Holiday Year.

15. Survival

The provisions of this contract shall remain in full force and effect in respect of any act or omission of either party during the period of this contract notwithstanding the termination of this contract.

16. Confidentiality

This contract is to be treated as being private and confidential and its contents shall not be disclosed or divulged either directly or indirectly to any person firm or company whatsoever either by the Club the Player or any Intermediary of the Club or the Player except:

16.1 with the prior written agreement of both the Club and the Player; or

16.2 as may be required by any statutory regulatory governmental or quasi governmental authorities or as otherwise required by law or pursuant to the Rules including (where appropriate) any recognised stock exchange; or

16.3 in the case of the Player to his duly appointed Intermediary and professional advisers including the PFA; or

16.4 in the case of the Club to its duly appointed Intermediary and its professional advisers or to such of its directors secretary servants or representatives or auditors to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purposes of their duties and then only to the extent so necessary.

17. Arbitration

Any dispute between the Club and the Player not provided for in clauses 9, 10, 11,12 and Schedule 1 hereof shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the League Rules or (but only if mutually agreed by the Club and the Player) in accordance with the FA Rules.

18. Specificity of Football

The parties hereto confirm and acknowledge that this contract the rights and obligations undertaken by the parties hereto and the fixed term period thereof reflect the special relationship and characteristics involved in the employment of football players and the participation by the parties in the game of football pursuant to the Rules and the parties accordingly agree that all matters of dispute in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties hereto and otherwise pursuant to the Rules including as to termination of this contract and any compensation payable in respect of termination or breach thereof shall be submitted to and the parties hereto accept the jurisdiction and all appropriate determinations of such tribunal panel or other body (including pursuant to any appeal therefrom) pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the procedures and practices under this contract and the Rules.
19. Severance

19.1 If the Player shall not make an application to an Employment Tribunal for compensation in respect of unfair dismissal or redundancy as a result of not being offered a new contract either on terms at least as favourable as under this contract or at all then the following provisions of this clause 19 shall take effect.

19.2 If by the expiry of this contract the Club has not made to the Player an offer of re-engagement on terms at least as favourable to the Player as those applicable over the last twelve months of this contract (or the length of this contract if shorter) then subject to clauses 19.1 and 19.3 the Player shall continue to receive from his Club (as a separate payment representing compensation as more particularly referred to in the Code of Practice) a payment equal to his weekly basic wage (at the average amount of his weekly wage over the preceding 12 months of this contract or the whole of this contract if shorter) for a period of one month from the expiry of this contract or until the Player signs for another club whichever period is the shorter provided that where the Player signs for another club within that period of one month at a lower basic wage than such average then such payment shall in addition include a sum equal to the shortfall in such basic wage for the remainder of such period;

19.3 The maximum amount payable to the Player under sub-clause 19.2 is double the maximum sum which an Employment Tribunal can award from time to time as a compensatory award for unfair dismissal.

20. Miscellaneous

20.1 This contract and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire agreement between the Club and the Player and supersede any and all preceding agreements between the Club and the Player.

20.2 The further particulars of terms of employment not contained in the body of this contract which must be given to the Player in compliance with Part 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 are given in Schedule 2.

20.3 This contract is signed by the parties hereto in duplicate so that for this purpose each signed agreement shall constitute an original but taken together they shall constitute one agreement.

20.4 For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998 the Player consents to the Club the League PFA and FA collecting Personal Data including Sensitive Personal Data (both as defined in the said Act) about the Player. The Club’s Data Protection Policy can be found in the Club’s employee handbook.

21. Jurisdiction and Law

This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the parties submit to the non exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
Disciplinary Procedure and Penalties

1. Introduction
The disciplinary procedure aims to ensure that the Club behaves fairly in investigating and dealing with allegations of unacceptable conduct with a view to helping and encouraging all employees of the Club to achieve and maintain appropriate standards of conduct and performance. The Club nevertheless reserves the right to depart from the precise requirements of its disciplinary procedure where the Club considers it expedient to do so and where the Player’s resulting treatment is no less fair.

2. Records
All cases of disciplinary action under this procedure will be recorded and placed in the Club’s records until deleted in accordance with paragraph 4.2. A copy of the Club’s disciplinary records concerning the Player will be supplied to the Player at his request.

3. The Procedure
The following steps will be taken as appropriate in all cases of disciplinary action:

3.1 Investigation
No action will be taken before a proper investigation has been undertaken by the Club into the matter complained of. If the Club determines the same to be appropriate the Club may by written notice suspend the Player for up to fourteen days while the investigation takes place. If the Player is so suspended this contract will continue together with all the Player’s rights under it including the payment of the Player’s remuneration and benefits but during the period of suspension the Player will not be entitled to access to any of the Club’s premises except at the prior request or with the prior consent of the Club and subject to such conditions as the Club may impose. The decision to suspend the Player will be notified in writing to the Player by the Club.

3.2 Disciplinary Hearing
3.2.1 If the Club decides to hold a disciplinary hearing about the matter complained of the Player will be given full details in writing of the complaint against him and reasonable notice of the date and time of the hearing. At the hearing the Player will be given an opportunity to state his case either personally or through his representative as provided for in clause 13 of this contract.

3.2.2 Subject as provided in paragraph 3.2.3 no disciplinary penalty will be imposed without first giving the Player the opportunity to state his case to the Manager or if the Player so requests to a director of the Club and where the Club considers it appropriate or where the Player requests the same without a disciplinary hearing.

3.2.3 A disciplinary hearing may proceed in the Player’s absence and a disciplinary penalty may be imposed if he fails to appear at such hearing after having received proper notice thereof.

3.3 Appeals
3.3.1 The Player shall have a right of appeal to the Board against any disciplinary decision. The Player should inform the Board in writing of his wish to appeal within fourteen days of the date of notification to him of the decision which forms the subject of such appeal. The Board will conduct an appeal hearing as soon as possible thereafter at which the Player will be given a further opportunity to state his case. The decision of the Board will be notified to the Player in writing within seven days and subject to paragraph 3.3.2 will be final and binding under this procedure.

3.3.2 In the event of any sanction being imposed or confirmed in excess of an oral warning the Player may by notice in writing served on the Club and the League within fourteen days of receipt by the Player of written notification of the decision of the Board give notice of appeal against it to the League who will determine the matter in accordance with the League Rules.

3.3.3 If the Player exercises any right of appeal as aforesaid any sanction imposed by the Club upon the Player shall not take effect until the appropriate appeal has been determined and the sanction confirmed varied or revoked as the case may be.
4. Disciplinary Penalties

4.1 At a disciplinary hearing or on an appeal against a disciplinary decision the Club may dismiss the allegation or if it is proved to the Club’s satisfaction may:

4.1.1 give an oral warning a formal written warning or after a previous warning or warnings a final written warning to the Player;

4.1.2 impose a fine not exceeding the amount of the Player’s basic wage for a period of up to two weeks for a first offence (unless otherwise approved by the PFA in accordance with the Code of Practice) and up to four weeks for subsequent offences in any consecutive period of twelve months but only in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice;

4.1.3 order the Player not to attend at any of the Club’s premises for such period as the Club thinks fit not exceeding four weeks;

4.1.4 in any circumstances which would entitle the Club to dismiss the Player pursuant to any of the provisions of clause 10 of this contract dismiss the Player or impose such other disciplinary action (including suspension of the Player and/or a fine of all or part of the amount of the Player’s basic wage for a period not exceeding six weeks).

4.2 Any warning or sanction given under this disciplinary procedure will be deleted in the Club’s records after twelve months.

Part 2
Grievance Procedures

1. The Player shall bring any grievance informally to the notice of the Manager in the first instance. The Player may be required by the Manager to put any such grievance in writing. Having enquired into such grievance the Manager will then notify the Player of his decision.

2. If the grievance is not determined by the Manager to the Player’s satisfaction the Player may within fourteen days thereafter serve formal notice of the grievance in writing on the secretary of the Club and the matter shall thereupon be determined by the chairman of the Club or by the Board as soon as possible and in any event within four weeks of the receipt of the notice.

Schedule 2 – Insert Player’s Name

The following provisions shall apply to supplement the provisions of this contract and the information as set out herein in order to comply with the requirements of Part 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996.

1. The Player’s employment with the Club began on

2. The date of termination of this contract is 30 June 20

3. No employment with a previous employer shall count as part of the Player’s continuous period of employment hereunder.

4. The Player’s hours of work are such as the Club may from time to time reasonably require of him to carry out his duties and the Player shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration for work done outside normal working hours.

5. The place of employment shall be at the Club’s ground and training ground but the Club shall be entitled to require the Player to play and to undertake his duties hereunder at any other place throughout the world.

6. No contracting out certificate pursuant to the Pensions Scheme Act 1993 is in force in respect of the Player’s employment under this contract.

7. The Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme

7.1 Immediately on signing this contract, the Player shall:

7.1.1 be automatically enrolled as; or

7.1.2 or continue to be;

a member of the 2011 Section of the Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme (the “Scheme”) and shall remain so during the continuance of his employment hereunder unless he:

7.1.3 notifies the Scheme Administrator in writing that he wishes to opt out of the Scheme;

7.1.4 has previously registered with HM Revenue & Customs for Fixed or Enhanced Protection; or
7.1.5 joins an International Club on a temporary basis by way of International Loan Agreement (in which case his entitlement to membership of the Scheme shall be suspended for the duration of that International Loan Agreement); or

7.1.6 is otherwise ineligible for membership of the Scheme in accordance with the terms of the Scheme’s definitive trust deed and rules as amended from time to time.

7.2 For as long as the Player remains a member of the 2011 Section, an annual contribution (funded by the levy on transfer fees) will be paid into the Scheme for the benefit of the Player. The annual contribution shall be £6,000 or such other amount as determined by the Trustees of the Scheme from time to time.

7.3 The Player shall not be required to contribute to the 2011 Section but may elect to contribute such amount as he notifies to the Scheme Administrator in writing. Where a Player decides to contribute to the 2011 Section he can agree with his Club and the Scheme Administrator for the contribution to be made through a salary sacrifice arrangement.

7.4 Where, by virtue of previous membership of the Scheme, the Player has built up benefits under its Cash Section and/or Income Section, those benefits are frozen and will be revalued until his retirement from the Scheme. The Player shall be entitled to such benefits (including death benefits) from each section of the Scheme in which he has participated on such conditions as are set out in the Scheme’s definitive trust deed and rules as amended from time to time.

7.5 The Player further agrees that the Club may disclose his name, address, gender, date of birth, National Insurance number, salary information and dates of commencement and termination of employment to the League and the administrators of the Scheme for the purposes of facilitating the administration of the Scheme.

8. Remuneration

The Player’s remuneration shall be:

8.1 Basic Wage:

£ ......................per week/per annum payable by monthly instalments in arrear from .................................... to ....................................

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8.2 Such of the bonuses and incentives as the Player shall be entitled to receive under the terms of the Club’s bonus and incentive scheme as are set out below/a copy of which is annexed hereto.

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8.3 Any other payments as follows:
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9. Insurances (if any) maintained for the benefit of the Player subject to the terms and conditions thereof during currency of this contract the premiums of which are paid by the Club.

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11. The Player’s normal retirement age is 35 years.

12. The terms and conditions of this contract form part of a number of collective agreements between the Club (through the League) and the Player (through the PFA) affecting the Player’s employment and full details thereof are set out in the Code of Practice.

13. (If applicable) The following provisions which are additional or supplemental to those set out in clause 4 have been agreed between the Club and the Player as referred to in clause 4.11.
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Did Player use the services of an Intermediary yes/no
If yes, name of Intermediary .............................................................................................
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Did the Club use the services of an Intermediary yes/no
If yes, name of Intermediary .............................................................................................
Signature of Intermediary .................................................................
WHEREBY it is agreed as follows:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 The words and phrases below shall have the following meaning.

“Associated Company” shall mean any company which is a holding company or subsidiary (each as defined in Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985) of the Club or of any holding company of the Club.

“the Board” shall mean the board of directors of the Club for the time being or any duly authorised committee of such board of directors.

“Club Context” shall mean in relation to any representation of the Player and/or the Player’s image a representation in connection or combination with the name colours Strip trade marks logos or other identifying characteristics of the Club (including trade marks and logos relating to the Club and its activities which trade marks and logos are registered in the name of and/or exploited by any Associated Company) or in any manner referring to or taking advantage of any of the same.

“Club Rules” shall mean the rules or regulations affecting the Player from time to time in force and published by the Club.

“Code of Practice” shall mean the Code of Practice from time to time in force and produced jointly by the Football Association Premier League Limited and the PFA in conjunction with the FA.

“the FA” shall mean the Football Association Limited.

“FIFA” shall mean the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

“Gross Misconduct” shall mean serious or persistent conduct behaviour activity or omission by the Player involving one or more of the following:

(a) theft or fraud;

(b) deliberate and serious damage to the Club’s property;
(c) use or possession of or trafficking in a Prohibited Substance;
(d) incapacity through alcohol affecting the Player’s performance as a player;
(e) breach of or failure to comply with any of the terms of this contract or such other similar or equivalent serious or persistent conduct behaviour activity or omission by the Player which the Board reasonably considers to amount to gross misconduct.

“Holiday Year” shall mean a period of twelve months from 1st July in one year to 30th June in the next year.

“Intermediary” means any Person who qualifies as an Intermediary for the purposes of the FA Regulations on Working with Intermediaries as they may be amended from time to time.

“International Club” shall mean any association football club that does not participate in a league competition sanctioned by or otherwise affiliated to the FA.

“International Loan Agreement” shall mean a loan agreement signed between a Transferor Club and an International Club.

“Internet” shall mean the global network of computer systems using TCP/IP protocols including (without limitation) the World Wide Web.

“the Laws of the Game” shall mean the laws from time to time in force governing the game of association football as laid down by the International Football Association Board (as defined in the statutes of FIFA).

“the League” shall mean the football league of which the Club is a member from time to time.

“the League Rules” shall mean the rules or regulations from time to time in force of the League.

“Manager” shall mean the official of the Club responsible for selecting the Club’s first team.

“Media” shall mean any and all media whether now existing or hereafter invented including but not limited to any print and/or paper medium broadcast satellite or cable transmission and any visual and/or audio medium and including but not limited to the Internet any television or radio channel Website webcast and/or any transmission made by any mobile or mobile telephony standard or technology or other media or broadcasting service.

“PFA” shall mean the Professional Footballers Association.

“Permanent Incapacity” shall mean either (a) “Permanent Total Disablement” as defined in the League’s personal accident insurance scheme or (b) incapacity of the Player by reason of or resulting from any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) where in the written opinion of an appropriately qualified medical consultant instructed by the Club (“the Initial Opinion”) and (if requested in writing either by the Club at any time or by the Player at any time but not later than twenty one days after receipt from the Club of notice in writing terminating this contract pursuant to clause 8.1) of a further such consultant approved or proposed by the Player (and in the absence of either an approval or proposal within 28 days of the request nominated on the application of either party by the President (“the President”) for the time being of the Royal College of Surgeons) (“the Further Opinion”) the Player will be unlikely by reason of such incapacity to play football to the same standard at which the Player would have played if not for such incapacity for a consecutive period of not less than twenty months commencing on the date of commencement of the incapacity PROVIDED that if the Initial Opinion and the Further Opinion disagree with one another then if the Further Opinion was given by a consultant nominated by the President it shall prevail but if not then a third opinion (“the Third Opinion”) from a consultant nominated by the President may be obtained on the application of either party and that opinion shall be final and binding for the purposes of this definition.

“Player’s Image” shall mean the Player’s name, nickname, fame, image, signature, voice and film and photographic portrayal, virtual and/or electronic representation, reputation, replica and all other characteristics of the Player including his shirt number.
“Player Injury” shall mean any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) other than any injury or illness which is directly caused by or results directly from a breach by the Player of his obligations under clause 3.2.1 of this contract or of any other of his obligations hereunder amounting to Gross Misconduct.

“Prohibited Substance” shall have the meaning set out in the FA Rules.

“the Rules” shall mean the statutes and regulations of FIFA and UEFA the FA Rules the League Rules the Code of Practice and the Club Rules.

“Strip” shall mean all versions from time to time of the Club’s official football clothing including shirts shorts socks and/or training kit track suits headwear and/or any other clothing displaying the Club’s name and/or official logo.

“UEFA” shall mean the Union des Associations Européennes de Football.

“Website” shall mean a site forming part of the Internet with a unique URL/ domain name.

1.2 For the purposes of this contract and provided the context so permits:
1.2.1  the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and any gender includes any other gender;
1.2.2  references to person shall include any entity business firm or unincorporated association; and
1.2.3  references to statutory enactments or to the Rules shall include re-enactments and amendments of substantially the same intent as the original referenced enactment or Rule.

1.3 The headings of this contract are for convenience only and not interpretation.

1.4 In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this contract reference shall be made (where appropriate) for clarification to the Code of Practice but so that in the event of any conflict the provisions of this contract shall prevail. Subject thereto wherever specific reference to the Code of Practice is made in this contract the relevant terms and provisions thereof are deemed incorporated herein as if set out in full.

2. Appointment and duration

2.1 The Club engages the Player as a professional footballer on the terms and conditions of this contract and subject to the Rules.

2.2 This contract shall remain in force until the date specified in clause 2 of Schedule 2 hereto subject to any earlier determination pursuant to the terms of this contract.

3. Duties and Obligations of the Player

3.1 The Player agrees:

3.1.1 when directed by an authorised official of the Club:

3.1.1.1 to attend matches in which the Club is engaged;

3.1.1.2 to participate in any matches in which he is selected to play for the Club; and

3.1.1.3 to attend at any reasonable place for the purposes of and to participate in training and match preparation;

3.1.2 to play to the best of his skill and ability at all times;

3.1.3 except to the extent prevented by injury or illness to maintain a high standard of physical fitness at all times and not to indulge in any activity sport or practice which might endanger such fitness or inhibit his mental or physical ability to play practise or train;

3.1.4 to undertake such other duties and to participate in such other activities as are consistent with the performance of his duties under clauses 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 and as are reasonably required of the Player;

3.1.5 that he has given all necessary authorities for the release to the Club of his medical records and will continue to make the same available as requested by the Club from time to time during the continuance of this contract;

3.1.6 to comply with and act in accordance with all lawful instructions of any authorised official of the Club;

3.1.7 to play football solely for the Club or as authorised by the Club or as required by the Rules;

3.1.8 to observe the Laws of the Game when playing football;
3.1.9 to observe the Rules but in the case of the Club Rules to the extent only that they do not conflict with or seek to vary the express terms of this contract;

3.1.10 to submit promptly to such medical and dental examinations as the Club may reasonably require and to undergo at no expense to himself such treatment as may be prescribed by the medical or dental advisers of the Club or the Club’s insurers;

3.1.11 on the termination of this contract for any cause to return to the Club in a reasonable and proper condition any property (including any car) which has been provided or made available by the Club to the Player in connection with his employment.

3.2 The Player agrees that he shall not:

3.2.1 undertake or be involved in any activity or practice which will knowingly cause to be void or voidable or which will invoke any exclusion of the Player’s cover pursuant to any policy of insurance maintained for the benefit of the Club on the life of the Player or covering his physical well-being (including injury and incapacity and treatment thereof);

3.2.2 when playing or training wear anything (including jewellery) which is or could be dangerous to him or any other person;

3.2.3 except to the extent specifically agreed in writing between the Club and the Player prior to the signing of this contract use as his regular place of residence any place which the Club reasonably deems unsuitable for the performance by the Player of his duties other than temporarily pending relocation;

3.2.4 undertake or be engaged in any other employment or be engaged or involved in any trade business or occupation or participate professionally in any other sporting or athletic activity without the prior written consent of the Club PROVIDED THAT this shall not:

3.2.4.1 prevent the Player from making any investment in any business so long as it does not conflict or interfere with his obligations hereunder; or

3.2.4.2 limit the Player’s rights under clauses 4 and 6.1.8;

3.2.5 knowingly or recklessly do, write or say anything or omit to do anything which is likely to bring the Club or the game of football into disrepute, cause the Player or the Club to be in breach of the Rules or cause damage to the Club or its officers or employees or any match official. Whenever circumstances permit the Player shall give to the Club reasonable notice of his intention to make any contributions to the public media in order to allow representations to be made to him on behalf of the Club if it so desires;

3.2.6 except in the case of emergency arrange or undergo any medical treatment without first giving the Club proper details of the proposed treatment and physician/surgeon and requesting the Club’s consent which the Club will not unreasonably withhold having due regard to the provisions of the Code of Practice.

4. Community, public relations and marketing

4.1 For the purposes of the promotional, community and public relations activities of the Club and/or (at the request of the Club) of any sponsors or commercial partners of the Club and/or of the League and/or of any main sponsors of the League the Player shall attend at and participate in such events as may reasonably be required by the Club, including but not limited to, appearances and the granting of interviews and photographic opportunities as authorised by the Club. The Club shall give reasonable notice to the Player of the Club’s requirements and the Player shall make himself available for up to six hours per week of which approximately half shall be devoted to the community and public relations activities of the Club. No photograph of the Player taken pursuant to the provisions of this clause 4.1 shall be used by the Club or any other person to imply any brand or product endorsement by the Player.

4.2 Whilst he is providing or performing the services set out in this contract (including travelling on Club business), the Player shall:

4.2.1 wear only such clothing as is approved by an authorised official of the Club; and

4.2.2 not display any badge, mark, logo, trading name or message on any item of clothing without the written consent of an authorised official of the Club provided that nothing in this clause shall prevent the Player wearing and/or promoting football boots and, in the case of a goalkeeper, gloves of his choice.
4.3 Subject in any event to clause 4.4 and except to the extent of any commitments already entered into by the Player as at the date hereof or when on international duty in relation to the Players’ national football association UEFA or FIFA, he shall not (without the written consent of the Club) at any time during the term of this contract do anything to promote, endorse or provide promotional marketing or advertising services or exploit the Player’s Image either (a) in relation to any person in respect of such person’s products brand or services which conflict or compete with any of the Club’s club branded or football related products (including the Strip) or any products, brand or services of the Club’s two main sponsors/commercial partners or of the League’s one principal sponsor or (b) for the League.

4.4 The Player agrees that he will not either on his own behalf or with or through any third party, undertake promotional activities in a Club Context nor exploit the Player’s Image in a Club Context in any manner and/or in any Media nor grant the right to do so to any third party.

4.5 Except to the extent specifically herein provided or otherwise specifically agreed with the Player, nothing in this contract shall prevent the Player from undertaking promotional activities or from exploiting the Player’s Image so long as:

4.5.1 the said promotional activities or exploitation do not interfere or conflict with the Player’s obligations under this contract; and

4.5.2 the Player gives reasonable advance notice to the Club of any intended promotional activities or exploitation.

4.6 The Player hereby grants to the Club the right to photograph the Player both individually and as a member of a squad and to use such photographs and the Player’s Image in a Club Context in connection with the promotion of the Club and its playing activities and the promotion of the League and the manufacture sale distribution licensing advertising marketing and promotion of the Club’s club branded and football related products (including the Strip) or services (including such products or services which are endorsed by or produced under licence from the Club) and in relation to the League’s licensed products, services and sponsors in such manner as the Club may reasonably think fit so long as:

4.6.1 the use of the Player’s photograph and/or Player’s Image either alone or with not more than two other players at the Club shall be limited to no greater usage than the average for all players regularly in the Club’s first team;

4.6.2 the Player’s photograph and/or Player’s Image shall not be used to imply any brand or product endorsement by the Player; and

4.6.3 PROVIDED that all rights shall cease on termination of this contract save for the use and/or sale of any promotional materials or products as aforesaid as shall then already be manufactured or in the process of manufacture or required to satisfy any outstanding orders.

4.7 In its dealings with any person permitted by the Club to take photographs of the Player the Club shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the copyright of the photographs so taken is vested in the Club and/or that no use is made of the said photographs without the Club’s consent and in accordance with the provisions of this contract.

4.8 The Player shall be entitled to make a responsible and reasonable reply or response to any media comment or published statements likely to adversely affect the Player’s standing or reputation and subject as provided for in clause 3.2.5, to make contributions to the public media in a responsible manner.

4.9 In this clause 4, where the context so admits the expression “the Club” includes any Associated Company of the Club but only to the extent and in the context that such company directly or indirectly provides facilities to or undertakes commercial marketing or public relations activities for the Club and not so as to require the consent of any Associated Company when consent of the Club is required.

4.10 For the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 nothing in this clause 4 is intended to nor does it give to the League any right to enforce any of its provisions against the Club or the Player.

4.11 Nothing in this clause 4 shall prevent the Club from entering into other arrangements additional or supplemental hereto or in variance hereof in relation to advertising, marketing and/or promotional services with the Player or with or for all or some of the Club’s players (including the Player) from time to time. Any other such arrangements which have been agreed as at the date of the signing of this contract and any image contract or similar contract required to be set out in this contract by the League Rules are set out in Schedule 2 paragraph 13.

5. Remuneration and expenses

5.1 Throughout his engagement the Club shall pay to the Player the remuneration and shall provide the benefits (if any) as are set out in Schedule 2.
5.2 The Club shall reimburse the Player all reasonable hotel and other expenses wholly and exclusively incurred by him in or about the performance of his duties under this contract **PROVIDED** that the Player has obtained the prior authorisation of a director the Manager or the secretary of the Club and the Player furnishes the Club with receipts or other evidence of such expenses.

5.3 The Club may deduct from any remuneration payable to the Player:

5.3.1 any monies disbursed and/or liabilities incurred by the Club on behalf of the Player with the Players prior consent;

5.3.2 any other monies (but not claims for damages or compensation) which can be clearly established to be properly due from the Player to the Club.

5.4 If at a Disciplinary hearing conducted under Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto a fine is imposed on a player calculated by reference to the Players weekly wage, the fine shall take the form of a forfeiture of wages of a corresponding amount so that the amount forfeit shall not become payable to the Player. The forfeiture shall take effect in relation to the monthly instalment of the Player's remuneration falling due next after the date on which the notice of the decision is given to him (“Pay Day”). But see clause 5.5 dealing with appeals. For the avoidance of doubt, the amount forfeit is the gross amount of the weekly wage.

5.5 If on Pay Day the time for appealing has not expired or if notice of appeal has been given, the reference to Pay Day shall be to the day on which the monthly instalment of remuneration becomes payable next after (i) the expiry of the time for appealing without any appeal having been made or (ii) if an appeal is made, the date on which the outcome of the appeal is notified to the Player. In the case of an appeal, the amount that is forfeit shall be the amount (if any) determined on appeal.

6. **Obligations of the Club**

6.1 The Club shall:

6.1.1 observe the Rules, all of which (other than the Club Rules) shall take precedence over the Club Rules;

6.1.2 provide the Player each year with copies of all the Rules which affect the Player and of the terms and conditions of any policy of insurance in respect of or in relation to the Player with which the Player is expected to comply;

6.1.3 promptly arrange appropriate medical and dental examinations and treatment for the Player at the Club's expense in respect of any injury to or illness (including mental illness or disorder) of the Player, save where such injury or illness is caused by an activity or practice on the part of the Player which breaches clause 3.2.1 hereof, in which case the Club shall only be obliged to arrange and pay for treatment to the extent that the cost thereof remains covered by the Club's policy of medical insurance or (if the Club does not maintain such a policy), then to the extent that it would remain covered by such a policy were one maintained upon normal industry terms commonly available within professional football and so that save as aforesaid this obligation shall continue in respect of any examinations and/or treatment the necessity for which arose during the currency of this contract notwithstanding its subsequent expiry or termination until the earlier of completion of the necessary examinations and/or prescribed treatment and a period of eighteen months from the date of expiry or termination hereof;

6.1.4 The Club shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any policy of insurance maintained by the Club for the benefit of the Player continues to provide cover for any examinations and/or treatment as are referred to in clause 6.1.3 until completion of any such examinations and/or treatment;

6.1.5 comply with all relevant statutory provisions relating to industrial injury and any regulations made pursuant thereto;

6.1.6 at all times maintain and observe a proper health and safety policy for the security safety and physical well being of the Player when carrying out his duties under this contract;

6.1.7 in any case where the Club would otherwise be liable as employer for any acts or omissions of the Player in the lawful and proper performance of his playing, practising or training duties under this contract, defend the Player against any proceedings threatened or brought against him at any time arising out of the carrying out by him of any such acts or omissions and indemnify him from any damages awarded and this obligation and indemnity shall continue in relation to any such acts or omissions during the currency of this contract notwithstanding its expiry or termination before such proceedings are threatened and/or brought;
6.1.8 give the Player every opportunity compatible with his obligations under this contract to follow any course of further education or vocational training which he wishes to undertake and give positive support to the Player in undertaking such education and training. The Player shall supply the Footballer’s Further Education and Vocational Training Society with particulars of any courses undertaken by him; and

6.1.9 release the Player as required for the purposes of fulfilling the obligations in respect of representative matches to his national association pursuant to the statutes and regulations of FIFA.

6.2 The Club shall not, without the consent in writing of the Player:

6.2.1 take or use or permit to be used photographs of the Player for any purposes save as permitted by clause 4; or

6.2.2 use or reveal the contents of any medical reports or other medical information regarding the Player obtained by the Club save for the purpose of assessing the Player’s health and fitness obtaining medical and insurance cover and complying with the Club’s obligations under the Rules.

7. Injury and Illness

7.1 Any injury to or illness of the Player shall be reported by him or on his behalf to the Club immediately and the Club shall keep a record of such injury or illness.

7.2 In the event that the Player shall become incapacitated from playing by reason of any injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder), the Club shall pay to the Player during such period of incapacity or the period of this contract (whichever is the shorter) the following amounts of remuneration for the following periods:

7.2.1 in the case of a Player Injury, his basic wage over the first eighteen months and one half of his basic wage for the remainder of his period of incapacity;

7.2.2 in the case of any other injury or illness, his basic wage over the first twelve months and one half of his basic wage for the remainder of his period of incapacity.

7.3 In each case specified in clause 7.2, above there shall be paid to the Player in addition to his basic wage all or the appropriate share of any bonus payments if and to the extent that payment or provision for continuation of the same is specifically provided for in Schedule 2 or in the Club’s Bonus Scheme.

7.4 The payments made by the Club pursuant to clause 7.2 shall be deemed to include all and any statutory sick pay and/or any other state benefits payable by reference to sickness to which the Player may be entitled.

7.5 Nothing in this clause 7 shall reduce or vary the entitlement of the Player to signing on fees and/or loyalty payments or any other payments of a similar nature due to him under this contract.

8. Permanent or Prolonged Incapacity

8.1 In the event that:

8.1.1 the Player shall suffer Permanent Incapacity; or

8.1.2 the Player has been incapacitated from playing by reason of or resulting from the same injury or illness (including mental illness or disorder) for a period (consecutive or in the aggregate) amounting to eighteen months in any consecutive period of twenty months, the Club shall be entitled to serve a notice upon the Player terminating this contract.

8.2 The length of such notice shall be twelve months in the case of a Player Injury and six months in every other case.

8.3 The notice referred to in clause 8.1 may be served at any time after:

8.3.1 the date on which the Player is declared to be suffering Permanent Total Disablement under the terms of the League’s personal accident insurance scheme; or

8.3.2 the date on which such Permanent Incapacity is established by the Initial Opinion; or

8.3.3 in the case of any incapacity as is referred to in 8.1.2, the date on which the period of incapacity shall exceed eighteen months as aforesaid but so that the right to terminate pursuant to clause 8.1.2 shall only apply while such incapacity shall continue thereafter.

8.4 In the event that after the service of any notice pursuant to clause 8.1.1, Permanent Incapacity is not confirmed by the Further Opinion (if requested) or (where relevant) by the Third Opinion, then such notice shall lapse and cease to be of effect.
8.5 In the case of any notice of termination given under this clause 8 the Club shall be entitled by further notice on or after serving notice of termination to terminate this contract forthwith on paying to the Player at the time of such termination the remainder of his remuneration and any other sums properly due to him under this contract and the value of any other benefits which would be payable or available to the Player during the remainder of the period of his notice of termination, provided always that the Club’s obligations pursuant to clause 6.1.3 shall continue to apply during the remainder of the said notice period and for any further relevant period as provided therein.

8.6 Where the Club has made payment to the Player during any period of incapacity owing to illness or injury and the Player’s absence is due to the action of a third party other than of another club, player or match official in relation to any damage or injury sustained on or about the field of play or during training or practising giving the Player a right of recovery against that third party, then if the Player makes any claim against such third party the Player must where he is reasonably able to do so include as part of such claim from such third party a claim for recovery of any such payment and upon successful recovery repay to the Club the lesser of the total of the remuneration paid by the Club to the Player during the period of incapacity and the amount of any damages payable to or recovered by the Player in respect of such claim or otherwise by reference to loss of earnings under this contract under any compromise settlement or judgment. Any amounts paid by the Club to the Player in such circumstances shall constitute loans from the Club to be repaid to the Club to the extent aforesaid upon successful recovery as aforesaid.

9. Disciplinary Procedure

Except in any case where the Club terminates the Player’s employment pursuant to the provisions of clause 10 hereof (when the procedure set out therein shall apply) the Club shall operate the disciplinary procedure set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto in relation to any breach or failure to observe the terms of this contract or of the Rules.

10. Termination by the Club

10.1 The Club shall be entitled to terminate the employment of the Player by fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Player if the Player:

10.1.1 shall be guilty of Gross Misconduct;

10.1.2 shall fail to heed any final written warning given under the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto; or

10.1.3 is convicted of any criminal offence where the punishment consists of a sentence of imprisonment of three months or more (which is not suspended).

10.2 If the Club terminates the Player’s employment for any reason under clause 10.1, the Club shall within seven days thereafter notify the Player in writing of the full reasons for the action taken.

10.3 The Player may by notice in writing served on the Club and the League at any time from the date of termination up to fourteen days after receipt by the Player of written notification under clause 10.2, give notice of appeal against the decision of the Club to the League and such appeal shall be determined in accordance with the procedures applicable pursuant to the League Rules.

10.4 If the Player exercises his right of appeal the termination of this contract by the Club shall not become effective unless and until it shall have been determined that the Club was entitled to terminate this contract pursuant to clause 10.1 but so that if it is so determined then subject only to clause 10.5 the Player shall cease to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits with effect from the expiration of the period of notice referred to in clause 10.3 and any payment made by the Club in respect thereof shall forthwith become due from the Player to the Club.

10.5 Pending the hearing and determination of such appeal the Club may suspend the Player for up to a maximum of six weeks from the date of notice of termination and, if the Board so determine, such suspension shall be without pay provided that:

10.5.1 the payment due to the Player in respect of the fourteen days’ notice period under clause 10.1 is made to the Player forthwith;

10.5.2 pending the determination of the appeal an amount equal to the remuneration which would otherwise have been due to the Player but for the suspension without pay is paid to an escrow account held by the PFA as and when it would otherwise have become due for payment to the Player and following the determination of the appeal the PFA will either pay the money (including interest earned on the said account) to the Player or return it to the Club according to the appeal decision;

10.5.3 all other benefits for the Player under the provisions of clauses 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 of this contract shall be maintained and remain in force while the appeal is pending; and
10.5.4 during any such period of suspension the Club shall be under no obligation to assign to the Player any playing training or other duties and shall be entitled to exclude the Player from the Club’s premises including its ground and training ground.

10.6 Upon any termination of this contract by the Club becoming operative, the Club shall forthwith release the Player’s registration.

11. Termination by the Player

11.1 The Player shall be entitled to terminate this contract by fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Club if the Club:

11.1.1 shall be guilty of serious or persistent breach of the terms and conditions of this contract; or

11.1.2 fails to pay any remuneration or other payments or bonuses due to the Player or make available any benefits due to him as it or they fall due or within fourteen days thereafter and has still failed to make payment in full or make the benefits available by the expiry of the said fourteen days’ notice.

11.2 The Club may, within fourteen days of receipt of any notice of termination of this contract by the Player in accordance with clause 11.1 give written notice of appeal against such termination to the Player and to the League which shall hear such appeal in accordance with procedures applicable pursuant to the League Rules.

11.3 If the Club exercises its right of appeal pursuant to clause 11.2, the termination of this contract shall not become operative unless and until it shall have been determined that the Player was entitled to terminate this contract pursuant to clause 11.1.

11.4 Upon any termination of this contract by the Club becoming operative the Club shall forthwith release the Player’s registration.

12. Grievance Procedure

In the event that the Player has any grievance in connection with his employment under this contract the grievance procedures set out in Part 2 of the Schedule 1 hereto shall be available to the Player.

13. Representation of Player

In any disciplinary or grievance procedure the Player shall be entitled to be accompanied by or represented by his Club captain or a PFA delegate and/or any officer of the PFA.

14. Holidays

For each Holiday Year the Player shall be entitled to take in the aggregate the equivalent of five weeks paid holiday to be taken at a time or times and for such days during the Holiday Year as shall be determined by the Club but so that (subject to the Club’s first team and any international commitments) the Club shall not unreasonably refuse to permit the Player to take three of such weeks consecutively. Holidays not taken during any Holiday Year (or subject to agreement by the Club within one month of the end of such Holiday Year) may not be carried forward into any subsequent Holiday Year.

15. Survival

The provisions of this contract shall remain in full force and effect in respect of any act or omission of either party during the period of this contract notwithstanding the termination of this contract.

16. Confidentiality

This contract is to be treated as being private and confidential and its contents shall not be disclosed or divulged either directly or indirectly to any person firm or company whatsoever either by the Club the Player or any Intermediary of the Club or the Player except:

16.1 with the prior written agreement of both the Club and the Player; or

16.2 as may be required by any statutory, regulatory, governmental or quasi governmental authorities or as otherwise required by law or pursuant to the Rules including (where appropriate) any recognised stock exchange; or

16.3 in the case of the Player to his duly appointed Intermediary and professional advisers including the PFA; or

16.4 in the case of the Club to its duly appointed Intermediary and its professional advisers or to such of its directors secretary servants or representatives or auditors to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purposes of their duties and then only to the extent so necessary.
17. Arbitration

Any dispute between the Club and the Player not provided for in clauses 9, 10, 11, 12 and Schedule 1 hereof shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the League Rules or (but only if mutually agreed by the Club and the Player) in accordance with the FA Rules.

18. Specificity of Football

The parties hereto confirm and acknowledge that this contract the rights and obligations undertaken by the parties hereto and the fixed term period thereof reflect the special relationship and characteristics involved in the employment of football players and the participation by the parties in the game of football pursuant to the Rules, and the parties accordingly agree that all matters of dispute in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties hereto and otherwise pursuant to the Rules, including as to termination of this contract and any compensation payable in respect of termination or breach thereof, shall be submitted to and the parties hereto accept the jurisdiction and all appropriate determinations of such tribunal panel or other body (including pursuant to any appeal therefrom) pursuant to the provisions of and in accordance with the procedures and practices under this contract and the Rules.

19. Severance

19.1 If the Player shall not make an application to an Employment Tribunal for compensation in respect of unfair dismissal or redundancy as a result of not being offered a new contract either on terms at least as favourable as under this contract or at all, then the following provisions of this clause 19 shall take effect.

19.2 If by the expiry of this contract the Club has not made to the Player an offer of re- engagement on terms at least as favourable to the Player as those applicable over the last twelve months of this contract (or the length of this contract if shorter) then subject to clauses 19.1 and 19.3 the Player shall continue to receive from his Club (as a separate payment representing compensation as more particularly referred to in the Code of Practice) a payment equal to his weekly basic wage (at the average amount of his weekly wage over the preceding 12 months of this contract or the whole of this contract if shorter) for a period of one month from the expiry of this contract or until the Player signs for another club, whichever period is the shorter, provided that where the Player signs for another club within that period of one month at a lower basic wage than such average then such payment shall in addition include a sum equal to the shortfall in such basic wage for the remainder of such period.

19.3 The maximum amount payable to the Player under sub-clause 19.2 is double the maximum sum which an Employment Tribunal can award from time to time as a compensatory award for unfair dismissal.

20. Miscellaneous

20.1 This contract and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire agreement between the Club and the Player and supersede any and all preceding agreements between the Club and the Player.

20.2 The further particulars of terms of employment not contained in the body of this contract which must be given to the Player in compliance with Part 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 are given in Schedule 2.

20.3 This contract is signed by the parties hereto in duplicate so that for this purpose each signed agreement shall constitute an original but taken together they shall constitute one agreement.

21. Privacy Notice

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) the Player acknowledges that the Club, the League, the PFA and The FA are collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about the Player including such data in this contract. The League’s, the PFA’s and The FA’s Player Privacy Notice will be provided to you directly during the registration process and/or will be available on their respective websites. The Club’s Data Protection Policy can be found in the Club’s employee handbook.

22. Jurisdiction and Law

This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the parties submit to the non exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
Schedule 1
Part 1
Disciplinary Procedure and Penalties

1. Introduction
The disciplinary procedure aims to ensure that the Club behaves fairly in investigating and dealing with allegations of unacceptable conduct with a view to helping and encouraging all employees of the Club to achieve and maintain appropriate standards of conduct and performance. The Club nevertheless reserves the right to depart from the precise requirements of its disciplinary procedure where the Club considers it expedient to do so and where the Player’s resulting treatment is no less fair.

2. Records
All cases of disciplinary action under this procedure will be recorded and placed in the Club’s records until deleted in accordance with paragraph 4.2. A copy of the Club’s disciplinary records concerning the Player will be supplied to the Player at his request.

3. The Procedure
The following steps will be taken as appropriate in all cases of disciplinary action:

3.1 Investigation
No action will be taken before a proper investigation has been undertaken by the Club into the matter complained of. If the Club determines the same to be appropriate the Club may by written notice suspend the Player for up to fourteen days while the investigation takes place. If the Player is so suspended this contract will continue together with all the Player’s rights under it including the payment of the Player’s remuneration and benefits but during the period of suspension the Player will not be entitled to access to any of the Club’s premises except at the prior request or with the prior consent of the Club and subject to such conditions as the Club may impose. The decision to suspend the Player will be notified in writing to the Player by the Club.

3.2 Disciplinary Hearing
3.2.1 If the Club decides to hold a disciplinary hearing about the matter complained of, the Player will be given full details in writing of the complaint against him and reasonable notice of the date and time of the hearing. At the hearing the Player will be given an opportunity to state his case either personally or through his representative as provided for in clause 13 of this contract.

3.2.2 Subject as provided in paragraph 3.2.3 no disciplinary penalty will be imposed without first giving the Player the opportunity to state his case to the Manager or if the Player so requests to a director of the Club and where the Club considers it appropriate or where the Player requests the same without a disciplinary hearing.

3.2.3 A disciplinary hearing may proceed in the Player’s absence and a disciplinary penalty may be imposed if he fails to appear at such hearing after having received proper notice thereof.

3.3 Appeals
3.3.1 The Player shall have a right of appeal to the Board against any disciplinary decision. The Player should inform the Board in writing of his wish to appeal within fourteen days of the date of notification to him of the decision which forms the subject of such appeal. The Board will conduct an appeal hearing as soon as possible thereafter at which the Player will be given a further opportunity to state his case. The decision of the Board will be notified to the Player in writing within seven days and subject to paragraph 3.3.2 will be final and binding under this procedure.

3.3.2 In the event of any sanction being imposed or confirmed in excess of an oral warning, the Player may by notice in writing served on the Club and the League within fourteen days of receipt by the Player of written notification of the decision of the Board give notice of appeal against it to the League who will determine the matter in accordance with the League Rules.

3.3.3 If the Player exercises any right of appeal as aforesaid, any sanction imposed by the Club upon the Player shall not take effect until the appropriate appeal has been determined and the sanction confirmed varied or revoked as the case may be.
4. **Disciplinary Penalties**

4.1 At a disciplinary hearing or on an appeal against a disciplinary decision, the Club may dismiss the allegation or if it is proved to the Club’s satisfaction may:

4.1.1 give an oral warning a formal written warning or after a previous warning or warnings a final written warning to the Player;

4.1.2 impose a fine not exceeding the amount of the Player’s basic wage for a period of up to two weeks for a first offence (unless otherwise approved by the PFA in accordance with the Code of Practice) and up to four weeks for subsequent offences in any consecutive period of twelve months but only in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice;

4.1.3 order the Player not to attend at any of the Club’s premises for such period as the Club thinks fit not exceeding four weeks;

4.1.4 in any circumstances which would entitle the Club to dismiss the Player pursuant to any of the provisions of clause 10 of this contract dismiss the Player or impose such other disciplinary action (including suspension of the Player and/or a fine of all or part of the amount of the Player’s basic wage for a period not exceeding six weeks).

4.2 Any warning or sanction given under this disciplinary procedure will be deleted in the Club’s records after twelve months.

**Part 2**

**Grievance Procedures**

1. The Player shall bring any grievance informally to the notice of the Manager in the first instance. The Player may be required by the Manager to put any such grievance in writing. Having enquired into such grievance the Manager will then notify the Player of his decision.

2. If the grievance is not determined by the Manager to the Player’s satisfaction the Player may within fourteen days thereafter serve formal notice of the grievance in writing on the secretary of the Club and the matter shall thereupon be determined by the chairman of the Club or by the Board as soon as possible and in any event within four weeks of the receipt of the notice.

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**Schedule 2 – Insert Player’s Name................................. Supplemental Provisions and Employment Rights Act 1996**

The following provisions shall apply to supplement the provisions of this contract and the information as set out herein in order to comply with the requirements of Part 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996.

1. The Player’s employment with the Club began on ..................

2. The date of termination of this contract is **30 June 20..**

3. No employment with a previous employer shall count as part of the Player’s continuous period of employment hereunder.

4. The Player’s hours of work are such as the Club may from time to time reasonably require of him to carry out his duties and the Player shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration for work done outside normal working hours.

5. The place of employment shall be at the Club’s ground and training ground but the Club shall be entitled to require the Player to play and to undertake his duties hereunder at any other place throughout the world.

6. No contracting out certificate pursuant to the Pensions Scheme Act 1993 is in force in respect of the Player’s employment under this contract.

7. **The Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme**

7.1 Immediately on signing this contract, the Player shall:

7.1.1 be automatically enrolled as; or

7.1.2 or continue to be;

a member of the 2011 Section of the Professional Footballers’ Pension Scheme (the “Scheme”) and shall remain so during the continuance of his employment hereunder unless he:

7.1.3 notifies the Scheme Administrator in writing that he wishes to opt out of the Scheme;
7.1.4 has previously registered with HM Revenue & Customs for Fixed or Enhanced Protection;

7.1.5 joins an International Club on a temporary basis by way of International Loan Agreement (in which case his entitlement to membership of the Scheme shall be suspended for the duration of that International Loan Agreement); or

7.1.6 is otherwise ineligible for membership of the Scheme in accordance with the terms of the Scheme’s definitive trust deed and rules as amended from time to time.

7.2 For as long as the Player remains a member of the 2011 Section, an annual contribution (funded by the levy on transfer fees) will be paid into the Scheme for the benefit of the Player. The annual contribution shall be £6,000 or such other amount as determined by the Trustees of the Scheme from time to time.

7.3 The Player shall not be required to contribute to the 2011 Section but may elect to contribute such amount as he notifies to the Scheme Administrator in writing. Where a Player decides to contribute to the 2011 Section he can agree with his Club and the Scheme Administrator for the contribution to be made through a salary sacrifice arrangement.

7.4 Where, by virtue of previous membership of the Scheme, the Player has built up benefits under its Cash Section and/or Income Section, those benefits are frozen and will be revalued until his retirement from the Scheme. The Player shall be entitled to such benefits (including death benefits) from each section of the Scheme in which he has participated on such conditions as are set out in the Scheme’s definitive trust deed and rules as amended from time to time.

7.5 The Player further agrees that the Club may disclose his name, address, gender, date of birth, National Insurance number, salary information and dates of commencement and termination of employment to the League and the administrators of the Scheme for the purposes of facilitating the administration of the Scheme.

8. Remuneration

The Player’s remuneration shall be:

8.1 Basic Wage:

£ per week/per annum payable by monthly instalments in arrear from ............... to ................

£ per week/per annum payable by monthly instalments in arrear from ............... to ................

£ per week/per annum payable by monthly instalments in arrear from ............... to ................

8.2 Such of the bonuses and incentives as the Player shall be entitled to receive under the terms of the Club’s bonus and incentive scheme as are set out below/a copy of which is annexed hereto.

SEE ATTACHED

8.3 Any other payments as follows:

SEE ATTACHED

9. Insurances (if any) maintained for the benefit of the Player subject to the terms and conditions thereof during currency of this contract the premiums of which are paid by the Club.

Nature of Policy  Amount

N/A

10. Benefits (if any) to be provided to the Player during the currency of this contract

SEE ATTACHED

11. The Player’s normal retirement age is 35 years.
12. The terms and conditions of this contract form part of a number of collective agreements between the Club (through the League) and the Player (through the PFA) affecting the Player’s employment and full details thereof are set out in the Code of Practice.

13. (If applicable) The following provisions which are additional or supplemental to those set out in clause 4 have been agreed between the Club and the Player as referred to in clause 4.11.

SEE ATTACHED

14. Any other provisions:

SEE ATTACHED

SIGNED BY THE PLAYER
Player signature: ........................................................................................................................

in the presence of:
Witness signature: ....................................................................................................................
Witness name: ............................................................................................................................
Witness address: ........................................................................................................................
Witness occupation: ..................................................................................................................

SIGNED BY THE PLAYER’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN (if the player is under 18)
Parent / Guardian signature: ...................................................................................................
Parent / Guardian name: ...........................................................................................................

in the presence of:
Witness signature: ....................................................................................................................
Witness name: ............................................................................................................................
Witness address: ........................................................................................................................
Witness occupation: ..................................................................................................................

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB BY:
Authorised signatory signature: .............................................................................................
Authorised signatory name: .....................................................................................................

in the presence of:
Witness signature: ....................................................................................................................
Witness name: ............................................................................................................................
Witness address: ........................................................................................................................
Witness occupation: ..................................................................................................................

Did Player use the services of an Intermediary yes/no
If yes, name of Intermediary .................................................................................................

Did the Club use the services of an Intermediary yes/no
If yes, name of Intermediary .................................................................................................
Premier League

Player Ethnicity Monitoring Questionnaire (Rule T.23)

USE OF INFORMATION
Completion of this questionnaire is voluntary. If you provide the information it will be used as set out below and will not be used for selection or any other purposes.

The information provided on this ethnicity questionnaire will be recorded on a computer system shared by the Football Association Premier League Limited (“Premier League”) (and The Football League Limited should the Player ever compete in the Football League) against the Player’s record and will be used:
• To help ensure compliance with the Premier League’s Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Policy (a copy of which is in Appendix 2 of the Premier League’s Rules)
• To help the Premier League gain insight as to who is playing the game at this level
• To compile aggregate statistics and reports
  - on a club by club basis which we may wish to share with the relevant club only and The Football Association Limited.
  - on a league basis which we may wish to publish for public interest and to share with other bodies that have a legitimate interest in equal opportunities such as the Professional Footballers Association and the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

What is your ethnic group?
(Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate the ethnicity that you identify with from the list below)

A White
☐ British
☐ English
☐ Scottish
☐ Welsh
☐ Irish
☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller
☐ Any other White Background, please write in ________________

B Mixed
☐ White and Black Caribbean
☐ White and Black African
☐ White and Asian
☐ Any other Mixed Background, please write in ________________

C Asian or Asian British
☐ Indian
☐ British-Indian
☐ Pakistani
☐ British-Pakistani
☐ Bangladeshi
☐ British-Bangladeshi
☐ Chinese
☐ British-Chinese
☐ Any other Asian background, please write in ________________

D Black or Black British
☐ Caribbean
☐ British-Caribbean
☐ African
☐ British-African
☐ Any other Black background, please write in ________________

E Other Background
☐ Arab
☐ Other
☐ Prefer not to say
______________

F Undeclared
☐ Prefer not to disclose my ethnic origin
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Name of Academy Player
______________________________________________________________

Signature
______________________________________________________________

Date
______________________________________________________________

Endorsement by Scout
I consent to the above application and acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that The Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Amateur Registration Form for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy. I certify that the above particulars are correct. I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Premier League. [Having been registered as a Contract Player, I confirm that at least 30 days has elapsed since my contract registration terminated.**]

Signed
______________________________________________________________

Date
______________________________________________________________

* if the player last played for a club affiliated to a national association other than The Football Association, this Form must be accompanied by written confirmation from The Football Association that an international registration transfer certificate has been issued in respect of the player.

** delete words in brackets if inapplicable

I hereby certify that I have this day registered (name of Player) ____________________________, as an Amateur Player whose registration is held by ____________________________, Football Club.

Signed
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Date
______________________________________________________________

For and on behalf of the Board of The Premier League
Premier League

Offer Of New Contract  (Rule V.17.2)

To:  [name and address of Out of Contract Player] .................................................................  
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Copy to: The Board
The Premier League

Under the provisions of Rule V.17.2 of the Rules of the Premier League  
.................................................................................................................................................. Football Club hereby offers  
you a new contract to commence on the 1st July .................................................................  
in the following terms:

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This offer remains open and capable of acceptance for a period of one month 
within which time you may either accept it and enter into a new contract in the 
terms offered or decline it in writing. If you consider that the terms offered are 
less favourable than those in your current contract you may give notice to that 
effect in Form 19.

Signed ..........................................................  
Position ............................................................  
Date .................................................................

Premier League

Application for Free Transfer  (Rule V.20)

To:  [name of Club] ................................................................. Football Club  
And to: The Board
The Premier League

I acknowledge having received your offer of a new contract in Form 18 dated  
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I consider that the terms offered are less favourable than those in my current 
contract dated ........................................................... and I hereby give notice to 
that effect and apply for a free transfer.

Signed ..........................................................  
Position ............................................................  
Date .................................................................
Premier League

Contingent Sum Notification  (Rule V.36.2)

To: [name of Transferor Club] ................................................................. Football Club

Copy to: The Board
The Premier League

A Contingent Sum became payable to you on [date] by virtue of the Transfer Agreement between us relating to [name of Contract Player] .................................................................

The contingent event resulting in the Contingent Sum becoming payable was
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and the Contingent Sum which will be paid into the Compensation Fee Account within seven days of it becoming due amounts to £ ...................................................

Signed on behalf of the Transferee Club .................................................................

Position .................................................................

Date .................................................................

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Premier League

Fixed Penalty Notice  (Rule W.4)

To: .................................................................

Date: .................................................................

You are in breach of Rule .................................. in that on [date] .......................you [description of breach, indicating in appropriate cases whether it is a first, second or third breach of that Rule] .................................................................

You are required within 14 days of the date of this notice to pay a fixed penalty of £ ...................... Alternatively, you are entitled within that period to appeal under the provisions of Rule W.56.1.1. If you appeal and your appeal is dismissed the fixed penalty becomes payable forthwith.

Failure to pay the fixed penalty as required by this notice or forthwith upon any appeal being dismissed will constitute a breach of the Rules of the League in respect of which you will be liable to be dealt with under the provisions of Section W.

Signed .................................................................

For and on behalf of the Board
Premier League

Summary Jurisdiction Notice (Rule W.9)

To: ............................................................
Date: ............................................................

You are in breach of Rule .......................................................... in that on [date]
you ...............................................................................................................................................

The Board intends to exercise its summary jurisdiction and to impose on you
a fine of £ ........................................

You are required within 14 days of the date of this notice to either:
(1) submit to the Board's jurisdiction and pay the fine imposed; or
(2) elect to be dealt with by a Commission.
Any such election should be in writing addressed to me at the League Office.

Failure to comply with this requirement within the time limit will constitute a
breach of the Rules of the League in respect of which you will be liable to be
dealt with under the provisions of Section W.

Signed ............................................................
For and on behalf of the Board

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Premier League

Complaint (Rule W.21)

To: ............................................................
Date: ............................................................

The Board's complaint is that you are in breach of Rule ..........................................................
in that on [date] .......................................................... you [description of breach]
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A summary of the facts alleged is as follows: ...............................................................
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*Annexed hereto are copies of the following documents upon which the
Board relies: ................................................................................................................................
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In accordance with Rule W.26, within 14 days of receipt of this complaint you
are required to send to me by recorded delivery post a written answer in
Form 24.

Signed ............................................................
For and on behalf of the Board

* delete if inapplicable
Premier League

Answer (Rule W.26)

To: The Board
The Premier League

Date: ____________________________

I/We* acknowledge having received the complaint dated ____________________________

The complaint is admitted/denied*. I/We* request that the complaint be determined by written representations.*

*If the complaint is admitted] I/We* ask the Commission to take into account the following mitigation: ____________________________________________________________

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*I [If the complaint is denied and is to be determined at a hearing] My/Our* reasons for denying the complaint are: ______________________________________________________

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*If the complaint is denied and is to be determined by written representations] My/Our* representations are as follows: ______________________________________________________

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Annexed hereto are copies of the following documents upon which I/We* rely: __________

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Signed ________________________________ Position ________________________________

[for and on behalf of*] the Respondent

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$ continue on separate sheet if necessary

Premier League

Appeal Against Fixed Penalty (Rule W.59)

To: The Board
The Premier League

Date: ____________________________

I/We* hereby appeal against the fixed penalty imposed by the notice in Form 21 dated ____________________________

My/our* appeal is

* against the decision of the Board to impose the fixed penalty.

* against the amount of the fixed penalty.

* against the decision of the Board to impose the fixed penalty and its amount.

The grounds of my/our* appeal are:

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Annexed hereto are copies of the following documents upon which I/We* rely: __________

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A deposit of £1,000 is enclosed.

Signed # ____________________________

Position ____________________________

[for and on behalf of*] the Respondent

* delete as appropriate

$ continue on separate sheet if necessary

# state position if signed on behalf of a Club
Premier League
Form 26

Appeal Against Commission Decision  (Rule W.60)

To: The Board                          Date: __________________________
The Premier League

I/We* hereby appeal against the decision of the Commission before which I/We* appeared dated ..................................................

My/our* appeal is
* against the decision of the Commission
* against the amount of the penalty
* against the decision of the Commission and the penalty.
* against the amount of compensation ordered by the Commission

The grounds of My/our* appeal are: ..............................................................................................
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*I/We intend to apply at the appeal hearing for leave to adduce the following fresh evidence ....................................................................................................................................................
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The reasons for such application are ............................................................................................
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A deposit of £1,000 is enclosed.

Signed # ..........................................................

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§ continue on separate sheet if necessary
# state position if signed on behalf of a Club

Premier League
Form 27

Request for Arbitration  (Rules X.7 or Y.3)

To: ...........................................................
From: .......................................................

A dispute has arisen between us concerning (brief description of matters in dispute)
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I/We wish to have the dispute settled by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Section [   ]§ of the Rules of the Premier League and you are hereby required to appoint an arbitrator pursuant thereto.

Signed ....................................................
Position* ....................................................
Date .........................................................

§ insert “Y” if the arbitration is to be determined by the Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal; insert “X” in any other case.
* to be completed if the Form is signed on behalf of the League or a Club.

Copy to: The Board
The Premier League
Premier League

Appointment of Arbitrator (Rules X.9 or Y.6)

To: The Board
The Premier League

From: ...............................................................

Pursuant to the request for arbitration made by ...........................................................
and dated ...................................................................................................., I/we hereby appoint
(name of appointee) ....................................................................................  as an arbitrator in
the arbitration requested.

Signed ......................................................................
Position* ................................................................
Date ..........................................................................

Copy to: (the other party) .............................................................................................
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* to be completed if the Form is signed on behalf of the League or a Club.

Premier League

Appointment of Single Arbitrator (Rule X.13.1)

To: The Board
The Premier League

Pursuant to the request for arbitration made by ...........................................................
and dated ...................................................................................................., we, the parties to the arbitration, hereby
jointly appoint (name of appointee) ....................................................................................
as the single arbitrator in the arbitration requested.

Signed ...............................................................
Signed ...............................................................
on behalf of .............................................................
on behalf of .............................................................
Position* ............................................................
Position* ............................................................
Date .................................................................
Date .................................................................

* to be completed if the Form is signed on behalf of the League or a Club
Notice of Preliminary Meeting  (Rules X.18 or Y.13)

To: ...............................................................................

From: ......................................................................
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You are hereby required to attend a preliminary meeting at (place) .............................................
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on (date) .................................................................... at (time) .............................................
when the tribunal will give directions for the conduct of the arbitration to which each of
you is a party.

Signed ..................................................................

Chairman

Dated ......................................................................
Youth Development Rules
Youth Development Rules

General

Note: throughout this document binding Premier League Rules are shaded in light grey. Guidance and other notes are also included for the assistance of Clubs. Such guidance and notes do not, however, form part of the Rules.

Definitions

Rule 1 sets out definitions used in the Youth Development Rules. All other capitalised terms used in this section of the Rules are defined in Premier League Rule A.1.

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<td>1.1</td>
<td>“Academy” means an establishment for the coaching and education of Academy Players operated by a Club in accordance with the requirements of this Section of the Rules and licensed by the PGB pursuant to Rule 14;</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>“Academy Financial Information” means a budget for the following season, together with a comparison of the budgeted and actual figures for the previous season, all of which information shall be set out in the format to be prescribed by the League;</td>
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<td>1.3</td>
<td>“Academy Management Team” has the meaning set out in Rule 50;</td>
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<td>“Academy Manager” means the Official responsible for the strategic leadership and operation of a Club’s Academy, whose role and responsibilities are more particularly defined at Rules 52 to 58;</td>
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<td>“Academy Medical Officer” means the Official referred to in Rule 99;</td>
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<td>“Academy Manager” means the Official referred to in Rule 68;</td>
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<td>“Academy Operations Manager” means the Official referred to in Rule 60;</td>
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<td>“Academy Performance Plan” means a document which sets out the goals, strategy and measurable short-term and long-term performance targets for all aspects of the work of the Club’s Academy, such strategy and performance targets to be consistent with the Club’s Vision Statement, Coaching Philosophy and Playing Philosophy and, where appropriate, details how the Academy will deliver and integrate its coaching, Education, Games and Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programmes;</td>
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<td>1.9</td>
<td>“Academy Player” means a male player (other than an Amateur Player, Non-Contract Player in The Football League or a Trialist) who is in an age group between Under 9 to Under 21 and who is registered for and who is coached by, or plays football for or at a Club which operates an Academy pursuant to these Rules, save for any player who:</td>
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<td>(a) the Board is satisfied has developed technical, tactical, physical, psychological and social skills of such a level that he would not benefit from continued coaching in the Academy or participating or continuing to participate in its Games Programme (which includes, for the purpose of this definition, the league competition referred to in Rules 161 to 168), and</td>
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<td>(b) has entered into a written contract of employment in Form 15 with that Club;</td>
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<td>“Academy Psychologist” means the Official referred to in Rule 110;</td>
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<td>“Academy Return Date” means 6 August 2020;</td>
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<td>1.12</td>
<td>“Academy Secretary” means the Official referred to in Rule 61;</td>
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<td>1.13</td>
<td>“Academy Staff” means those Officials of a Club employed or otherwise engaged to work in the Club’s Academy;</td>
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Guidance

The term “employ” is used in the Rules with reference to Academy Staff, but it is accepted that the relationship need not necessarily be one of employment. For example, a Club may enter into a contract for services with Part Time youth coaches whereby no employment relationship will arise. Any references to “employ” or “employment” in this section of the Rules shall be interpreted accordingly.

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<td>“Academy Standards Application” means the online system:</td>
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<td>(a) through which Clubs are required to complete the self-assessment referred to in Rule 7, as part of the ISO process for the auditing of Academies;</td>
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<td>(b) through which the ISO provides feedback to Clubs as part of the multi-disciplinary assessment referred to in Rule 9.2; and</td>
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<td>(c) through which quantitative data can be provided to Clubs;</td>
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<td>1.15</td>
<td>“Artificial Surface” means a playing surface which in the reasonable opinion of the League meets the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf and any new outdoor or indoor Artificial Surface pitch installed by a Club which operates or applies to operate a Category 1 Academy must achieve the ‘FIFA Quality’ rating under the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf;</td>
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Guidance

To achieve and maintain the ‘FIFA Quality’ rating under the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf, the Artificial Surface pitch needs to be certified on an annual basis by a FIFA accredited agent. Existing Artificial Surface pitches have a natural life span. Accordingly, as they reach the end of their natural life span, they should be replaced with pitches that achieve the necessary rating under the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf.
1.16. “Authorised Games” means:
(a) international matches arranged by a national association including preparation and trials therefor;
(b) matches in which the Academy Player plays for the Club holding his registration:
   (i) in its first teams;
   (ii) which are comprised in a Games Programme; or
   (iii) which are comprised in Festivals or Tournaments, participation in which is limited to Academy teams or which are sanctioned by The Football Association or by a foreign national association;
(c) friendly matches organised by the Club holding the Academy Player’s registration and played at an Academy, participation in which is limited to Academy Players registered at an Academy or Trialists but excluding matches between two teams consisting of one Club’s Academy Players;
(d) friendly matches against any opposition played outside the season dates set out in the Games Programme Schedule in which the Academy Player plays for the Club holding his registration;
(e) matches organised by the English Schools Football Association or Independent Schools Football Association or an association affiliated to either of such Associations in which the Academy Player plays with the prior agreement of his Parents (in the case of an Academy Player under the age of 18 years), all participation in such matches to be notified by the Academy Player to the Club holding his registration;
(f) trial matches for other Clubs or Football League clubs in which the Academy Player plays with the prior written permission of the Club holding his registration; or
(g) any other match authorised by the Board;

1.17. “Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification” means the qualification of that name issued by or on behalf of The Football Association;

Guidance

The BFAS will need to be renewed every three years (it is hoped as part of the renewal of the main Academy coaching qualifications).

1.18. “Category” means one of the four categories into which each Academy shall be assigned in accordance with the criteria and procedures set out in this section of the Rules, and “Category 1”, “Category 2”, “Category 3” and “Category 4” shall be construed accordingly;

1.19. “Charter for Academy Players and Parents” means the information to be provided by the League to the Parent of each Academy Player upon each occasion of his registration for a Club and which will contain:
(a) information about the consequences of the Academy Player becoming registered with a Club; and

1.20. “Chief Executive” means the Official referred to in Premier League Rule J.1.1;

1.21. “Club Board” means those Directors of the Club whose particulars are registered under section 162 of the Act;

1.22. “Coach Competency Framework” means a document which sets out the key competencies and behaviours which the Club expects its Academy coaches to possess and demonstrate;

1.23. “Coaching Curriculum” means a Club’s coaching curriculum which must be set out in writing and include:
(a) the technical, tactical, physical, psychological and social skills that the Club wishes its Academy Players to develop;
(b) the appropriate means of coaching Academy Players in order that they develop those skills (having due regard to their age); and
(c) specific coaching curricula for each Development Phase;

1.24. “Coaching Philosophy” means a written statement which sets out in detail (including by describing the content of individual coaching sessions for each Academy Player) the means by which the Club will coach its Academy Players in each age group so that they have the best opportunity to develop the technical, tactical, physical, psychological and social skills that the Club wishes players in each position on the pitch to acquire, as set out in the Club’s Playing Philosophy;

1.25. “Continued Professional Development” means ongoing training for Academy Staff, relevant to their discipline, of such quality, content and frequency as is necessary to ensure that each member of Academy Staff has the necessary knowledge and expertise in order to fulfil his role;

1.26. “Core Coaching Time” means between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Mondays to Fridays, save that in the Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase it also includes between 9am and 5pm on Saturdays;

1.27. “Development Action Plan” means an individualised plan, developed and implemented in accordance with these Rules, for the professional development of an Academy coach;

Guidance

See further Rules 77 to 80.

1.28. “Development Centre” means an establishment operated by a Club in England or Wales for the coaching of Children which is not an Academy and includes any such establishment by whatever name or title it is known;

1.29. “Development Phase” means the Foundation Phase, the Youth Development Phase or the Professional Development Phase as the context requires, and “Development Phases” means all of the former;
Youth Development Rules

1.30. “Duty of Care” means the responsibility of each Club to promote, protect and support the individual wellbeing of each Academy Player and member of Academy Staff, within the Academy, in accordance with the following pillars:
   (a) Education (see Rules 173 to 189);
   (b) Personal development and life skills (see Rules 190 to 193);
   (c) Inductions and transitions (see Rules 194 to 198);
   (d) Academy Parent and voice (see Rules 199 to 200);
   (e) Safeguarding and mental and emotional wellbeing (see Rules 201 to 204);
   (f) Health and safety (see Rules 205 to 206);
   (g) Inclusion, diversity and equality (see Rules 207 to 208); and
   (h) Injury and medical (see Rules 209 to 216).

1.31. “Educational Adviser” means, in respect of any Club in membership of the Premier League, experts appointed by the Premier League to support the delivery of education to Academy Players, and, in respect of any Club in membership of the Football League, means the charity, League Education and Academy Foundation.

1.32. “Education Programme” has the meaning set out in Rule 173.

1.33. “EHOC” means the ‘Elite Heads of Coaching’ programme provided by the League for Heads of Coaching at Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3 Academies and in respect of which additional funding is available from the League in the event of Club participation.

1.34. “Elite Academy Managers Development Programme” or “EAM” means the development programme provided by the League for Academy Managers.

1.35. “Elite Player Performance Plan” means the document of that name dated May 2011 and presented to the General Meeting held on Thursday 2 June 2011.

1.36. “Emergency Action Plan” means a plan detailing the medical facilities and personnel who shall be available at each Club’s home matches in the Games Programmes and training venues, and the contingency plan for how any medical emergencies at such matches and training shall be dealt with.

1.37. “Emergency First Aid in Football” or “EFAiF” means the qualification of that name issued by or on behalf of The Football Association;

1.38. “FA Advanced Youth Award” means the advanced qualification for Academy coaches to be developed and awarded by The Football Association;

Guidance

The FA Advanced Youth Award contains a specialist element relevant to each Development Phase. Coaches will be required to hold the specialism relevant to the age group that they coach.

1.39. “FA Youth Award” means the non-age specific qualification for Academy coaches awarded by The Football Association;

1.40. “Festival” means an event, which may be spread over more than one day, at which teams from three or more Clubs (or clubs) play a series of matches in an environment in which the matches are competitive but the results are not given any particular significance;

1.41. “Foundation Phase” means the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups inclusive;

1.42. “Foundation Phase Games Programme” means the games programmes organised by the League and the Football League for teams in each of the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups as set out in Rules 134 to 138.

1.43. “Full Time” means, when applied to a role specified under these Rules, one where the working hours are at least 35 hours per week (subject to such additional hours as the Club may require). A Full Time role may be fulfilled by more than one Official (e.g. on a job-share basis) provided that the minimum hours stated above are undertaken;

Guidance

A Club will not be penalised should a member of its Academy Staff fulfilling one of the roles required by these Rules to be Full Time if working slightly less than 35 hours per week provided that the required outputs of that role are being satisfactorily delivered. See further, by way of comparison, Rule 45 and the guidance thereunder.

1.44. “Full Time Education” means the education provided for registered pupils at primary or secondary schools or full-time equivalent students at colleges of further education;

1.45. “Full Time Training Model” means:
   (a) in the Professional Development Phase, a programme of coaching and education whereby the Academy Player’s academic education shall be scheduled to enable four hours of coaching per day (which may be split into two sessions of two hours each) to take place within the Core Coaching Time; and
   (b) in the Youth Development Phase, a programme which complies with the following:
      (i) the Academy Player shall receive within the Core Coaching Time a minimum of twenty hours of education;
      (ii) the Academy Player shall receive a significant amount of coaching within the Core Coaching Time. The exact amount of such coaching to take place within the Core Coaching Time is to be determined by the Club for each individual Academy Player. The Club shall demonstrate the amount of coaching is significantly more than the amount of coaching in the Core Coaching Time which the Club gives to its Academy Players engaged on the Hybrid Training Model. Full details must be set out in the Academy Player’s individual coaching plan referred to in Rule 118;
The League will conduct regular consultation meetings with Clubs to consider the Games Programme when it is published by the League in the preceding season. A provisional date of 31 January in each year has been set for the publication of the Games Programme Schedule (although it may be subject to amendment thereafter but before the start of the following season to accommodate, for example, newly-classified or re-classified Academies).

1.46. “Futsal” means the variant of association football that is played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game as published from time to time by FIFA (with any such variation thereto as the League may from time to time determine); the current such Laws being available at:

1.47. “Games Programme” means the Foundation Phase Games Programme, the Youth Development Phase Games Programme, or the Professional Development Phase Games Programme;

1.48. “Games Programme Schedule” means the period during which matches in the Games Programmes shall take place;

1.49. “Head of Academy Coaching” means the Official referred to in Rule 63;

1.50. “Head of Education” means the Official referred to in Rule 104;

1.51. “Head of Recruitment” means the Official referred to in Rule 106;

1.52. “Hybrid Training Model” means a programme of coaching and education whereby the coaching of an Academy Player primarily takes place outside the Core Coaching Time that, subject to the provisions of these Rules, he may be released from attendance at school during the School Day for a maximum of half a day a week (if he is in the Foundation Phase) or two days a week (if he is in the Youth Development Phase);

1.53. “Individual Learning Plan” means an individual plan for each Academy Player setting out measurable objectives for the development that he needs to undertake and the means by which he will obtain those objectives;

1.54. “Induction and Transition Strategy” means the documented plan in place at each Club, agreed by the Technical Board, designed and implemented to support Academy Players in their arrival to and departure from the Club, for whatever reason and whatever age group;

1.55. “Intermediate Trauma Medical Management in Football” or “ITMMiF” means the qualification of that name issued by or on behalf of The Football Association;

1.56. “ISO” means Professional Game Academy Audit Company or such other independent standards organisation appointed from time to time by the PGB for the purposes of undertaking the ISO Audits;

1.57. “ISO Audit” means the process of independent auditing of Clubs’ Academies in accordance with Rule 6 to Rule 12, including a process of self-assessment by each Club, and a multi-disciplinary assessment by the ISO;

1.58. “Learning Management System” or “LMS” means the online system provided by the League for the upload and storage of educational data and information regarding Academy Players;

1.59. “Multi-disciplinary Review” means a review of all aspects of an Academy Player’s football, athletic and educational performance and development and which shall include:
(a) reports from all relevant Academy Staff (including from the coaching, education and sports science and medicine/performance support disciplines);
(b) for Academy Players on the Full Time Training Model or the Hybrid Training Model, reports and educational data from the Academy Player’s school (and where the League requests, all Academy Players on the Part Time Training Model);
(c) self-assessment by the Academy Player; and
(d) short, medium and long-term targets for the Academy Player’s football, athletic and personal development;

1.60. “Part Time” means, when applied to a role specified under these Rules, one where the working hours are less than 35 hours per week. A Part Time role may be fulfilled by two or more Officials (e.g. on a job-share basis),
Guidance

No minimum number of hours is specified for Part Time roles required under these Rules. This is left to Clubs’ discretion. However, the League and the ISO will require to be satisfied that the required outputs and results are achieved by a Club’s staffing structure. See further, by way of comparison, Rule 45 and the Guidance thereunder.

1.61. “Part Time Training Model” means a coaching curriculum whereby the coaching of an Academy Player does not require him to miss any part of the School Day;

1.62. “Performance Analysis” means the analysis of the physiological, technical and tactical performance of each individual Player and, in a game, of the team as a whole. Performance Analysis shall be undertaken by means of such video and/or IT technology as the League shall from time to time determine;

1.63. “Performance Analysts” means the Officials referred to in Rules 100 and 101;

1.64. “Performance Clock” means the application utilised for recording, measuring, monitoring and evidencing all aspects of an Academy Player’s progression and development in accordance with the format and procedures to be set by the League;

1.65. “Performance Management Application” means the online support service to be developed and maintained by the League and utilised by each Club for the purposes of assisting the management of the Academy and recording and analysing data. Such data shall include (without limitation):
   (a) each Academy Player’s Performance Clock;
   (b) such information as the League may from time to time require for the purposes of national or Category-wide benchmarking; and
   (c) data received from The Football Association in respect of an Academy Player who plays for, or who is coached by The Football Association with a view to playing for, an England representative side;

1.66. “Personal Development and Life Skills Plan” means the individual development plan for each Academy Player delivered by his Club on an ongoing basis throughout the period of his registration and which will also include (without limitation) life skills training or coaching in the following areas:
   (a) mental and emotional wellbeing;
   (b) health and nutrition;
   (c) careers and further education advice;
   (d) transition support;
   (e) financial management;
   (f) use of social media;
   (g) dealing with the media;
   (h) anti-doping;
   (i) gambling, anti-corruption and sporting integrity;
   (j) personal integrity; and
   (k) social skills.

Guidance

In addition to the above, Rule 208 requires all Clubs to deliver training to Academy Players and Academy Staff on equality, diversity and inclusion.

1.67. “Player Care” means the adoption of a holistic approach to personal and sporting development, supporting Academy Players to achieve their potential in and out of football;

1.68. “Playing Philosophy” means a written statement which sets out:
   (a) the principles, values, playing style and tactical approach of all of the Club’s teams (including its first team); and
   (b) profiles detailing, for each age group and the first team, the Club’s desired technical, tactical, physical, psychological and social skills of players in each position on the pitch;

1.69. “Premier League 2” means the League of that name managed, organised and controlled by the League;

1.70. “Productivity Methodology” means the methodology developed by the League for analysing the registration and playing history of Players and, as a consequence thereof, for producing each Club’s Productivity Profile;

1.71. “Productivity Profile” means an analysis, provided by the League using the Productivity Methodology, of each Club’s track record in developing Academy Players, that is to say:
   (a) the extent to which Academy Players coached by or at its Academy have progressed to become established professional Players; and accordingly
   (b) the extent to which the Club is successful in contributing to the development of established professional Players;

1.72. “Professional Development Leagues” means the leagues of that name managed, organised and controlled by the League (in the case of Clubs operating Category 1 and Category 2 Academies) or by The Football League (in the case of Clubs operating Category 3 and Category 4 Academies) and “Professional Development League 1”, “Professional Development League 2” and “Professional Development League 3” shall be construed accordingly;

1.73. “Professional Development Phase” means the Under 17 to Under 21 age groups inclusive;

1.74. “Professional Development Phase Games Programme” means the games programmes organised by the League and Football League for teams in the Professional Development Phase as set out in Rules 154 to 160;

1.75. “Qualified Teacher Status” means the accreditation which an individual must obtain in order to teach in state-maintained schools in England and Wales;

1.76. “Scholarship Agreement” means an agreement made between a Club and an Academy Player in PLYD Form 1;
1.77. “School Day” means the times when the pupils of a school are required to attend that school as determined by its governors;

1.78. “Season 2019/20 Academy Closure Period” means the period between 1 May 2020 and the Academy Return Date;

1.79. “Season 2019/20 Registration Extension” means an agreement between an Academy Player and a Club to extend his registration so that it expires on a date falling 12 weeks after the Academy Return Date (save where a further extension of six weeks has been agreed in accordance with Rule 269.2);

1.80. “Senior Academy Physiotherapist” means the Official referred to in Rule 95;

1.81. “Senior Professional Development Coach” means the Official referred to in Rule 71;

1.82. “Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme” means an integrated, interdisciplinary programme for the provision of sports science, medical services, performance support and analysis as more particularly described in Rules 217 to 220;

1.83. “Sports Therapist” means a Person who holds at least an undergraduate degree in sports therapy;

1.84. “Technical Board” has the meaning set out in Rules 28 to 30;

1.85. “Tournament” means a grouping of competitive matches between three or more Clubs (or clubs) whose results are given significance (e.g. there may be a winner of the Tournament) and which are typically played together at one venue and over a short period of time (e.g. one day or a few days);

1.86. “Training Camp” means an event for the Academy Players of one Club and which lasts for one or more days and at which a variety of coaching and other on-pitch and off-pitch activities takes place;

1.87. “Training Model” means the Full Time Training Model, the Hybrid Training Model or the Part Time Training Model;

1.88. “Trialist” means a player playing in age groups Under 9 to Under 21 who is attending an Academy on trial under the provisions of Rules 235 or 236;

1.89. “Vision Statement” means a written statement of the Club’s desired culture, values, ambitions and strategic aims, and the behaviours and activities which the Club has adopted and will adopt (including within its Academy) in order to achieve the same;

1.90. “Youth Development Phase” means the Under 12 to Under 16 age groups inclusive; and

1.91. “Youth Development Phase Games Programme” means the games programmes organised by the League and Football League for teams in each of the Under 12 to Under 16 age groups, full details of which are set out in Rules 139 to 153.

2. For the purposes of this section of these Rules:

2.1. Academy Players shall be placed in one of 13 age groups commencing with age group Under 9 and ending with age group Under 21, and

2.2. the age group into which each Academy Player shall be placed shall be determined by his age on 31 August in the year in question, save in the case of players in the Under 21 age group, who must be under the age of 21 as at 1 January in the year in which the Season concerned commences (i.e. for Season 2020/21 born on or after 1 January 1999).

3. If a Club engages in the training and development of young players then it must:

3.1. obtain a licence to operate an Academy; and

3.2. operate its Academy in accordance with this section of the Rules.

4. The maximum term of a licence to operate an Academy shall be three years, unless revoked earlier in accordance with these Rules or extended by the PGB at its sole discretion.

5. There shall be four Categories of Academy.

Applications to Operate Academies

6. Each Club which operates or applies to operate an Academy shall give the League and the ISO access to such facilities, personnel, documents and records as they reasonably require in order to undertake their responsibilities under these Rules.

7. In accordance with such timetable as issued by the League from time to time, a Club which wishes to operate (or continue to operate) an Academy must (a) submit its written application (signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory) to do so to the ISO, and (b) submit a self-assessment via the Academy Standards Application to demonstrate adherence with:

7.1. the ‘safe to operate’ conditions implemented by the ISO from time to time;

7.2. the Rules; and

7.3. the standards issued by the ISO from time to time in respect of the areas set out in Rule 9.2, below (the “Standards”).

8. The PGB, taking into account the advice of the ISO (which shall be provided following a review by the ISO of the submission referred to in Rule 7), shall determine whether each applicant Club adheres to the ISO’s ‘safe to operate’ conditions, the Rules and the Standards, and notify each such Club of its determination by the deadline stipulated by the League.

9. The PGB shall determine that a Club either:

9.1. does not comply with the ISO’s ‘safe to operate’ conditions, the Rules and the Standards, in which case the PGB will issue an action plan to the Club for it to address any breaches of the conditions, Rules or Standards, failure to comply with which may (at the PGB’s absolute discretion) result in the
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14. The PGB, having given due consideration to a Club’s ISO Audit and recommendation and to the advice of the League, shall (where appropriate) issue all licences to operate Academies and shall determine the Category of each Academy in respect of which it grants a licence.

15. For the avoidance of doubt, a Club shall only have the right to make representations to the PGB in connection with its application for a licence to operate an Academy if it believes that the ISO Audit contains manifest error.

16. A Club may only appeal against the decision of the PGB not to issue it a licence to operate an Academy, or against the PGB’s determination of the Category of its Academy, if that decision was:

16.1. reached as a result of fraud, malice or bad faith;
16.2. reached as a result of procedural errors so great that the rights of the Club have been clearly and substantially prejudiced;
16.3. reached as a result of a perverse interpretation of the law; or
16.4. one which could not reasonably have been reached by any tribunal which had applied its mind properly to the facts of the case.

17. Any appeal by a Club pursuant to Rule 16 shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule K (Arbitration) of the Rules of The Football Association.

18. A Club that has had a licence removed may not re-apply for a licence to operate an Academy within three years of the PGB’s determination unless:

18.1. the PGB is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which justify a further application; and
18.2. the Club bears any costs of the League, ISO and PGB reasonably incurred by any of those bodies in assessing and determining the Club’s further application.

Guidance

The circumstances referred to above include a change in ownership or strategic priority within the Club leading to a significantly high level of commitment to and investment in the Academy. The Club would need to demonstrate an improvement in performance against targets, not simply plans to improve performance.

19. Any Club or Official making a false statement (whether made verbally or in writing) or falsifying a document in connection with:

19.1. an application for a licence to operate an Academy;
19.2. the League’s annual evaluation undertaken pursuant to Rule 31.2;
19.3. an ISO Audit; or
19.4. any other provision of these Rules, shall be in breach of these Rules and shall be liable to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section W of the Premier League Rules.
20. If, in breach of Rule 3.2, a Club fails to comply with any Rule in this section, or if a Club or Official makes a false statement or falsifies a document as set out in Rule 19, then the PGB may:

20.1. revoke the Club’s licence to operate an Academy, or
20.2. suspend the Club’s licence to operate an Academy for such time as it shall determine during which the Club shall have the opportunity to ensure it becomes compliant with the relevant Rule, or
20.3. determine that the Club’s Academy shall have a lower Category than its current Category, or
20.4. withdraw or suspend the Club’s entitlement to any central funding provided for the purposes of youth development, and
20.5. in any of the above cases require the ISO to undertake an ISO Audit of the Club’s Academy as soon as reasonably practicable.

21. Without prejudice to Rule 20, any breach of Rules 3.2, 6, 19, 26.2, 35 to 43, 47, 48, 49, 116 to 120, 123, 127, 132, 133, 137, 138, 151 to 153, 160 to 162, 170, 171, 173 to 189, 197, 215 to 228, 242, 244, 245, 248 to 251, 257, 263, 266, 267, 279, 282, 285 to 287, 297 to 300, 318, 321 or 325 shall be liable to be dealt with under the provisions of Section W of the Premier League Rules.

**Guidance**

Failure to comply with any of the Rules in this section, other than those specified in Rule 21 above, will not ordinarily lead to liability to disciplinary action under Section W. However, such failure to comply may be dealt with pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Club’s Academy licence and may lead to the revocation, suspension or downgrading of that licence, or the withdrawal or suspension of central funding, pursuant to Rule 20.

The League considers that the Rules specified in Rule 21 are of such a nature that breach should open the possibility of disciplinary action under Section W because they impact upon other people or entities, and in particular, Academy Players and/or other Clubs.

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**Strategy, Leadership and Management of the Academy**

### Strategic Documents

22. Each Club which operates an Academy shall document and make available to the League and to the ISO its Vision Statement, Playing Philosophy and Coaching Philosophy each of which shall be:

22.1. drawn up by the Technical Board; and
22.2. annually reviewed and approved by the Club Board.

### Academy Performance Plan

23. Each Club which operates an Academy shall prepare and make available to the League and to the ISO, as part of the self-assessment process referred to at Rule 7, its Academy Performance Plan.

24. The Academy Performance Plan shall be drawn up under the guidance of the Academy Manager in consultation with such Officials as the Club may consider appropriate (including, by way of example only, the Manager, the Chief Executive, the Academy Management Team and the technical director if the Club has appointed one and the Technical Board) and shall be reviewed annually by the Academy Manager.

25. The Club Board shall:

25.1. annually review and approve the Academy Performance Plan;
25.2. ensure that the Academy Performance Plan is communicated to all relevant Officials; and
25.3. measure the performance of the Academy each year against the objectives, strategy and specific performance targets set out in the Academy Performance Plan and ensure that appropriate action is taken if the performance targets have not been met.

### Performance Management Application

26. Each Club which operates an Academy shall:

26.1. utilise the Performance Management Application from the date of its implementation by the League and record on it the data listed in Rule 1.65;
26.2. ensure that the data held on the Performance Management Application which is within the Club’s control is held securely and is only released to, or accessed by, those Persons who require access to it pursuant to any of these Rules; and
26.3. provide the League with such information as it may from time to time require for the purposes of analysing and benchmarking on a national or Category-wide basis any aspect of the performance of Academy Players or Clubs.
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Monitoring

31. The League shall conduct:
   31.1. on-going monitoring of each Academy; and
   31.2. an annual evaluation of each Academy which shall be made available to the Club, the ISO and, if required, the PGB.

32. A Club shall be entitled to publish the results of its ISO Audit and the Category of its Academy.

Productivity Profile

33. Each year the League will provide each Club which operates an Academy with an up to date Productivity Profile, benchmarked (on an anonymised basis) against other Clubs (and, if appropriate, Football League clubs).

Technical Board

28. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish a Technical Board.

29. The membership of the Technical Board shall consist of such Officials as the Club Board deems necessary in order for the Technical Board to properly perform the functions with which it is tasked by these Rules, and accordingly may include:
   29.1. the Chief Executive;
   29.2. the Manager;
   29.3. the Academy Manager;
   29.4. any technical, football or sporting director employed by the Club;
   29.5. such Officials as can give input from the following functional areas:
       29.5.1. recruitment;
       29.5.2. coaching, and
       29.5.3. Professional Development Phase coaching; and
   29.6. any other Official that the Club deems appropriate.

30. The Technical Board shall provide technical advice and support in the development of the Club’s Playing Philosophy, Coaching Philosophy and Coach Competency Framework, and in the development, implementation and monitoring of the Academy Performance Plan.
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37. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that it conducts a meeting with each of its Academy Players:
37.1. no fewer than four times per Season (if he is in one of the Under 9 to Under 18 age groups); and
37.2. with such frequency as is necessary according to his development needs (if he is one of the Under 19 to Under 21 age groups).

38. At the meetings referred to in Rule 37, the Club shall:
38.1. discuss with the Academy Player his Individual Learning Plan; and
38.2. take all appropriate action (for example by way of amending his Individual Learning Plan to set mutually agreed performance targets and/or such individual coaching, athletic development or educational support as may be necessary).

39. Each Multi-disciplinary Review shall be recorded on the Academy Player’s Performance Clock.

40. Each Club which operates an Academy shall meet with the Parent of each Academy Player under the age of 18 at least twice a year and provide to and discuss with the Parent a detailed review of all aspects of the Academy Player’s performance and development based on his most recent Multi-disciplinary Reviews.

41. A written record of the discussion referred to in Rule 40 shall be given to the Parent and noted on the Academy Player’s Performance Clock.

42. Each Club which operates an Academy shall, between 1 May and 30 June in each year, provide to the Parent of each Academy Player under the age of 18 an annual written report on all aspects of the Academy Player’s performance and development over the preceding season.

43. Each Club shall permit a representative of the League to attend Multi-disciplinary Reviews if so requested by the League.

Guidance
It is recommended that one of the meetings referred to in Rule 37, 38 and 40 to 42 should be held at around the mid-season point and the other at the end of the season. The annual written report referred to in Rule 42 should form the basis of the end of season meeting.

Regular reviews of all aspects of an Academy Player’s development are a key part of the Elite Player Performance Plan. Each periodic Multi-disciplinary Review will have input from each discipline within the Academy (coaching, education and welfare, and sports science and medicine/performance support). The following best practice recommendations are made, which supplement the above minimum requirements.

Performance Clock

34. Each Club which operates an Academy shall maintain a Performance Clock for each of its Academy Players and ensure that it is made available to:
34.1. the Academy Player;
34.2. his Parent (and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Club shall provide to the Academy Player and his Parent a copy of his Performance Clock if he ceases to be registered with the Club);
34.3. the League; and
34.4. the ISO.

Guidance
1. The Performance Clock records the Academy Player’s progress throughout his development. The Performance Clock is an embedded application in the Performance Management Application. Information is carried forward year on year (and from club to club) to build into a comprehensive record of the Academy Player’s development. The Performance Clock should provide a breakdown of the time spent in individual and team technical and practical development, matches played, sports science and medicine (including psychological and social development) and educational progression. The Performance Clock logs qualitative information and evidence documented by both coach and Academy Player relating to an Academy Player’s successful progression in the above areas. The Performance Clock also evidences the Academy Player’s Multi-disciplinary Reviews.

2. It should be noted that while there is scope within the Performance Clock for the Academy Player to give feedback and comments, the primary responsibility to maintain Performance Clocks lies with the Club. Any Club which fails to maintain its Academy Players’ Performance Clocks, and make them available in accordance with Rule 34, may jeopardise its categorisation.

Individual Learning Plans and Multi-disciplinary Reviews

35. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that it undertakes a Multi-disciplinary Review in respect of each Academy Player:
35.1. every 12 weeks (if he is in one of the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups);
35.2. every six weeks (if he is in one of the Under 12 to Under 18 age groups); and
35.3. with such frequency as is necessary according to his developmental needs (if he is one of the Under 19 to Under 21 age groups).

Guidance
Neither the Academy Player nor his Parent need be present at the Multi-disciplinary Review. See however the Club’s obligations under Rules 37, 38 and 40 to 42.

36. Each Multi-disciplinary Review shall assess the performance and development of the Academy Player against his performance targets set at previous Multi-disciplinary Reviews. At the end of each Multi-disciplinary Review the Club shall update the Academy Player’s Individual Learning Plan to take account of conclusions reached at the Multi-disciplinary Review.
1. Multi-disciplinary Reviews should not only measure the Academy Player's progression against his own performance targets, but also benchmark his development against that of his peers.

2. The procedure for undertaking Multi-disciplinary Reviews with Academy Players should follow a standard protocol. The meeting should involve the head coach for the Academy Player’s Development Phase and the Head of Education (particularly if the Club is providing education to the Academy Player), plus any other relevant Academy Staff (e.g. sports scientists) as required.

3. Similar protocols may be adopted for the meetings with Parents. Thus, it is recommended that the meeting is attended by the head coach for the Academy Player’s Development Phase, the Head of Education and any other relevant Academy Staff.

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### General

44. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish a staffing structure for its Academy which shall:

44.1. subject to Rule 45, include the mandatory posts required by this section of the Rules for the Category applicable to its Academy; and

44.2. have regard to the guidelines and best practice set out in the Elite Player Performance Plan.

45. Save for the Academy Manager and the coaches described in Rules 65 and 66, a Club need not employ those Academy Staff whose employment is mandatory for the Category of its Academy pursuant to these Rules provided that the Club is able to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the League, the ISO or the PGB (whichever body is appropriate), that its staffing structure includes the same expertise and achieves the same results as if all the mandatory posts required by this section of the Rules were filled.

### Guidance

The functions covered by the mandatory posts must be delivered by all Clubs operating an Academy. However, the League acknowledges that Clubs should have flexibility in the organisation of their staffing structure provided that the structure that is adopted delivers the same outputs and results as if the mandatory posts were filled.

The exceptions to this are the post of Academy Manager and the coaches set out in Rules 65 and 66: a Club must employ a Full Time Academy Manager in accordance with Rules 52 to 58 and coaches in accordance with Rules 65 and 66.

46. The Club shall document its staffing structure in an organisational chart which shall:

46.1. show the reporting lines of each member of Academy Staff; and

46.2. be made available to Academy Staff, the League and the ISO.

47. The relationship between a Club and each member of its Academy Staff shall be appropriately documented by way of:

47.1. an employment contract;

47.2. a statement of terms of employment pursuant to Section 1 of the Employment Rights Act 1996; or

47.3. in the case of a non-employee, a contract for services.

48. Each member of Academy Staff shall be given:

48.1. a written job description (which may be contained in the document referred to in Rule 47); and

48.2. an annual performance appraisal.
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49. Each Club which operates an Academy shall:
49.1. provide Continued Professional Development to members of Academy Staff where required to do so pursuant to these Rules; and
49.2. take all reasonable steps to ensure that each member of Academy Staff who is required by these Rules to undertake Continued Professional Development does so.

Guidance
It is envisaged that CPD will be delivered partly by Clubs and partly externally (e.g. by The Football Association).

Academy Management Team

50. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish an Academy Management Team which shall:
50.1. be led by the Academy Manager; and
50.2. in addition to the Academy Manager, consist of such other Officials as the Club Board deems necessary in order for the Academy Management Team to properly perform the functions with which it is tasked by these Rules and otherwise, and which may accordingly include the Head of Education, the Head of Sports Science and Medicine, the Head of Recruitment, the Head of Academy Coaching, the individual referred to at Rule 108, the Head of Safeguarding, the Academy Operations Manager and the Academy Secretary.

51. The Academy Management Team shall assist the Academy Manager in running the operations of the Academy in accordance with the Club’s Academy Performance Plan.

Guidance
This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45. If a Club does not employ one of the Officials described in Rule 50.2, Clubs should consider including representation from the relevant functional area on the Academy Management Team.

Academy Manager

52. Each Club which operates an Academy shall employ a Full Time Academy Manager.

53. The Academy Manager’s appointment shall be approved by the Club Board.

54. The Academy Manager shall report to the Chief Executive or to such other senior administrative Official of the Club as the Club Board shall approve.

55. The responsibilities of the Academy Manager shall include (unless otherwise approved by the Board):
55.1. guiding the development of the Club’s Playing Philosophy, Coaching Philosophy and Coaching Curriculum;
55.2. drawing up the Academy Performance Plan as set out in, and subject to the provisions of, Rule 24;
55.3. implementing the Academy Performance Plan;
55.4. advising the Club Board on:
55.4.1. whether the Academy has met the performance targets set out in the Academy Performance Plan; and
55.4.2. the action to be taken by the Club if the Academy has not met those performance targets;
55.5. ensuring the effective use by all appropriate Academy Staff of the Performance Management Application and Performance Clocks, including ensuring that all relevant data is recorded thereon;
55.6. the design, implementation and management of the Academy’s Coaching Curriculum;
55.7. ensuring that all Academy Staff undertake the Continued Professional Development required of them by this section of the Rules;
55.8. being the line manager of the Head of Education, Head of Coaching and Head of Recruitment; and
55.9. liaising with the Club’s Manager as appropriate.

Guidance
It is acknowledged that some Academy Managers may also have important roles as coaches and that the above responsibilities may limit the time they have for coaching. As a consequence, the Academy Manager will be entitled to delegate some of his functions to other staff at the Academy to enable him to continue to undertake coaching.

56. Subject to Rule 57, each Academy Manager must hold:
56.1. an up to date UEFA A Licence;
56.2. an FA Youth Award; and
56.3. an FA Advanced Youth Award.

57. A Club may appoint as Academy Manager a Person who does not hold the qualifications set out in Rule 56 provided that the Head of Academy Coaching:
57.1. holds these qualifications;
57.2. is tasked with overseeing the Coaching Curriculum; and
57.3. is a member of the Academy Management Team and sits on the Technical Board.
58. The Academy Manager must undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club. In addition, where the Academy Manager holds a qualification set out in Rule 56, he must attend such training provided by The Football Association as is necessary to maintain the validity of that qualification and at least five hours of in-service training to be provided by the League every year and hold a current BFAS, current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board.

Guidance
Any Academy Manager holding the BFAS qualification will be required to attain the Emergency First Aid in Football (EFAiF) qualification with effect from the date of expiry of the BFAS qualification. Any new Academy Manager appointed after 1st July 2018 not already holding BFAS must hold the EFAiF on appointment.

59. Each Club which operates an Academy must ensure that its Academy Manager enrols and participates fully in the Elite Academy Managers Development Programme.

Academy Operations Manager

60. Each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall appoint an Academy Operations Manager, who shall be employed Full Time and shall have day-to-day responsibility for executive and operational issues within the Academy.

Academy Secretary

61. Each Club which operates an Academy shall appoint an Academy Secretary who shall be employed Full Time in the case of a Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy or at least Part Time in the case of a Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy.

62. The Academy Secretary shall:

62.1. provide administrative support to the Academy Manager and the Academy Management Team;
62.2. act as the point of contact between the Academy and the League for all administrative matters, including the submission of required information; and
62.3. be familiar with all relevant provisions of these Youth Development Rules, as amended from time to time.

Guidance
This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Head of Academy Coaching

63. Each Club which operates an Academy shall employ a Head of Academy Coaching who shall:

63.1. report to the Academy Manager;
63.2. subject to Rule 55.6, have responsibility for delivery of the Academy’s Coaching Curriculum;
63.3. be responsible for designing and delivering the Club’s Continued Professional Development programme, which shall reflect the Club’s Playing Philosophy and Coaching Philosophy and each coach’s Coach Competency Framework for all the Club’s Academy coaches;
63.4. discharge the responsibilities with regard to Development Action Plans set out at Rules 78 to 80;
63.5. hold at least an up to date UEFA A Licence, an FA Youth Award, and an FA Advanced Youth Award;
63.6. hold a current Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification, current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board;
63.7. have recent and relevant experience of coaching Academy Players in an Academy (or of a comparable environment);
63.8. be employed Full Time in the case of a Head of Academy Coaching employed in a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Academy and at least Part Time in the case of a Category 4 Academy;
63.9. attend at least five hours of in-service training to be provided by the League each year;
63.10. attend such training to be provided by The Football Association as is necessary to maintain the validity of the qualifications set out in Rule 63.5, and
63.11. in conjunction with each of the Club’s coaches, plan, deliver and monitor the delivery of individual development plans for each such coach.

Guidance
The League has devised EHOC to provide a funded, elite development programme for Full Time Heads of Academy Coaching.

64. In addition to the in-service training referred to in Rule 63.9, the Head of Academy Coaching must undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

Guidance
It is recommended (and mandatory in the circumstances set out in Rule 57) that the Head of Academy Coaching will be a senior appointment in the Academy and a member of the Academy Management Team and sit on the Technical Board.

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Coaches

65. Each Club which operates an Academy shall employ at minimum the number of Full Time coaches for each Development Phase in accordance with the Category of its Academy as set out in the following table:
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**Guidance**

For those Clubs which operate a Category 3 Academy, the Academy Manager may count towards the minimum numbers required under Rule 65.

For those Clubs which operate a Category 4 Academy, the Academy Manager and Head of Academy Coaching may count towards the minimum numbers required under Rule 65.

66. In addition to the coaches set out in Rule 65 each Club shall employ sufficient additional coaching staff (Full Time or Part Time) to ensure that the coach to Academy Players ratios set out in Rule 119 are maintained.

67. Each Club shall appoint one Full Time coach in each Development Phase who shall be the lead coach for that phase and be responsible for managing the delivery of coaching within it, and who shall:

67.1. in respect of the Youth Development and Professional Development Phase, hold at least an up to date UEFA A Licence; and

67.2. in respect of the Foundation Phase, hold at least an up to date UEFA B Licence and the relevant age specific FA Advanced Youth Award.

**Goalkeeping Coaches**

68. Each Club which operates an Academy shall employ, either on a Full Time or Part Time basis, such goalkeeping coaches as are necessary to ensure that each Academy Player who is a goalkeeper receives the required hours of coaching set out in Rule 116, subject to the following minimum requirements:

68.1. a Club operating a Category 1 Academy shall employ at least two Full Time goalkeeping coaches; and

68.2. a Club operating a Category 2 Academy shall employ at least one Full Time goalkeeping coach.

69. Each goalkeeping coach must:

69.1. attend at least five hours of in-service training to be provided by The Football Association each year;

69.2. attend the first aid training for Academy coaches provided by The Football Association at least once every three years; and

69.3. undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

70. Each goalkeeping coach must hold an up to date UEFA B Licence and an FA Goalkeeping Coaching B Licence.

**Guidance**

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

**Senior Professional Development Coach**

71. Each Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy shall (and a Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy may) appoint a Senior Professional Development Coach who shall:

71.1. report to the Academy Manager;

71.2. liaise with the Manager;

71.3. hold a UEFA A Licence and the FA Advanced Youth Award with the age specific specialist element relevant to the Professional Development Phase;

71.4. oversee on a day-to-day basis the Coaching Curriculum for the Under 19 to Under 21 age groups;

71.5. manage the transition of Academy Players to the Club’s senior squad in accordance with the Club’s procedure for the same described in Rule 73;

71.6. contribute to the Multi-disciplinary Reviews of all Academy Players in the Professional Development Phase, and

71.7. manage the Club’s team which competes in the Professional Development League.

72. Each Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy that does not appoint a Senior Professional Development Coach in accordance with Rule 71 shall assign a member of the coaching staff responsible for the coaching of the Club’s professional players to act as a liaison coach who shall:

72.1. liaise with the Academy Manager;

72.2. liaise with the Manager; and

72.3. manage the transition of Academy Players to the Club’s senior squad in accordance with the Club’s procedure for the same described in Rule 73.

73. Each Club which operates an Academy shall develop, implement and provide evidence of a procedure to enable the transition of Academy Players to its senior squad.

**Guidance**

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.
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74. Each coach (excluding goalkeeping coaches to whom Rule 69 applies) must from the commencement of and throughout their employment hold:
74.1. an up to date UEFA B Licence (save where these Rules require a coach to hold an up to date UEFA A Licence);
74.2. an FA Youth Award; and
74.3. an up to date FA Advanced Youth Award with the age-specific specialist element relevant to the Development Phase which they coach.

Guidance

These Rules require the following Academy Staff to hold an up to date UEFA A Licence:
• Head of Academy Coaching (Rule 63.5); and
• Senior Professional Development Coach (Rule 71.3).

75. Each coach (including goalkeeping coaches) must attend at least five hours of in-service training to be provided by the Football Association or League each year and hold a current BFAS, current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board.

76. In addition to the in-service training referred to in Rule 75, each coach must undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

Guidance

The League, The Football League and The Football Association will establish and maintain a national database of qualifications of coaches, and the in-service training they have undertaken.

77. Each Club which operates an Academy shall prepare a Coach Competency Framework, which must be approved by its Technical Board.

78. Each Club shall ensure that the Head of Academy Coaching provides to each of its Academy coaches (including goalkeeping coaches and the Senior Professional Development Coach) a Development Action Plan, that is to say the Head of Academy Coaching shall undertake an assessment of the competencies of each Academy coach and discuss this with him, and agree with him the competencies and behaviours which he needs to develop, and the activities which he will undertake in order to develop them, and the timeframe within which he will undertake them, and record the same in writing and give a copy to the coach.

79. The Club must record evidence that the actions referred to in the Development Action Plan have been undertaken, and review those actions within an appropriate period with the coach, and amend the Development Action Plan if necessary.

80. The Club shall ensure that the Head of Academy Coaching reviews, and if necessary amends, each coach’s Development Action Plan with such frequency as is necessary.

Staff

Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine

81. Each Club which operates a Category 1 and Category 2 Academy shall appoint a Full Time Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine who shall report to either the Academy Manager or the Official who is responsible for Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support for the entire Club (and whichever he reports to, he shall liaise closely with the other).

82. Each Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy shall demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the League, the ISO or PGB (whichever body is appropriate) that its Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme for Academy Players is appropriately managed and delivered.

Guidance

A Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy may choose to buy in support for this function on a Part Time basis.

Clubs may elect to alternatively title this role ‘Head of Academy Performance’ or ‘Head of Academy Performance Support’.

83. The Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine shall be responsible for managing and delivering the Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme for all Academy Players registered with the Club.

84. The Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine:
84.1. shall be either:
84.1.1. a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council;
84.1.2. a registered medical practitioner licensed to practise by the General Medical Council (and shall comply with the General Medical Council’s requirements concerning annual appraisal, scope of practice, indemnity and revalidation of doctors) with a diploma in Sport and Exercise Medicine or equivalent or higher qualification; or
84.1.3. the holder of at least a master’s degree in sports science (or other relevant discipline) from a recognised university and have or be working towards British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences and/or British Psychological Society accreditation, and
84.2. shall have recent and relevant professional experience in a sports performance environment.

Guidance

Under Rule 84.1.2, where the Academy Doctor is not head of department the further qualification is still necessary if the doctor is providing independent unsupervised management in the area of Sport and Exercise Medicine.
85. The Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine shall hold either:
   85.1. if he is a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care
         Professions Council or a registered medical practitioner, a current AREA
         certificate, ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by
         the Board; or
   85.2. if he is neither of the above, a current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher
         qualification approved by the Board.

86. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine is
     not a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council
     or a registered medical practitioner (as set out in Rule 85.1 and 85.2 respectively)
     then the primacy of decisions regarding the clinical treatment of Academy Players
     shall rest with a physiotherapist or registered medical practitioner.

87. The Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine must undertake Continued
     Professional Development organised by the Club or the League.

Guidance
It is envisaged that the Person who is appointed to this role shall have had recent relevant experience
(which will be assessed by the League and/or the ISO), including managerial experience in a sports
science environment.

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Academy Nutritionist

88. Each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall appoint or designate an
     existing member of Academy Staff to the role of Academy Nutritionist who:

   88.1. shall be Part Time;
   88.2. shall be responsible for devising and implementing plans to promote
         nutrition and a healthy diet amongst Academy Players;
   88.3. shall provide advice to Academy Players and Staff on all aspects of
         nutrition; and
   88.4. shall be on the Sport and Exercise Nutrition Register ("SENr") or work
         under the direct management and supervision of an individual listed on
         the SENr.

Lead Sports Scientist

89. Each Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy shall appoint a Full
     Time Lead Sports Scientist who shall:

   89.1. hold at least a bachelor’s degree in sports science (or another relevant
         discipline) from a recognised university;
   89.2. have recent and relevant professional experience in a sports performance
         environment;
   89.3. co-ordinate and lead the sports science services for the Academy;
   89.4. hold a current Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification, current EFAiF or an
         equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board; and
   89.5. hold or be working towards holding British Association of Sport and
         Exercise Sciences accreditation.

90. Each Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy shall demonstrate
     to the reasonable satisfaction of the League, the ISO or the PGB (whichever body is
     appropriate) that it delivers sufficient and appropriate sports science services to its
     Academy Players.

91. The Lead Sports Scientist must undertake Continued Professional Development
     organised by the Club.

Guidance
For Clubs' obligations generally regarding the provision of the Sports Science and Medicine/Performance
Support, see Rules 217 to 220:

It is envisaged that the person appointed to this role will have recent, relevant experience (which will be
assessed by the League and/or the ISO). A Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy may
choose to buy in support for this function on a Part Time basis.

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Lead Strength and Conditioning Coaches

92. Each Club which operates a Category 1 or 2 Academy shall employ a Lead Strength
     and Conditioning Coach who shall:

   92.1. in the case of a Category 1 Academy, be employed Full Time, and in the
         case of a Category 2 Academy, be employed at least Part Time;
   92.2. be responsible for providing to the Club’s Academy Players appropriate
         strength and conditioning training and monitoring as part of the Sports
         Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme;
   92.3. hold at least a bachelor’s degree in sports science (or another relevant
         discipline) from a recognised university and have or be working towards
         British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences accreditation;
   92.4. hold a current Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification, current EFAiF or an
         equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board; and
   92.5. hold or be working towards accreditation by the UK Strength and
         Conditioning Association (or equivalent workshops run by any equivalent
         body).

93. The Lead Strength and Conditioning Coach must undertake Continued Professional
     Development organised by the Club.

Guidance
It is recommended that Category 2 Academies employ the Lead Strength and Conditioning Coach on a
Full Time basis, but the League acknowledges that this may not always be possible, therefore, the
minimum role is stated to be Part Time.

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.
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94. In addition to the Lead Sports Scientist and the Lead Strength and Conditioning Coach, each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall employ a minimum of one additional Full-Time sports scientist or strength and conditioning coach.

Senior Academy Physiotherapist

95. Each Club which operates an Academy shall appoint a Senior Academy Physiotherapist who shall:
   95.1. be Full Time;
   95.2. be a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council (save that a Club which operates a Category 3 or 4 Academy may continue to employ as its Senior Academy Physiotherapist any Person so employed at the time of these Rules coming into force who does not hold the qualifications specified in this Rule provided that he has successfully completed the Football Association’s Diploma in the Treatment and Management of Injuries course or an equivalent or higher qualification. Any Person appointed thereafter must hold the qualifications specified by this Rule);
   95.3. have recent and relevant professional experience in a sports performance environment;
   95.4. if employed by a Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy hold a current Football Association Advanced Resuscitation and Emergency Aid certificate or Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football or if employed by a Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy hold a current ITMMiF (or in either case an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board);
   95.5. co-ordinate and lead the physiotherapy service within the Academy;
   95.6. ensure that Rules 215.1 and 216 are complied with; and
   95.7. undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

Guidance

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Physiotherapists and Sports Therapists

96. In addition to the Senior Academy Physiotherapist referred to at Rule 95, each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall employ at least two Full Time physiotherapists who shall each be a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council and (where their duties include clinical leadership at matches) hold a current ATTMiF or Football Association Advanced Resuscitation and Emergency Aid certificate. Each Club which operates a Category 2 Academy shall employ at least one such Full Time physiotherapist who meets these requirements.

97. Any Sports Therapist employed by a Club must be subject to the management and supervision of a registered physiotherapist member of the Health and Care Professions Council.

Guidance

This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Academy Doctor

99. Each Club which operates an Academy shall appoint an Academy Doctor who shall:
   99.1. be a registered medical practitioner licensed to practise by the General Medical Council (and shall comply with the General Medical Council’s requirements concerning annual appraisal, scope of practice, indemnity and revalidation of doctors);
   99.2. be available to assess and, if appropriate, undertake the treatment of any playing injuries suffered by an Academy Player;
   99.3. undertake Continued Professional Development;
   99.4. be available for consultation at the Academy on at least one occasion per week (in addition to any attendance at matches); and
   99.5. be responsible for the preparation of each Club’s Emergency Action Plan.

Guidance

1. Whether the Academy Doctor should be Full Time or Part Time has not been specified, it being recognised that the role may be fulfilled by a doctor who also has responsibilities for the professional squad, or who has other professional responsibilities outside the Club.
2. See also Rules 215 and 216 concerning the medical cover at coaching and matches.
3. The League will gather and share best practice in relation to Emergency Action Plans.
4. This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

Performance Analysts

100. Each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall employ a minimum of three Full Time Performance Analysts.

101. Each Club which operates a Category 2 Academy shall employ a minimum of two Performance Analysts, one on a Full Time basis, and the other at least Part Time.

Guidance

For Category 2 Academies, the Performance Analysts could be, for example, a student undertaking a Masters degree in a sports science related field who is on a placement as part of their Masters course.

102. The Performance Analysts shall undertake Performance Analysis of Academy Players registered with the Club.

103. The Performance Analysts must undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

98. Each physiotherapist and Sports Therapist must undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club and shall hold a current ITMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board.
### Guidance
This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

#### Head of Education

104. Each Club which operates an Academy shall appoint a Head of Education who shall:

104.1. report to the Academy Manager;

104.2. have responsibility for:

104.2.1. the organisation, management and delivery of the Club’s Education Programme;

104.2.2. the educational progression of all Academy Players registered with the Club (subject to the duties of any educational establishment at which an Academy Player’s education is taking place);

104.2.3. ensuring that the education of an Academy Player engaged on the Hybrid or Full Time Training Model is not prejudiced as a result of his being so engaged; and

104.2.4. ensuring all documents and records relating to the education of Academy Players required by these Rules are in place and up-to-date;

104.3. undertake benchmarking of the educational progression of each year group of Academy Players engaged on the Hybrid and Full Time Training Models against national data, and make the result of that benchmarking available to the League;

104.4. ensure that the Academy’s educational provision reflects the strategy and performance targets set out in the Club’s Academy Performance Plan;

104.5. hold Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) and have relevant experience (in the case of Category 1 and 2 Academies) or, as a minimum, possess a teaching qualification or further education teaching qualification (in the case of Category 3 and Category 4 Academies);

104.6. be Full Time (in the case of Category 1 and Category 2 Academies); and

104.7. undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club.

105. Each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall, in addition to the Head of Education, employ one Person Full Time to support the delivery of the Academy’s education programme.

#### Head of Recruitment

106. Each Club which operates an Academy shall employ a Head of Recruitment who shall:

106.1. report to the Academy Manager;

106.2. have responsibility for:

106.2.1. the organisation, management and delivery of the Club’s policies and procedures for the recruitment of Academy Players;

106.3. have responsibility for the recruitment and training of the Club’s Scouts (including taking all reasonable steps to ensure that they comply with the requirements regarding qualifications, registration and Continued Professional Development set out at Rule 224);

106.4. be in possession of (or be actively working towards):

106.4.1. the FA Talent ID Level 4 for a Club operating a Category 1 Academy;

106.4.2. the FA Talent ID Level 3 for a Club operating a Category 2 Academy;

106.4.3. the FA Talent ID Level 2 for a Club operating a Category 3 or a Category 4 Academy,

106.5. undertake at least five hours of in-service training each year;

106.6. undertake Continued Professional Development organised by the Club; and

106.7. be Full Time in the case of Category 1 and Category 2 Academies, and at least Part Time in the case of Category 3 and 4 Academies.

#### Guidance

1. Ideally a Club’s strategy for talent identification and recruitment should flow from its Vision Statement and Playing Philosophy and be fully integrated into its Academy Performance Plan and the multi-disciplinary approach to youth development envisaged by the Elite Player Performance Plan. Clubs may wish to document a recruitment strategy which sets out:

   - the profile of the players it seeks to recruit in each age group, having regard to the desired technical, tactical, maturation, social and psychological characteristics required at each age;

   - its target groups (e.g. local v national recruitment, players attending Development Centres or local schools/boys’ clubs etc);

   - synchronisation between coaches and recruiters to ensure that, for example, assessment procedures match those by which the Academy’s existing Academy Players are assessed, and that new recruits transit easily into the Academy environment;

   - a strategy for late developers (including the Academy’s own Academy Players whose maturation rates are slow but who eventually catch up with their peers); and

   - ensuring accurate scouting records are maintained.

2. With regard to Rule 106.4 above, it is envisaged that a new qualification for Scouts will be developed in due course.

3. This section of the Rules should be read subject to Rule 45.

#### Interns

107. The Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine must ensure that the Club records and, if requested, makes available to the League, the following details of every intern working within the Academy:

107.1. name, date of birth and contact details (phone number, address and email address);
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Coaching Curriculum

111. Each Club which operates an Academy shall prepare (and make available to the League and to the ISO on request) a Coaching Curriculum which shall have regard to:
   111.1. the Club’s Vision Statement, Coaching Philosophy and Playing Philosophy;
   111.2. the Club’s Academy Performance Plan;
   111.3. sections 6.6 – 6.8 of the Elite Player Performance Plan (save as regards the reference to minimum hours of coaching, as to which see Rule 116); and
   111.4. these Rules.

112. The Club’s Coaching Curriculum shall be drawn up by the Academy Manager (or, in the circumstances set out in Rule 57, the Head of Academy Coaching) who shall consult with all appropriate Club Officials (which may include the Manager, the Chief Executive, coaching staff, the Academy Management Team and the Technical Director if the Club has appointed one).

113. The Club’s Technical Board shall approve the Club’s Coaching Curriculum.

Guidance

Reference is made in the Rule to sections 6.6 to 6.8 of the Elite Player Performance Plan, which set out further detail about the Coaching Curriculum in each Development Phase.

It is recommended that the Coaching Curriculum gives particular consideration to desired outcomes and the coaching strategies needed to achieve them at each Development Phase.

See also Rule 55.6 (role of Academy Manager in the Coaching Curriculum) and Rule 63.2 (role of the Head of Academy Coaching).

Coaching Hours

114. The coaching of age groups Under 15 and older in Category 1 and Category 2 Academies shall take place over 46 weeks of each year, such weeks to be determined by reference to the Games Programme Schedule (including the two periods set out therein during which no matches in the Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase Games Programmes shall take place).

115. All other coaching in Academies shall take place over 40 weeks of each year.
Save as otherwise permitted by the PGB, the minimum hours of coaching to be delivered by Academies each week to each Academy Player (subject to his fitness, welfare and academic status) and the permitted Training Model per Category and per Development Phase are as follows:

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Category 1</td>
<td>4 rising to 8 for older Academy Players</td>
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<td>Category 2</td>
<td>3 rising to 5 for older Academy Players</td>
<td>6 rising to 12 for older Academy Players</td>
<td>14 reducing to 12 for Academy Players who have commitments to the professional squad during the Professional Development Phase</td>
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<td>Category 3</td>
<td>3 rising to 6 for older Academy Players</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Category 4</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>14 reducing to 12 for Academy Players who have commitments to the professional squad during the Professional Development Phase Games Programmes</td>
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**Guidance**

1. The above hours of coaching are the minimum the Rules require per week, subject to the Academy Player’s fitness. It is acknowledged, however, that Academies can alter these hours as they see fit, provided that the above stated hours are achieved on average over each six or 12 week Multi-disciplinary Review period (as relevant). As regards “subject to fitness”, this includes not only where an Academy Player is recuperating from injury, but also where in the opinion of the coaching staff and/or the medical and sports science staff, his coaching hours need to be reduced for him to receive adequate rest and recovery and/or avoid overuse injuries.

Coaching in the above tables refers to on-the-pitch coaching (and for the avoidance of doubt excludes time in matches). It is expected that Clubs will need to spend additional time in other environments off the pitch in order to work with Academy Players to assist them in developing the key technical, tactical, physical and psychological and social skills.

Where an Academy falls short of providing its Academy Players with the above hours of coaching, the Academy will need to demonstrate that despite this, its Academy Players are being provided with a proper Coaching Curriculum. This can be demonstrated by the progression of the Academy Player at each stage of the development process.

2. For Category 3 Clubs in the Youth Development Phase, the hours stated above should be applied as follows:
   - U12 and U13: 4 hours
   - U14: 5 hours
   - U15 and U16: 6 hours

3. A Club may be permitted to operate a Training Model in a particular Development Phase other than as set out in the table in Rule 116. This would need to be approved in advance by the League (who may take advice from the Education Advisor).

117. The maximum time in which Academy Players in the Foundation Phase can be engaged in a single coaching session is 90 minutes and there will be appropriate rest periods between each such session.

118. Each Club shall ensure that:
   118.1. each Academy Player has access to an individual coaching plan tailored to his specific needs;
   118.2. each Academy Player is made aware of his individual coaching plan (and any changes thereto) as soon as reasonably practicable in advance of his being coached in accordance with it; and
   118.3. all coaching is recorded on the Academy Player’s Performance Clock.

119. Each Club shall ensure that a coach to Academy Players and Trialists ratio of 1:10 is maintained for all coaching sessions (save that the ratio for Category 1 Academies using the Full Time Training Model shall be 1:8).

120. Each Club shall ensure that each Academy Player in age groups Under 9 and older participates at least once a year in a Festival (or other coaching event such as a Training Camp or a Tournament).

121. Each Club shall ensure that each of its coaches plans each coaching session by setting out the learning objectives which the session is designed to achieve and the coaching which will be given in order to achieve them.
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Development Centres

122. Each Club which operates a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Academy may operate one or more Development Centres, to be located within one hour’s travelling time of the location of its principal venue for the provision of coaching and education to Academy Players.

123. A Child being coached at a Club’s Development Centre:
   123.1. may not be registered for that Club;
   123.2. may not play in matches for that Club unless registered as a Trialist; and
   123.3. will be free to play for other teams.

124. Clubs which operate Development Centres shall keep an attendance record of all the Children who participate in coaching sessions thereat.

125. Each Development Centre operated by a Club may be inspected from time to time by the League and by the ISO.

126. Without prejudice to the generality of Rule 125, the inspection referred to in that Rule may include:
   126.1. inspection of the facilities provided; and
   126.2. assessment of whether the coaching provided at the Development Centre is in accordance with the Club’s coaching syllabus.

127. No Club shall cause or permit a Child whose registration is held by another Club (or club) or with whom another Club (or club) has entered into a pre-registration agreement which remains current to attend its Development Centre.

128. No Club shall cause or permit a team representing its Development Centre to play football against a team representing another Club (or a Football League club).

Guidance

The above Rules are based on the existing provisions concerning Development Centres. It is proposed that further consultation is undertaken with Clubs to explore and redefine the future role of Development Centres.

General

129. Save as permitted by the Board, Clubs shall not affiliate to any other youth leagues or enter any cup competitions except The Football Association Youth Challenge Cup.

130. An Academy Player whose registration is held by a Club which operates an Academy shall play football only in a Games Programme or in Authorised Games and in coaching and training games (participation in which is limited to registered Academy Players and Trialists) organised by and played at an Academy.

131. A Club which operates an Academy shall not require, cause or allow an Academy Player whose registration it holds to play football except as permitted by Rule 130.

132. Each Club which operates an Academy shall record in each Academy Player’s Performance Clock:
   132.1. each match in which he has played; and
   132.2. his playing time in each match.

Guidance

With regard to Rule 132.1, the matches which are to be recorded on an Academy Player’s Performance Clock include all Authorised Games in which he plays.

The Performance Clock may be used to record other playing information about the Academy Player, e.g. substitutions, cautions, position played in. It forms part of the Performance Management Application.

133. In all matches that form part of the Games Programme, each Club is required to ensure that all participating Academy Players wear a shirt bearing a clearly visible number on the back, which corresponds to the number allocated to the relevant Academy Player on any teamsheet submitted in accordance with these Rules or otherwise.

Foundation Phase Games Programme

134. The League will organise a games programme for teams in each of the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups of Clubs operating Category 1 and 2 Academies (and for the avoidance of doubt teams from both Categories shall participate together in this games programme).

135. The Football League will organise a games programme for teams in each of the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups of Clubs operating Category 3 Academies.

136. The games programmes referred to in Rules 134 and 135 shall consist of matches which:
   136.1. shall be competitive but whose results (except in the case of Tournaments) shall not give any particular competitive significance between Academies (for example, no league table or the like shall be produced);
   136.2. subject to Rule 136.3 shall be organised on a local basis so that, as far as reasonably possible, no team has to travel more than one hour to an away match (save that longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club can participate meaningfully in the games programme).
136.3. may be played in Festivals organised on a local, regional or national basis and each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall organise and host a minimum of three Festivals per Season.

136.4. shall take place during the Games Programme Schedule;

136.5. may include matches against representative county schoolboy sides (being sides selected by the English Schools’ Football Association),

136.6. shall be played outdoors, save in respect of:

136.6.1. Clubs operating Category 1 or 2 Academies when, during the second half of December and the whole of both January and February, they shall be played indoors; and

136.6.2. Clubs operating Category 3 Academies when, during the second half of December and the whole of both January and February, they may be played indoors;

136.7. shall consist of matches played in accordance with the following formats (save that some matches played indoors may be played as Futsal games):

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<td>Under 11</td>
<td>7v7 or 9v9</td>
<td>50x30 to 60x40 (7v7) 70x40 to 80x50 (9v9)</td>
<td>12x6 to 16x7 (7v7) 16x7 (9v9)</td>
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The participating Clubs shall endeavour to agree which of the above formats shall be utilised, but in default of agreement the home Club shall decide.

Guidance

The League will organise a regional indoor programme during the second half of December, and the entirety of January and February. In particular, a programme of Futsal will be delivered for Category 1 Academies. Clubs will be free to apply to organise Authorised Games outside pursuant to Rule 137.2.

The League will organise Tournaments (lasting more than one day) for each of the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age groups in the May or June of each year (and in scheduling them it will be borne in mind that躥the month when Academy “downtime” occurs). The Tournaments so arranged for the Under 11 age group will include teams from clubs in countries other than England and Wales.

In order to deliver the Foundation Phase Games Programme to all Clubs, the target travel time of 1 hour may be exceeded from time to time, in particular in order to accommodate those Clubs whose home “locality” is small.

Both Leagues will co-operate to create cross–Category Festivals from time to time which shall include all Categories of Academy and be regionally based.

A six-week programme of Festivals of Futsal and other small-sided indoor football for each age range in the Foundation Phase will be staged. This programme will run from November to February and be organised on a basis of five regions (North East, North West, Midlands, London and South West, and London and South East). A Futsal tournament involving a regional qualification process culminating in a national finals event will be organised for each of the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age groups.

137. Each Club which operates a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Academy:

137.1. must participate fully in the Foundation Phase Games Programme; and

137.2. may organise and participate in additional Authorised Games of the types listed in paragraphs c), d), f) and g) of that definition only (which shall be notified to the League (if the Club operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy) no later than 72 hours before they are scheduled to take place).

Guidance

The Games Programme Schedule will incorporate free weeks (in addition to those referred to in Rule 172) during which no fixtures will be arranged by the Leagues. This will allow Clubs to arrange additional fixtures pursuant to Rule 137.2. In addition, Clubs will be able to rearrange fixtures in the Foundation Phase Games Programme in order to attend tournaments and Festivals provided suitable notice is given, the integrity of the Games Programme is maintained, and a suitable date for the rearrangement of the fixture is agreed.

138. Each Club shall ensure that each of its Academy Players in the Foundation Phase shall, subject to fitness, participate in at least half the playing time in any one Season of matches in the Foundation Phase Games Programme and any other matches organised by the Club pursuant to Rule 137.2 such playing time to be reasonably spread out over the season.

Guidance

An Academy Player in the Foundation Phase may still play for his school team or school representative county side.

When assessing whether Rule 138 has been complied with, each Academy Player’s playing time over the course of the Season will be assessed and an average calculated (i.e. the Academy Player need not play in half the time of every match). In addition, Rule 138 requires that the playing time is spread relatively evenly over the course of the fixture programme. This is to ensure Clubs do not try to backload playing time at the end of the Season simply to ensure the average is met.

Youth Development Phase Games Programme

139. The League will organise a games programme for teams in each of the Under 12 to Under 14 age groups of Clubs operating Category 1 and 2 Academies (and for the avoidance of doubt teams from both Categories shall participate together in this games programme). The League will also organise a games programme for teams in the Under 15 age group of Clubs operating Category 1 Academies and of those Category 2 Academies wishing to participate.

340. The Football League will organise a games programme for teams in each of the Under 12 to Under 14 age groups of Clubs operating Category 3 Academies.

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141. The games programme for Category 1 Clubs referred to in Rule 139 shall include the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 Premier League National Cups, participation in which shall not be mandatory.

142. Each Club must inform the League by 30 April in each year whether it wishes to compete in the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 Premier League National Cups the following season.

143. The games programmes referred to in Rules 139 and 140 shall consist of matches which shall:

143.1. be competitive but whose results (save for matches in the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 Premier League National Cups) shall not be given any particular competitive significance between Academies (for example, no league table or the like shall be produced);

143.2. (in the case of the games programme referred to in Rule 139) be organised on a regional basis so that as far as reasonably possible no team has to travel more than two hours to an away match save that longer travel times may be necessary:

143.2.1. in order that each Club can participate meaningfully in the games programme; and

143.2.2. for matches in the Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 Premier League National Cups;

143.3. (in the case of the games programme referred to in Rule 140) be organised on a local basis so that as far as reasonably possible no team has to travel more than two hours to an away match (save that in both cases longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club can participate meaningfully in the games programme);

143.4. shall include one or more Festivals or Tournaments for each Club organised on a regional, national or international basis (which may include matches organised pursuant to Rule 148), with the number of such Festivals and Tournaments increasing for the older age groups in the Youth Development Phase;

143.5. take place during the Games Programme Schedule;

143.6. be played outdoors, except for matches for age groups Under 12 to Under 15 during the second half of December and the whole of both January and February involving teams of Category 1 and Category 2 Academies, which shall be played indoors; and

143.7. consist of matches played in accordance with the following formats (save that some matches played indoors may be played as Futsal games):

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<td>Under 12</td>
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<td>90x60 (10v10) 70x40 to 80x50 (9v9)</td>
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Guidance
In order to deliver the Youth Development Phase Games Programme to all Clubs, the target travel time of two hours may be exceeded from time to time, particularly in order to accommodate those Clubs whose home geographical “region” is small.

144. The League shall organise a games programme for teams consisting of Academy Players in the Under 16 age group of Clubs operating Category 1 Academies, and another for teams of Academy Players in these age groups of Clubs operating Category 2 Academies.

145. Save for any matches played abroad pursuant to Rule 148, the games programme for Category 1 Clubs referred to in Rule 144 shall:

145.1. be constituted either on a national basis or, if a majority of those Clubs (and Football League clubs) which operate Category 1 Academies so determined by no later than 31 March in the preceding Season, on a regional basis (as that term is defined in Rule 146); and

145.2. be competitive but whose results shall not be given any particular competitive significance between Academies (for example, no league table or the like shall be produced).

146. The games programme for Category 2 Clubs referred to in Rule 144 shall be organised on a regional basis, that is to say so that as far as reasonably possible no team has to travel more than two hours to an away match (save that longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club can participate meaningfully in the games programme).

147. Matches in the games programmes for Category 1 and Category 2 Clubs referred to in Rule 144 shall, unless the Board otherwise permits, be played on Saturdays and arranged so that as far as possible a Club’s fixtures in it mirror those of its teams in the Professional Development Phase Games Programme.

148. As part of the Youth Development Phase Games Programme, the League shall organise matches (which may be organised as Tournaments) against teams from clubs in membership of a national association other than The Football Association or the Football Association of Wales. Such matches shall be organised regularly for Clubs operating Category 1 Academies and from time to time for Clubs operating Category 2 Academies.
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149. The Football League shall organise a games programme for teams consisting of players in the Under 15 and Under 16 age groups of Clubs operating Category 3 Academies, to be played on a regional basis so that as far as reasonably possible no team has to travel more than two hours to an away match (save that longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club can participate meaningfully in the games programme).

150. Matches played pursuant to Rules 144 to 149 shall, when played outdoors, be played in accordance with the following format:

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Guidance

The Games Programme Schedule will incorporate free weeks (in addition to those referred to in Rule 172) during which no matches will be arranged by the Leagues. This will allow Clubs to organise additional matches pursuant to Rule 151.2.

151. Each Club which operates a Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 Academy:

151.1. must participate fully in the Youth Development Phase Games Programme (save that participation in the Under 13 and Under 14 Premier League National Cups is voluntary); and

151.2. may organise and participate in additional Authorised Games of the types listed in paragraphs c), d), f) and g) of that definition only (which shall be notified to the League (in the case of a Club operating a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy) no later than 72 hours before they are scheduled to take place).

Guidance

The Games Programme Schedule will incorporate free weeks (in addition to those referred to in Rule 172) during which no matches will be arranged by the Leagues. This will allow Clubs to organise additional matches pursuant to Rule 151.2.

152. Each Club shall ensure that each of its Academy Players in the Under 12 to Under 14 age groups shall, subject to fitness, participate in half the playing time of matches in the Youth Development Phase Games Programme and any other matches organised by his Club pursuant to Rule 151.2. The Academy Player’s playing time to be reasonably spread over the season.

153. Each Club shall ensure that each of its Academy Players in the Under 15 to Under 16 age groups shall, subject to fitness, participate in at least 20 matches per season (being matches in the Youth Development Phase Games Programme or any other matches organised by his Club pursuant to Rule 151.2). Participation in a match shall for the purposes of this Rule mean playing at least 50% of the game time.

Guidance

An Academy Player in the Youth Development Phase may still play for his school team or school representative county side. When assessing whether Rule 152 has been complied with, each Academy Player’s playing time over the course of the season will be assessed and an average calculated (i.e. the Academy Player need not play in half the time of every match). In addition, Rule 152 requires that the playing time is spread relatively evenly over the course of the fixture programme. This is to ensure clubs do not try to backload playing time at the end of the season simply to ensure the average is met.

Games Programme

Professional Development Phase Games Programme

154. The League will organise two games programmes, one for teams of Clubs operating Category 1 Academies and one for teams of Clubs operating Category 2 Academies.

155. The Football League will organise a games programme for teams of Clubs operating Category 3 and Category 4 Academies, and following such consultation determine with those Clubs in its absolute discretion what games programme(s) should be developed for those Clubs. Rules relating to the games programme and (subject to Rule 156.3) how that games programme should be delivered.

156. The games programmes organised by The League and The Football League pursuant to Rules 154 and 155 will be constituted on the following geographical bases:

156.1. Category 1:

156.1.1. a national league and a regional league (depending on age group) with some matches played on a national basis and some international matches against teams representing clubs in membership of national associations other than The Football Association or the Football Association of Wales (and such matches may be played either in England or abroad);

156.2. Category 2:

156.2.1. in two leagues, each of which shall be constituted on a geographical basis (for example one league of northern based teams and one of southern based teams), the exact constitution of each league to be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion having regard to those Clubs and (Football League clubs) which operate Category 2 Academies;

156.2.2. where practical, international matches against teams representing clubs in membership of a national association other than The Football Association or the Football Association of Wales (and such matches may be played either in England or abroad); and

156.3. Categories 3 and 4:

156.3.1. in two or more leagues, each of which shall be constituted on a geographical basis (for example one league of northern based teams and one of southern based teams), the exact number of leagues and their geographical constitution to be determined by The Football League in its absolute discretion and having regard to those Football League clubs and (Clubs) which operate Category 3 and 4 Academies.

157. Matches in the Professional Development Phase Games Programme organised under Rule 154:

157.1. shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game (and for the avoidance of doubt shall be in the 11v11 format);

157.2. shall be for Players in the Under 18 age group (and younger) only, save that a Club may name in its team sheet a goalkeeper in the Under 19 age group;
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**Premier League 2 and Professional Development League**

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<td>161. Each Club which operates a Category 1 Academy shall compete in Premier League 2 as part of the Professional Development Phase Games Programme.</td>
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<td>162. Each Club which operates a Category 2 Academy shall compete in the Professional Development League as part of the Professional Development Phase Games Programme, unless it is able to demonstrate to the League that its starting 11s in its first team matches during the preceding Season in those competitions set in Rule L.9.1 to Rule L.9.5 included on average at least five Players in the Under 21 age group or younger.</td>
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<td>163. Each Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy may compete in the development league to be organised by The Football League as part of the Professional Development Phase Games Programme.</td>
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<td>164. The League will organise Premier League 2, which shall consist of a national league competition played on a competitive basis.</td>
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<td>165. The League will organise the Professional Development League, which shall consist of a league or leagues played on a competitive basis organised on a regional basis, the composition of such regional league(s) to be at the absolute discretion of the Board who shall so far as reasonably possible determine the composition of each such league to ensure that each Club has to travel no more than three hours to each match (save that longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club (or club) can participate meaningfully in the Professional Development League).</td>
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<td>166. The Football League will, if required, organise (or procure the organisation of, for example, through the Football Combination or Central League) Professional Development League 3, which shall consist of a league or leagues played on a competitive basis and organised on a regional basis, the composition of such regional league(s) and the minimum number of matches to be played by each Club to be at the absolute discretion of the Football League who shall so far as reasonably possible determine the composition of each such league to ensure that each Club (or club) has to travel no more than three hours to each match (save that longer travel times may be necessary in order that each Club (or club) can participate meaningfully in the Professional Development League 3). For the avoidance of doubt teams of Clubs operating Category 3 and Category 4 Academies shall compete together in Professional Development League 3.</td>
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<td>167. Further provisions binding on Clubs competing in Premier League 2 and the Professional Development League shall be set out in the rules of those Leagues.</td>
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<td>168. The League will in addition organise international matches (which may take place by way of Tournaments) for teams competing in Premier League 2 and the Professional Development League.</td>
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**Games Programme: Postponement etc. of Matches**

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<td>169. A match in the games programme between Academy teams in age groups Under 9 to Under 16 inclusive shall not be cancelled, postponed or abandoned except with the written consent of the Board or on the instructions of the officiating refereee (or if the officiating refereee is a minor, the official of the county FA who has accompanied him to the match) who shall be empowered to instruct that such match be cancelled, postponed or abandoned only if he considers that the pitch is unfit for, or if adverse weather conditions preclude, the playing of the match in which event the Club at whose ground the match should have been played shall within seven days give to the Board notice in writing to that effect.</td>
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<td>170. Except in the case of an Under 9 to Under 16 games programme match which, without either participating Club being at fault, is cancelled, postponed or abandoned under the provisions of Rule 169, any Club which causes the cancellation, postponement or abandonment of such a match will be in breach of these Rules.</td>
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171. The Board shall have power to specify the equipment and facilities to be provided by Clubs for the playing of matches between Academies.

172. In consultation with The Football Association, a minimum of four weekends each Season will be identified by the League upon which there will be no fixtures for Academy teams, such weekends being devoted to international development, selected players' courses and in-service training of coaches and staff.

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**Education**

173. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish an Education Programme which shall set out the activities to be undertaken by the Club to ensure that the education of its Academy Players and Players up to the Under 23 age group who are not regular members of the Club's first team squad is supported effectively and which:

173.1. is appropriate to the Category of its Academy;
173.2. complies with all applicable requirements set out in this section of the Rules; and
173.3. is evaluated by the Club within each Training Model and/or Development Phase to ensure it is meeting its objectives as set out therein.

174. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that each of its Academy Players receives a formal Education Programme which:

174.1. is appropriate to his age and Training Model;
174.2. meets his specific academic needs;
174.3. complies with all legal requirements;
174.4. is structured to ensure that his academic development is not compromised as a result of his being coached by the Club's Academy;
174.5. in the case of an Academy Player who is entered into a Scholarship Agreement with the Club, consists of the sporting excellence professional apprenticeship (“SEP”) and an educational programme approved by the League (which must include an academic or vocational qualification approved by the League and be subject to ongoing quality assurance by the League); and
174.6. shall continue notwithstanding that the Academy Player signs a professional contract and which shall comply with the requirements of the Education and Skills Act 2008 with regard to education and training.

**Guidance**

In respect of the approval required from the League in Rule 174.5:

- Should a Club wish one of its Academy Players to engage in an apprenticeship or education programme outside the SEP framework, it must first obtain the League's permission to do so and agree appropriate measures for monitoring and quality assurance.
- Should a Club wish to enter into an agreement with a training provider that is not the League this must be pre-approved and will be subject to annual monitoring by the League.
- Any other programme of education approved in writing by The Football League will be in conjunction with the PFA.

175. Each Academy Player's educational progression under his Education Programme shall be recorded electronically and be made available to the League.
## Duty of Care

176. Each Club which operates an Academy shall nominate a member of staff who shall be responsible for:

- 176.1. liaising with the school at which Academy Players are being educated;
- 176.2. ensuring that any issues concerning an Academy Player’s education arising from that liaison are addressed to the satisfaction of the school; and
- 176.3. ensuring that for Academy Players on the Full Time and Hybrid Training Models (and where the League requests, for Academy Players on the Part Time Training Model) each Academy Player’s school performance and educational data are obtained from his school, recorded electronically and be made available to the League.

### Reports on Educational Progression

177. Each Club which operates an Academy shall provide progress reports to the Parent of each Academy Player in the Youth Development Phase to whom it provides a Full Time Education Programme.

178. The progress reports shall:

- 178.1. detail the educational progression of the Academy Player; and
- 178.2. be provided as and when necessary, but as a minimum at least once every 12 weeks.

### Guidance

With regard to Rule 178.2, Rule 35.2 states that Academy Players in the Under 12 to Under 18 age groups shall receive a Multi-disciplinary Review every six weeks. The educational progress report need only be undertaken once every 12 weeks (i.e. not for each Multi-disciplinary Review) but must be undertaken as part of a Multi-disciplinary Review.

### Delivery of the Education Programme

179. **Part Time Training Model**

Each Club which operates an Academy shall, in respect of each of its Academy Players being trained under the Part Time Training Model, make contact in writing with the Academy Player’s school on a minimum of three occasions in each academic year, to:

- 179.1. inform the Academy Player’s school that he is being so trained;
- 179.2. if the League so requests obtain from the Academy Player’s school his school reports and, where possible, educational attainment data;
- 179.3. use the information obtained (if any) to monitor the Academy Player’s academic progression by reference to his school reports and, where possible, educational attainment data; and
- 179.4. liaise with the school on two occasions in each academic year basis in order to discuss and address any issues concerning the Academy Player’s education which have arisen or may arise as a consequence of his being trained at the Club’s Academy.

### Duty of Care

180. **Hybrid Training Model**

Each Club which operates the Hybrid Training Model must appoint a sufficient number of appropriately qualified teaching staff to provide the educational support referred to in Rule 181.2.

181. Each Club which operates an Academy shall, in respect of each of its Academy Players being trained under the Hybrid Training Model:

- 181.1. undertake all necessary liaison and co-operation with the Academy Player’s school to ensure that the required element of coaching can take place within the Core Coaching Time;
- 181.2. provide to the Academy Player such additional educational support (to be detailed in the written agreement referred to in Rule 181.5) as shall be necessary to compensate for teaching he has missed, and to ensure that his education is not adversely affected, as a result of being released from school to undertake coaching during the Core Coaching Time;
- 181.3. obtain from the Academy Player’s school his school reports and, where possible, educational attainment data;
- 181.4. monitor the Academy Player’s academic progression (including by use of the information obtained from the Academy Player’s school pursuant to Rule 181.3) and record the information obtained pursuant to Rule 181.3 electronically in a timely fashion and at least every 12 weeks (to coincide with dates of his Multi-disciplinary Reviews);
- 181.5. enter into a written agreement with the Academy Player’s school and Parent which sets out details of the delivery of the Hybrid Training Model to the Academy Player, including weekly timetables, the likely impact on the Academy Player’s education, and outline the compensatory education which will be provided by the Club;
- 181.6. ensure that the Academy Player follows a curriculum which reflects the ‘Progress 8’ measurement of educational assessment and attainment (save that where there are educational reasons why an Academy Player requires an amended curriculum to be followed, the League may grant dispensation from this requirement, subject to the approval of an Education Advisor); and
- 181.7. liaise with the school at least every twelve weeks in order to discuss and address any issues concerning the Academy Player’s education which may arise or have arisen as a consequence of his being so trained.
Duty of Care

Guidance

The Hybrid Training Model may be used by Category 1 Academies in the Foundation Phase (Under 9 to Under 11), and by Category 1 and Category 2 Academies in the Youth Development Phase: see further Rule 116.

Compensatory education should meet the requirements of each individual Academy Player’s specific educational needs, as well as replacing the lessons being missed whilst away from their school. It is not expected that this is matched hour for hour, but it is expected that the content missed is able to be covered effectively in the compensated delivery time. In the case of practical subjects or those requiring specific resourcing (e.g. Sciences / Design and Technology) alternative plans should be made and be evident. A teacher to learner ratio of 1:10 is optimal for compensatory education.

182. **Full Time Training Model**

Each Club which operates an Academy shall, in respect of each of its Academy Players in the Youth Development Phase being trained under the Full Time Training Model, ensure that it provides the Academy Player with coaching and education in accordance with a programme which complies with Rules 183 to 188 and which is approved in advance by the League.

183. The education element of the Full Time Training Model must comply with these Rules and be structured in accordance with one of the four options set out below or in accordance with such other proposals as the League may approve.

184. Each Club which operates the Full Time Training Model must:

184.1. unless otherwise approved by the League, only enable Academy Players in the Under 12 and Under 13 age groups to participate in the Full Time Training Model where they reside within 90 minutes of the Club’s principal training venue;

184.2. enter into an agreement with any school at which its Academy Players are being educated setting out the obligations of the Club and the school in respect of the education of those Academy Players;

184.3. ensure that Academy Players in the Under 12, Under 13 and Under 14 age groups being educated at schools are fully integrated with other pupils of their age, which obligation shall include (without limitation) attending lessons with such other pupils according to the school’s normal timetable (save where the Academy Players are being coached in the Core Coaching Time in accordance with these Rules);

184.4. ensure that there is in place a written agreement between the Club, each Academy Player engaged on the Full Time Training Model, his Parent and his school which sets out full details of his education and Coaching Curriculum;

184.5. ensure that the Education Programme of each such Academy Player provides him with a minimum of 20 hours’ education during each week of the school term;

184.6. ensure that appropriate staff/student ratios are utilised for all educational activity in which the Academy Player is engaged;

184.7. ensure that each Academy Player follows a curriculum which reflects the ‘Progress 8’ measurement of educational assessment and attainment (save where there are educational reasons why an Academy Player requires an amended curriculum to be followed, the League may grant dispensation from this requirement, subject to the approval of an Education Advisor);

184.8. obtain from the Academy Player’s school his school reports and, where possible, educational attainment data;

184.9. monitor the Academy Player’s academic progression (including by use of the information obtained from the Academy Player’s school pursuant to Rule 184.8) and record the information obtained pursuant to Rule 184.8 electronically in a timely fashion and at least every 12 weeks (to coincide with dates of his Multi-disciplinary Reviews); and

184.10. permit the League to conduct reviews with Academy Players in the Under 12 to Under 18 age groups, as required.

Guidance

With regard to Rule 184.9 pursuant to Rule 35.1 Academy Players in the Under 12 to Under 18 age groups must receive a Multi-disciplinary Review every six weeks. The requirement in Rule 184.9 must be undertaken at every second such Multi-disciplinary Review.

185. Without prejudice to the generality of Rule 31, each Club which operates the Hybrid or Full Time Training Model must in respect of each such Training Model:

185.1. not do so unless the League has pre-approved and annually certified its proposed delivery of the Training Model;

185.2. permit the League to monitor and assess its delivery of the Training Model, including in respect of an individual Academy Player, in order to ensure that it complies with these Rules; and

185.3. forthwith implement any changes to its delivery of the Training Model that the League may require.

Guidance

The League may take advice from its Educational Advisers in connection with the assessment pursuant to Rule 185.

In the case of concerns over a Training Model which has been previously approved, it is anticipated that in the first instance an action plan to address any issues would be drafted, and the Club Support Manager or Educational Adviser would work with the Club over a specific period to put the recommendations in place. Accordingly, Rule 186 below would be regarded as a last resort.

186. If the League is not satisfied that a Club’s delivery of the Hybrid or Full Time Training Model complies with these Rules:

186.1. it may refuse to an application to register an Academy Player on it; and

186.2. the Board may exercise its powers set out in Rule 273.
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187. If a Club wishes to engage an Academy Player on the Full Time Training or Hybrid Model (whether or not the Academy Player is already registered with the Club), it shall complete and submit to the Board either PLYD Form 5A or PLYD Form 5B (as appropriate) signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory.

188. If the registration of an Academy Player on the Full Time Training Model is terminated by the Club or by the Board of its own volition, or if he changes to another Training Model, the Club shall, unless his Parent agrees otherwise, continue to provide to him until the end of the academic year in which he reaches the age of 16 education and accommodation in accordance with the arrangements made at the time of he was first engaged on the Full Time Training Model.

Guidance

The Full Time Training Model may be used by Category 1 Academies in the Youth Development Phase, and must be used by all Academies in the Professional Development Phase: see further Rule 116. PLYD Form 5A must be used for all Academy Players whom the Club wishes to engage on the Full Time Training Model. If the Academy Player is not already registered with the Club, PLYD Form 5 (Academy Player Registration Application) must also be completed and submitted to the League (see Rule 257). If the Academy Player is already registered with the Club, PLYD Form 5 need not also be submitted. Clubs’ attention is drawn to the undertakings that they must give under PLYD Form 5.

The four options referred to in Rule 183 are set out below. This list of options is not exhaustive, and Clubs are free to develop other models which deliver the same results as the options set out in the Elite Player Performance Plan.

Each Club’s proposals for how it will deliver the Full Time Training Model must be approved in advance by the League. The League may also check each Club’s delivery of the Full Time Training Model in order to verify that it is in accordance with these Rules and with the pre-approved proposals, and in order to verify that no Academy Player’s education is being prejudiced as a result of his being engaged on the Full Time Training Model. Clubs’ attention is drawn to Rules 272 and 273 in this regard.

Option 1

Clubs may enter into contractual relationships with an identified school or schools at which Academy Players receive their education.

The relationship will need to be flexed in terms of the amount of time that Academies would require Academy Players to be available for daily coaching. The school day will need to be flexed to accommodate the Coaching Curriculum whilst ensuring that boy’s educational development does not suffer.

Specific tutor support for the Education Programme will be required for all Academy Players engaged in the Full Time Training Model over and above the normal curriculum. Additional tutor support will need to be individually tailored to the Academy Players’ needs.

Clubs will need to decide how and where Academy Players will be coached. The optimum environment is at the Club’s dedicated training facilities but this will require a school in Education Option 1 to be in close proximity to the Club’s training facility so that the Academy Players can move easily between the school and the Club. With the Full Time Training Model, the school will need to be in close proximity to the training ground or else the training will need to be accommodated at the school.

The other major consideration for Clubs which operate Category 1 Academies will be the need to provide dedicated housing, house parents and a secure environment in which to live and work whilst staying with the Club. This will need to apply to all Academy Players who live outside a short commute from their Club’s training ground.

Option 2

In this option, Clubs may choose to develop and extend their own educational facilities at the training ground and, in effect, develop an on-site school facility. For Clubs which operate a Category 1 Academy, accommodation would still be required on or near the training ground to house the Academy Players and the associated social and welfare support would need to be factored into the delivery of this approach. Clubs may continue to contract an educational partner/provider but the schooling would take place at the Club.

Option 3

Clubs may wish to establish their own schools. These schools may be general in their recruitment with specialist classes or groups of classes catering for the Academy Players’ specialist needs. In this Education Option the same issues regarding the location of the school on or near the training ground remain relevant as does the need to provide appropriate housing and care.

Option 4

Where two or three Academies are clustered together, especially in urban areas, it may be possible to identify a single school where each of the Clubs sends their Academy Players. This school would then become the hub for the Academies. The Coaching Curriculum may be split between the training ground and the school premises subject to the location of the school in relation to the Club.

Further guidance in respect of education in the Professional Development Phase, where all Clubs must utilise the Full Time Training Model, is set out in paragraph 7.3.3 of the Elite Player Performance Plan.

All Clubs in the Professional Development Phase will be required to deliver the Full Time Training Model. Academy Players will have access to training up to four hours a day in two separate sessions. The season will be developed increasingly to mirror the professional game so there will be less opportunity to flex the season for purposes of creating greater coaching contact time during the summer months.

Clubs which operate Category 1 and 2 Academies will have the necessary infrastructure at their training grounds to enable them to provide formal education provision for Academy Players in the Under 17 and Under 18 age groups which may be delivered principally at the training ground rather than offsite at a school or college.

This approach envisages the delivery of the formal education components at the training ground in purpose built facilities and as part of an integrated flexible weekly programme which complements and supports the Coaching Curriculum. The delivery of the formal Education Programme may be either through fully qualified in house staff or through an outside provider who is able to meet the needs and demands of the integrated programme. Delivering the Education Programme in this way will provide maximum flexibility allowing coaches to flex and stretch the Coaching Curriculum to suit the particular needs of each Academy Player.

Category 3 and 4 Academies will not necessarily be equipped to provide the formal education component at the training ground. Category 3 and 4 Academies may choose to deliver the formal education provision off site at a local education provider. This will require Heads of Education to ensure that as flexible an Education Programme as possible can be created in partnership with a school/college so that coaches can gain access to the required time for coaching.

189. Each Club which operates an Academy shall notify the League, in such a manner as the League shall from time to time specify, of the Training Model on which each of its Academy Players is engaged and, if there is a proposed change in circumstances for an Academy Player (for instance, changing to/from the Full Time Training Model or Hybrid Training Model or Part Time Training Model), forthwith inform the League of the change in Form 5C and provide such evidence as the League may require to show that the Academy Player and his Parent consented to the change.
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Personal Development and Life Skills Plans

190. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish a Personal Development and Life Skills Plan to support the holistic development of each of its Academy Players.

191. The programme referred to in Rule 190 shall ensure that each Academy Player trained under the Full Time Training Model and/or in the Professional Development Phase has the opportunity to engage in activities outside the Academy which will encourage him to take an active part in the community and develop an understanding of good citizenship.

192. Each Academy Player shall engage in the activities referred to in Rule 191 unless he has good cause not to do so and each Club shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that each of its Academy Players does so engage.

193. Each Club shall nominate an Official to be responsible for the welfare and supervision of Academy Players engaged on the Part Time Training Model or Hybrid Training Model, while they are present at the Club’s facilities.

Inductions and Transitions

194. Each Club shall arrange a pre-season induction event for Academy Players and their Parents and there shall be at least one such induction event per Development Phase and on every occasion that a new Academy Player joins the Club.

Guidance

A Club’s Induction and Transition Strategy should include, as a minimum, provision for:

- Academy Players joining the Club;
- Academy Players leaving the Club; and
- Academy Players transitioning between Development Phases at the end of season.

195. The induction meeting referred to in Rule 194 shall provide such information to the Academy Players and their Parents as is necessary in order for them to understand the coaching and, if relevant, education that the Academy Player will receive from the Club.

196. Each Club which operates an Academy shall permit a representative of the League to attend such induction meetings on request.

197. The Code of Conduct set out in Appendix 12 shall be binding on all Academy Players attending Academies (and, for those Academy Players under the age of 18, their Parents) and on Clubs and Officials and any breach thereof by such Academy Players or by Clubs or Officials shall be treated as a breach of these Rules.

198. Each Club which operates an Academy shall devise and implement an Induction and Transition Strategy.

Academy Player and Parent Voice

199. Each Club which operates an Academy shall devise and implement one or more mechanisms to invite and receive feedback from Academy Players and their Parents.

Guidance

The League may conduct surveys and questionnaires from time to time to ascertain the views of Academy Players and their Parents.

200. Clubs shall establish, maintain and, when necessary, implement a complaints procedure for Academy Players and Parents, a copy of which shall be submitted to the League.

Safeguarding and Mental and Emotional Wellbeing

201. Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that it protects the welfare of each of its Academy Players and Players up to the Under 23 age group who continue to train with the Academy on a regular basis by offering support for his wellbeing and pastoral care generally.

202. Each Club which operates an Academy shall devise a mental and emotional wellbeing action plan, to include details of support available and a referral process for concerns, in accordance with such guidance issued by the League from time to time.

203. The provisions of Section S of the League’s Rules (concerning Safeguarding and Mental Health) apply to Academies and Development Centres.

204. Without prejudice to the generality of Rule 203 each Club shall appoint an Academy safeguarding officer who shall:

204.1. undertake the functions set out in Rule S.5.8 specifically with regard to the Academy; and

204.2. liaise with the Club’s Head of Safeguarding.

Health and Safety

205. Clubs and Academy Staff shall observe and comply with any guidance issued by the League in respect of safe event management and any breach thereof shall be treated as a breach of these Rules.

206. Clubs shall ensure that their Academy Players are insured in accordance with advice circulated by the League from time to time.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equality

207. Each Club which operates an Academy and is in membership of the Premier League must comply with Premier League Rule J.4. Each other Club bound by these Rules must comply with the EFL Code of Practice regarding equality and diversity.

208. Each Club which operates an Academy shall deliver training for its Academy Players and Academy Staff on equality, diversity and inclusion each Season.
Injury and Medical

209. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that each of its Academy Players undergoes the following tests to measure physical and physiological fitness (in accordance with any guidance issued by the League from time to time):

209.1. age-appropriate medical and physical screening;
209.2. anthropometric assessments;
209.3. physiological/fitness testing;
209.4. movement and posture/functional screening;
209.5. predictive testing of size and shape/maturation measurement (save that a Club operating a Category 4 Academy shall not be obliged to conduct such tests);
209.6. psychological profiling (Category 1 Academies only);
209.7. cardiac screening for Academy Players in the Under 15 age group and above; and
209.8. monitoring of physical exertion (Category 1 Academies only), and shall submit to the League such information as it may from time to time require in order to establish a national database of athletic development.

210. Subject to a Club complying with Rule 209, the Premier League will make available to it (on an anonymised basis) benchmarked data derived from the information provided to it by all Clubs.

211. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that each of its registered Academy Players on the Full Time Training Model is registered with an NHS general practitioner for the provision of general medical services, using the address at which he resides.

212. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that details of all injuries suffered by its Academy Players and of all rehabilitation are recorded and provided to the Premier League and The Football Association in order that a national audit of injury and rehabilitation may be maintained.

213. Subject to a Club complying with Rule 212, the Premier League will make available to it benchmarked data derived from the information provided to it by all Clubs.

214. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that it has in place an Emergency Action Plan, and that all relevant Academy Staff are aware of its contents, and that it provides a copy of it in advance of all its home matches in the Games Programmes to its opponents.

Guidance

For the avoidance of doubt, the Emergency Action Plan should be produced in addition to the Club’s Medical and Safety Action Plan (see Premier League Rule O.16). All members of the Academy’s medical staff should be made aware of the contents of the Club’s Medical and Safety Action Plan.

See Rule 99.5: the Academy Doctor shall be responsible for the preparation of his Club’s Emergency Action Plan. The League will assist with the sharing of Emergency Action Plans.

215. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that there is available at all games involving Academy teams appropriate first aid or primary care provision and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing or to any Rules applicable to an Authorised Game, that:

215.1. in respect of each match in the Professional Development Phase Games Programme, the following qualified individuals must be present at the match venue:

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| Category 1       | • a doctor who holds a current ATTMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board;  
|                  | • a paramedic and ambulance; and  
|                  | • a physiotherapist (or Sports Therapist) who holds a current ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board |
| Category 2       | • a doctor who holds a current ATTMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board; or  
|                  | • a physiotherapist (or Sports Therapist) who holds a current ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board |
| Category 3       | • a doctor who holds a current ATTMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board; or  
|                  | • a physiotherapist (or Sports Therapist) who holds a current ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board |
| Category 4       | • a doctor who holds a current ATTMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board; or  
|                  | • a physiotherapist (or Sports Therapist) who holds a current ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board |

215.2. In respect of each match in the Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase, the following qualified individuals shall be present at the match venue:

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215.3. a defibrillator is maintained at each venue at which matches are played and at which coaching takes place.
**Guidance**

Rule 75 requires each coach to hold a current Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification, current EFAiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board. Thus, all coaches attending matches in all of the Development Phases should hold this qualification. Knowledge of how to use a defibrillator is a requirement of the Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification / EFAiF. Accordingly, the net effect of these Rules is that there must be somebody present at all games who knows how to use a defibrillator.

Each Club's Emergency Action Plan should include details of the members of Academy Staff required by Rules 215.1 and 215.2.

216. Without prejudice to the requirements of Rule 215, the following qualified individuals shall be present at all venues at which coaching is taking place:

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**Youth Development Rules**

**Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme**

217. Each Club which operates an Academy shall establish a Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme (in accordance with the criteria set out in these Rules which apply to the Category of its Academy) for the benefit of its Academy Players.

218. Each Club’s Sport Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme shall be managed by its Head of Academy Sports Science and Medicine (in the case of a Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy) or by an appropriately qualified Official (in the case of the Club which operates a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy).

219. The Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme of each Club should detail the planned provision to each of its Academy Players of at least the following areas:

- 219.1. physical development;
- 219.2. medical services (including the prevention and treatment of injury and diet and nutrition);
- 219.3. Performance Analysis; and
- 219.4. psychology.

220. The progress and development of each Academy Player under the Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme (including without limitation the results of the tests set out in Rule 209, and full details of any injuries, the treatment thereof, and the length of any period of rehabilitation) shall be noted in his Multi-disciplinary Review and recorded in his Performance Clock.

**Performance Analysis**

221. Each Club operating a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy shall:

- 221.1. have such technical facilities as are necessary to undertake the Performance Analysis required of it by Rule 221.2;
- 221.2. undertake Performance Analysis (including, in the case of a Club which operates a Category 1 Academy, by undertaking GPS evaluation in the Professional Development Phase and in the Youth Development Phase if the Full Time Training Model is utilised) of training activity and matches in the Youth Development Phase Games Programme, the Professional Development Phase Games Programme and the Professional Development League;
- 221.3. use the results of such Performance Analysis in its monitoring of the coaching and development of Academy Players in the Youth Development Phase and the Professional Development Phase; and
- make available to the League such Performance Analysis data as it reasonably shall require to undertake the benchmarking of data for that Academy against national trends.
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Talent Identification and Recruitment

Scouts: Qualifications

224. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that each of its Scouts whose duties include the identification of Academy Players whose registration the Club may wish to secure (in addition to complying with the provisions of Section Q of the Premier League Rules):

224.1. is in possession of such qualification as the League may require from time to time;

224.2. understands and complies in full with the Premier League Rules, these Rules and the Code of Conduct for Scouts; and

224.3. undertakes Continued Professional Development each year.

Guidance

Clubs should take steps to provide opportunities for their registered Scouts to undertake relevant qualifications, such as the FA Talent ID Level 2 badge.

225. Each Club shall ensure that, where the relevant Scout’s duties include those referred to in Rule 224, in addition to complying with the Scout registration requirements of Section Q of the Premier League Rules, it provides evidence to the League within five days of employing or engaging the Scout that the Scout holds the qualification required by Rule 224.1, and the League shall register the Scout where it is satisfied that the registration requirements of Section Q have been complied with and the Scout holds the qualification required by Rule 224.1.

Scouts: Attendance at Matches

226. Each Club which operates an Academy shall permit the Scouts of other Clubs to attend at matches played in the Games Programmes provided that:

226.1. the Club which has employed or engaged the Scout notifies both Clubs involved in the match of the Scout’s proposed attendance by no later than 12 noon on the last Working Day before the published date of the match; and

226.2. the Scout is able to produce on demand to the home Club the identification card issued to him by his Club in accordance with the Premier League Rules.

227. Each Scout shall inform the home Club of his arrival at a match.

228. Each Club which operates an Academy shall prepare and produce a document setting out the process of how Scouts employed by that Club should approach Academy Players (and other players) and the process thereafter. Such process should comply in full with the Premier League Rules, these Rules and the Code of Conduct for Scouts and should build upon the training that the Scout received while obtaining the relevant scouting qualification referred to in Rule 224.1.

Registrations and Provision of Information by the League

229. Upon receiving an application by a Club to register an Academy Player, the League shall immediately provide to the Academy Player’s Parent a copy of these Rules and of the Parent’s Charter.
Subject to Rule 231, the League may, in its absolute discretion, request:

231.1. any Official of the Club seeking to register the Academy Player, any Official of a Club with which the Academy Player has previously been registered, the Academy Player himself and/or his Parent(s) to appear before it to answer questions; and

231.2. such Persons or any Club (or club) to produce documents, in each case, to ensure that there has been no breach of Rules 296 to 299.

Where a request is made by the League in accordance with Rule 231, the League may, in its absolute discretion, stay the registration of the Academy Player until it is satisfied that there has been no breach of Rules 296 to 299 (and, in such circumstances, the Academy Player may not be coached by or play for the Club seeking to register him until the League notifies the Academy Player and the Club that the registration has been undertaken).

If the Academy Player directly or indirectly contacts another Club, and such contact results in the Academy Player becoming registered with that other Club without the consent of the Club referred to in Rule 229, the other Club shall be presumed to have breached Rule 297.

Any question or dispute concerning the travelling time requirements in this Rule, and whether permission should be granted to register the relevant Academy Player, shall be determined by the Board.

Subject to the conditions set out in Rules 236 and 242, a Trialist may attend an Academy for up to eight consecutive weeks in any one season without being registered provided that:

235.1. at least seven days’ prior written notice to that effect shall be given to any junior club of which such Trialist is a member, and

235.2. before the trial commences his particulars shall be notified forthwith to the League by sending to the Board: (a) PLYD Form 2 duly completed; (b) proof of his home address and date of birth in such form as is required by the Board; and (c) a photographic image of the Trialist in such format as is required by the Board.

An application to extend a trial period must be made by the Club at least one week before the Trialist’s trial period is due to expire, accompanied by such information and assurances as the League may require; and consented to by the Trialist and his Parent.
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238. An application to extend a trial period shall only be granted by the League if it is satisfied as to arrangements put in place by the Club for the welfare and education of the Trialist.

239. A Trialist may not register with another Club (or club) during the first seven weeks of the initial eight-week trial period but may at any time terminate an extended trial period to which he is subject.

240. Rule 34 (Performance Clocks) and Rule 35 (Multi-disciplinary Reviews) shall apply with regard to Trialists.

241. Each Club shall give the League all such access to information and Persons as it may require in order to monitor the welfare and progression of Trialists and to determine whether to grant an application to extend a trial period.

242. The conditions referred to in Rule 235 are as follows:

242.1. a trial may be offered or given by a Club to anyone in age groups Under 9 to Under 11 inclusive who has his permanent residence within one hour's travelling time of the Club's Academy;

242.2. a trial may be offered or given by any Club to anyone in age groups Under 12 and Under 13 who has his permanent residence within one and a half hours' travelling time of the Club's Academy;

242.3. a trial may be offered or given by a Club to anyone in age groups Under 14 to Under 16 inclusive;

242.4. subject to Rule 242.5.2 a trial may be offered or given by one or more Clubs to an Academy Player in age group Under 16 who has been informed by the Club holding his registration that it will not offer to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with him, any such trial or series of trials may not in the aggregate exceed eight weeks;

242.5. subject to Rule 242.6, a trial may not be offered or given to anyone:

242.5.1. who is on trial at another Academy; or

242.5.2. whose registration is held by another Club (or club) except with the written consent of such Club (or club) or in the case of an Academy Player who is exercising his entitlement under either Rule 268, Rule 270 or Rule 271 to seek registration as an Academy Player at the Academy of another Club (or club);

242.6. in respect of Season 2020/21 only, where an Academy Player has had his registration terminated in Season 2019/20 (whether pursuant to Rule 266.3, Rule 267 or Rule 272.4), he may, having obtained prior approval from the Board, return to that Club as a Trialist in accordance with Rule 235, provided that:

242.6.1. he may only return as a Trialist once during Season 2020/21, with the applicable trial period being no more than eight consecutive weeks, save that the Club at which he is a Trialist may apply to the Board to extend the trial period by an additional period of four consecutive weeks (in accordance with the process set out at Rule 237);

242.6.2. he may not represent the Club in the Games Programme during the trial period; and

242.6.3. the provisions of Rule 239 shall not apply to a trial under this Rule 242.6. The Trialist shall be free to trial with another Club during the currency of his trial period under this Rule (albeit the timeline for his trial under this Rule 242.6 shall continue to run and the timelines in this Rule shall continue to apply).

Any question or dispute concerning the travelling time requirements in this Rule shall be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.

243. If a Trialist attending an Academy is injured so that he cannot be coached or play football or if the period of his trial is interrupted by any other occurrence, application may be made to the Board in writing to extend the period of his trial, giving full reasons therefor, and the Board shall have power to extend such period in such terms as it may think fit.

244. If before the date upon which a Trialist's trial period is due to end his trial is terminated, notice to that effect shall be given to the League by sending to the Board PLYD Form 3 duly completed.

245. Upon a Trialist commencing a trial, the League may provide to him and his Parent a copy of these Rules and such other information as the League considers relevant.

246. Where a Club makes an application to the League in PLYD Form 5 that an Academy Player who is a Trialist with that Club at the time of the application be registered as an Academy Player with that Club, the relevant trial will be immediately deemed cancelled by the League and the provisions of Rules 229 to 233 shall apply.

Pre-Registration Agreements

247. Subject to the provisions of Art. 39 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, on or after 1st January in any season a Club may enter into a pre-registration agreement with a player who does not reside within one and a half hours' travelling time of its Academy provided that such a player is then:

247.1. in his Under 16, Under 17 or Under 18 year;

247.2. in Full Time Education; and

247.3. not registered with another Club or Football League club (except in circumstances where the Board grants approval for the player to remain registered at his current Club until the agreement takes effect).

248. A pre-registration agreement shall be in PLYD Form 4 and shall include an undertaking by the Club to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with the player upon the Club having acquired the player's registration and:

248.1. in the case of a player in his Under 16 year, on or after the last Friday in June in the academic year in which the Academy Player reaches the age of 16, or

248.2. in the case of a player in his Under 17 or Under 18 year, upon his ceasing Full Time Education.

Unless authorised in writing by the Board, a breach of such an undertaking will constitute a breach of these Rules.
249. Clubs shall submit to the Board copies of all pre-registration agreements within five days of their being entered into.

250. A written Coaching Curriculum shall be annexed to each pre-registration agreement and the player shall not be coached by or at the Club’s Academy or participate in its matches, tours, Festivals, Training Camps or Tournaments until the programme has been approved in writing by the Board and then only to the extent set out in the programme.

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251. Each Club shall ensure that only Academy Players registered with that Club, Trialists attending Trials in accordance with Rule 235 and players with whom the Club has entered into a pre-registration agreement in accordance with Rule 247 shall be coached by or at that Club’s Academy or participate in its matches, tours, Festivals, Training Camps or Tournaments in which the Club operating that Academy is involved.

252. Each Club must ensure that every player who represents it in a match, Festival, Tournament or any other event that forms part of the Games Programme is able to produce at that event, on request by the League, a valid registration card issued by the League.

253. Subject to Rule 254 (and save for any instances in which a Season 2019/20 Registration Extension is agreed), players in age groups Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 shall be registered for one year and those in age groups Under 13 and Under 15 for two years.

254. The registration of an Academy Player shall endure until the last Friday in June in the academic year in which he reaches the age of 16 if:

254.1. he is engaged in the Full Time Training Model; or

254.2. the Club has made an application to the Board to this end, having offered to engage the Academy player on the Full Time Training Model and the Academy Player having rejected this offer for sound educational reasons.

In such a case the Board shall enquire into the circumstances and satisfy itself as to the bona fides of the application, and if so satisfied shall have the power to determine that the Academy Player’s registration should so endure.

255. The registration of Academy Players will be undertaken by the League and all registrations are subject to the approval of the Board.

256. Registrations of Academy Players undertaken by The Football League which are held by Clubs promoted to the League shall be treated as having been undertaken by the League provided all circumstances surrounding that registration comply with these Rules, failing which the League shall be at liberty to reject that registration unless otherwise determined by the Board.

257. An application for the registration of an Academy Player at an Academy shall be made by completing and submitting to the Board: (a) PLYD Form 5 signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory; (b) a copy of the Code of Conduct referred to in Rule 197; (c) proof of both the Academy Player’s home address and date of birth in such form as is required by the Board; and (d) a photographic image of the Academy Player in such format as is required by the Board. The completed PLYD Form 5 must be submitted to the Board by the Club within five days of signature by the Academy Player.

258. A Club shall request each Academy Player (or if he is a minor his Parent) to complete PLYD Form 6 at the same time that he completes PLYD Form 5. If he does so the Club shall submit the completed PLYD Form 6 to the Board at the same time that it submits PLYD Form 5. If the Academy Player or his Parent (as applicable) elects not to complete PLYD Form 6, he should nevertheless submit PLYD Form 5 to the Board forthwith.

259. An application in PLYD Form 5 shall be refused if it is made in respect of a player with whom a Club (or club), other than the applicant Club, has entered into a pre-registration agreement which remains current.

260. Except in the case of a Scholar, a player shall not be registered as an Academy Player unless he is in Full Time Education.

261. The Board may from time to time direct the minimum number of Academy Players to be registered by each Club in each age group, and each Club shall comply with any such direction.

262. The maximum numbers of Academy Players registrable by a Club at any one time are as follows:

| Age groups Under 9 to Under 14 inclusive | 30 in each age group |
| Age groups Under 15 and Under 16 inclusive | 20 in each age group |
| Age groups Under 17 and Under 18 | 30 across both age groups |
| Age groups Under 19 to Under 21 inclusive | 15 in each age group |

save that no Club shall be in breach of this Rule where any surplus of Academy Players registered in a particular age group is as a consequence of the Club agreeing Season 2019/20 Registration Extensions with one or more of its Academy Players.

263. No application to register any Academy Player in the Under 9 age group may be signed by the Academy Player before the third Saturday in May immediately preceding his Under 9 year.

264. A player in age groups Under 12 to Under 16 inclusive who resides more than one and a half hours’ travelling time from the nearest Academy may be registered as an Academy Player at the nearest Club which operates an Academy of the appropriate Category subject to the following conditions:
264.1. An application for registration of an Academy Player under the provisions of this Rule shall be accompanied by a written Coaching Curriculum which shall include full particulars of any coaching the Academy Player will receive at or in the locality of his place of residence;

264.2. the Coaching Curriculum shall be designed so as to ensure that it does not cause the Academy Player to be absent from school;

264.3. in the case of an Academy Player registered under the provisions of this Rule at an Academy, the Head of Education shall make enquiries of the Academy Player’s school at least four times each season during the currency of his registration so as to satisfy himself that the Academy Player’s best interests are being served by the Coaching Curriculum and that it is not adversely affecting his education; the result of each enquiry shall be reported in writing to the Academy Manager who in the event of an adverse report shall apply to the Board for the cancellation of the Academy Player’s registration; and

264.4. unless any other travelling arrangements have been submitted to and approved in writing by or on behalf of the Board, on the occasion of each visit by the Academy Player to the Academy at which he is registered he shall be accompanied on both the outward and the return journey by his Parent.

265. An application to register an Academy Player shall be refused if:

265.1. the Academy Player is in age groups Under 10, Under 11 or Under 12;

265.2. the registration of that Academy Player was held by another Club or Football League club (“the former Club”) within the period of 12 months prior to the making of the application;

265.3. the former Club had given notice to that Academy Player under the provisions of Rules 267.1 or 267.2 that it intended to retain his registration; and

265.4. the Club making the application had within the said period of 12 months registered two Academy Players in age groups Under 10, Under 11 or Under 12 whose registrations had been held by the former Club, unless the Club making the application and the former Club agree otherwise.

266. On or before the third Saturday in May in every year each Club shall send to the Board a list in PLYD Form 7 containing the names of each of the Academy Players whose registration it then holds (other than those who have entered into a Scholarship Agreement whose names are included in the list required by Rule U.32), indicating:

266.1. which it retains;

266.2. which it intends to retain;

266.3. which it intends to terminate (with effect from the first Saturday in June); and

266.4. in the case of Academy Players in the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12 and Under 14 age groups, which of those Academy Players have agreed to a Season 2019/20 Registration Extension.

267. Except in the case of an Academy Player who has been offered and has accepted a Scholarship Agreement in accordance with Rule 278 or agreed a Season 2019/20 Registration Extension:

267.1. on or before the third Saturday in May in every year in which his registration is held, each Club shall give or send to each of its Academy Players in age groups Under 9 to Under 11 PLYD Form 8 notifying him whether it intends to retain or to terminate his registration with effect from the first Saturday in June; and

267.2. on or before the third Saturday in May, each Club shall give or send to each of its Academy Players in age groups Under 12 and Under 14 PLYD Form 9 notifying him whether it intends to retain his registration for the next two seasons or to terminate it with effect from the first Saturday in June.

268. An Academy Player who receives notification under Rule 267.1 or Rule 267.2 of his Club’s intention to terminate his registration shall be at liberty following receipt of such notification to seek registration as an Academy Player at the Academy of any other Club (or club).

269. Where a Club and Academy Player agree to a Season 2019/20 Registration Extension:

269.1. that agreement must be confirmed to the League (in such form as approved by the League) by the third Saturday in May;

269.2. the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension may be extended by a further six weeks by agreement between the Club and Academy Player, provided that confirmation is sent to the League (in such form as approved by the League) by no later than 29 October 2020;

269.3. by no later than the date falling two weeks before the last day of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension (as extended pursuant to Rule 269.2, where applicable), each Club shall:

269.3.1. provide to each relevant Academy Player in the Under 9 to Under 11 age groups a PLYD Form 8 notifying him whether it intends to retain or to terminate his registration with effect from the end of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension;

269.3.2. provide to each relevant Academy Player in the Under 12 and Under 14 age groups a PLYD Form 9 notifying him whether it intends to retain his registration for the next two seasons or to terminate his registration with effect from the end of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension;

269.4. where a Club offers to retain the Academy Player’s registration in line with Rule 269.3.1 or 269.3.2, confirmation of whether the Academy Player has accepted or refused that offer must be provided to the League (in such form as approved by the League) before the conclusion of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension (as extended pursuant to Rule 269.2, where applicable);
### Talent Identification and Recruitment

**269.** an Academy Player who receives notification under Rule 269.3.1 or 269.3.2 of his Club's intention to terminate his registration (or who has received an offer of retention under these Rules but has refused it) shall be at liberty to seek registration as an Academy Player at the Academy of any other Club (or club) with effect from the conclusion of his Season 2019/20 Registration Extension (as extended pursuant to Rule 269.2, where applicable).

**270.** An Academy Player who receives notification under Rule 267.1 or Rule 267.2 of his Club's intention to retain his registration shall likewise be at liberty after the first Saturday in June to seek registration as an Academy Player at the Academy of any other Club (or club) provided that:

- he has received the Board's written acknowledgement of the same.

**271.** Subject to Rule 271A, an Academy Player in age group Under 16 who has not received an offer to enter into a Scholarship Agreement by 31 December or who has been notified in writing by his Club that such an offer will not be forthcoming shall thereafter be at liberty to seek registration as an Academy Player at the Academy of any other Club (or club) and, in such circumstances (save where the Academy Player concerned remains in Full Time Education beyond his Under 16 year), the Club that holds his registration shall not be entitled to receive compensation from any other Club (or club) that subsequently registers the Academy Player for its training and development of that Academy Player, in accordance with Rule 325.

**Guidance**

In the circumstances outlined in Rule 271, where a different Club or club signifies its intent to register the Academy Player beyond his Under 16 year, the two Clubs/clubs concerned, the Academy Player (through his Parents) and the League shall enter into discussions, where appropriate, to consider means by which he might begin training with his new Club or club before the end of his Under 16 year, provided always that his education is not negatively affected in any way.

**271A.** In respect of Season 2020/21 only, the deadline of 31 December in Rule 271 shall be amended to 1 March.

### Termination of Registration

**272.** Subject to Rule 273, the registration of an Academy Player who has not entered into a Scholarship Agreement with a Club shall terminate upon the happening of the earliest of the following events:

- the Academy Player completing his Full Time Education;
- the receipt by the Board at any time of a mutual cancellation notification in PLYD Form 10 duly completed and signed by the Academy Player and his Parent and on behalf of the Club holding his registration;
- the receipt by the Board of the Academy Player's notice duly given in accordance with the provisions of Rule 270.1;
- the first Saturday in June following the receipt by the Board of PLYD Form 7 upon which his Club has indicated its intention to terminate the Academy Player's registration;
- the expiry, surrender, suspension or revocation of the Academy licence of the Club holding the registration.

**272.1.** at the conclusion of a Season 2019/20 Registration Extension, where no agreement has been reached in accordance with Rule 269.4, or

**272.2.** the Club holding his registration; or

**273.** The Board shall have power at any time to cancel the registration of an Academy Player:

- upon the written application of either:
  - the Academy Player or, if the Academy Player is a Child, his Parent on his behalf (and one of the grounds, but not the only ground, on which such an application may be made is that the categorisation of the Club's Academy has been lowered pursuant to Rule 20.3); or
  - the Club holding his registration; or

- of its own volition in the circumstances set out in Rule 274.

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- 273.1.1. the Academy Player or, if the Academy Player is a Child, his Parent on his behalf (and one of the grounds, but not the only ground, on which such an application may be made is that the categorisation of the Club's Academy has been lowered pursuant to Rule 20.3); or
- 273.1.2. the Club holding his registration; or

- 273.2. of its own volition in the circumstances set out in Rule 274.

**274.** If the Board is not satisfied that a Club is complying with any one or more of the Rules concerning the Hybrid or Full Time Training Model, or if it is of the view that the education of an Academy Player engaged on the Hybrid or Full Time Training Model is being prejudiced as a result of its engagement therein (regardless of whether the Club is in compliance with these Rules) it may, either of its own volition or on the written application of an Academy Player who is affected thereby (or of his Parent on his behalf if he is a Child):

- 274.1. cancel the registration of the Academy Player; or
- 274.2. order that the Academy Player be deemed to be engaged on one of the other Training Models.

**275.** The Board will not exercise its powers set out in Rule 274 without having first given the Club, the Academy Player and his Parent the opportunity to make representations to it.

**276.** The Board shall determine such an application in such manner as it shall think fit and, in particular, shall have power to appoint one or more suitably qualified Persons to enquire into all the circumstances of the application (adopting such procedures as are considered appropriate) and to report to the Board, recommending whether the application should be granted or refused. If the application is granted, the Board may impose conditions (e.g. as to compensation) on the cancellation of the registration. For the avoidance of doubt, the ability to determine any application, and any conditions relating thereto, shall continue notwithstanding any expiry of the registration after the date of the original application.

**277.** Upon an Academy Player's registration terminating by virtue of the provisions of Rule 272.2, the Board shall provide him with a copy of PLYD Form 10 as evidence thereof.
Talent Identification and Recruitment

Scholarships

278. Subject to Rule 278A, on or after 1 January in the year in which he attains the age of 14 years and in any event on or before 31 December in his Under 16 year, a Club may offer to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with an Academy Player whose registration it holds.

278A. In respect of Season 2020/21 only, the deadline of 31 December in Rule 278 shall be amended to 1 March.

279. Failure by a Club to honour any offer of a scholarship notified to the League in accordance with Rule 281, without reasonable cause shall render that Club liable to disciplinary action pursuant to Section W of the Premier League Rules.

280. A Club may likewise offer to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with an Academy Player in age group Under 16 who is seeking registration under the provisions of Rule 271.

281. A club which operates a Category 4 Academy may only offer to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with:
   281.1. anyone who is not an Academy Player; or
   281.2. an Academy Player in age group Under 16 who is seeking registration under the provisions of Rule 271, but only on or after 1 January in his Under 16 Year.

282. Any offer made under the provisions of Rules 278 or 280 shall be in PLYD Form 11, a copy of which shall be sent to the Board by the Club making the offer within five days of it being made. In addition, any offer of scholarship to a player registered with a club not in membership of the Premier League or Football League shall be sent to the Board by the Club within five days of such offer being made.

283. An Academy Player receiving an offer in PLYD Form 11 shall respond thereto within 28 days by completing and submitting to the Club making the offer PLYD Form 12, a copy of which shall be sent to the Board by the Club within five days of receipt. An Academy Player who does not accept the offer shall be at liberty after the first Saturday in June following his Under 16 year to seek registration at any other Club (or club).

284. An Academy Player who fails to respond as required by Rule 283 shall be deemed to have not accepted the offer.

285. A Club may enter into a Scholarship Agreement with an Academy Player if:
   285.1. it holds his registration, or
   285.2. his registration is not held by another Club (or club); and
   285.3. (except in the case of an Academy Player who has entered into a Scholarship Agreement with another Club (or club) which has been cancelled by mutual agreement) he is under the age of 18 years, and
   285.4. the Scholarship Agreement commences no earlier than the last Friday in June in the academic year in which the Academy Player reaches the age of 16.

285.2. required to complete his Education Programme (as defined in PLYD Form 1).

286. An Academy Player who enters into a Scholarship Agreement with a Club shall be:
   286.1. entitled to receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Board from time to time; and
   286.2. required to complete his Education Programme (as defined in PLYD Form 1).

287. The registration of an Academy Player who enters into a Scholarship Agreement with a Club shall be effected by completion of and submission to the Board of Football Association Form G(4), signed on behalf of the Club by an Authorised Signatory, together with copies of the Academy Player’s Scholarship Agreement, the initial duration of which must not exceed two years, and birth certificate.

288. If the parties to a Scholarship Agreement have agreed in writing that they will enter into a contract of employment in Form 16 prior to or immediately upon the termination of the Scholarship Agreement, and provided that the written agreement between them specifies the length of the contract and full details of all the remuneration and benefits payable under it, the Club shall not be obliged to complete and sign a mutual cancellation notification upon the Academy Player’s application for cancellation of his registration pursuant to clause 15.1 of the Scholarship Agreement. If the Club chooses not to cancel the Academy Player’s registration, the Academy Player shall remain registered with the Club and the Scholarship Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

289. Appeal against Termination

An appeal by an Academy Player under the provisions of clause 10.3 or by a Club under the provisions of clause 12.3 of PLYD Form 1 shall be commenced by notice in writing addressed to the other party to the agreement and to the Board.

290. Appeal against Disciplinary Decision

An appeal by an Academy Player under the provisions of paragraph 3.3.2 of the Schedule to PLYD Form 1 shall be commenced by notice in writing addressed to the Club and to the Board.

291. Appeals pursuant to Rule 289 or Rule 290 shall be conducted in such manner as the Board may determine.

292. The Board may allow or dismiss any such appeal and make such other order as it thinks fit.

293. Order for Costs

The Board shall have power to make an order for costs:
   293.1. in determining appeals under Rule 289 or Rule 290, and
   293.2. if any such appeal, having been commenced, is withdrawn.

294. The Board shall have power to determine the amount of any such costs which may include, without limitation, those incurred by the League in the conduct of the appeal.
Youth Development Rules

Facilities

301. Each Club which operates an Academy shall ensure that:

301.1. it provides as a minimum the facilities and accommodation set out in Rules 303 to 317 and;

301.2. if it operates a Category 1 Academy, such facilities and accommodation are available for the exclusive use of its Academy at all times when it requires access to them in order to comply with these Rules.

302. Save where otherwise indicated, or with the permission of the Board, the facilities and accommodation set out in Rules 303 to 317 shall be provided at the Club’s principal venue for the coaching and education of Academy Players.

303. Grass pitches

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| 1        | a) A sufficient number of grass pitches of the appropriate sizes (as required by the Rules relating to Games Programmes and with goals sized as required by the Rules relating to Games Programmes) to enable the Club to play all its matches in the Games Programmes and fulfil its commitments under these Rules as regards coaching.  
   b) One floodlit grass pitch enclosed with perimeter fencing and with designated areas for spectator attendance (save that if a Club is unable to obtain planning permission for floodlighting then the requirement for floodlighting shall be waived).
   c) A designated area (on grass) for the coaching of goalkeepers. |
| 2 and 3  | a) A sufficient number of grass pitches of the appropriate sizes (as required by the Rules relating to Games Programmes and with goals sized as required by the Rules relating to Games Programmes) to enable the Club to play all its matches in the Games Programmes and fulfil its commitments under these Rules as regards coaching.  
   b) A designated area for the coaching of goalkeepers. |
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   b) A designated area (on grass) for the coaching of goalkeepers. |

304. Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain each grass pitch used by its Academy at all times when such pitches are required by the Academy for matches or coaching.

305. The League shall inspect the Academy grass pitches of each Club which operates a Category 1 or Category 2 Academy at least twice a year, and of each Club which operates a Category 3 Academy from time to time.
Guidance

Because of Rule 307, Clubs may need to have a greater number of pitches than the bare minimum necessary to fulfil matches in the Games Programme.

Guidance

The Premier League and Football League are consulting on the requirements for Category 3 Clubs’ indoor facilities to have an Artificial Surface.

Guidance

Sufficient and suitable facilities must be provided at all venues. Thus, if a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy utilises an Artificial Surface pitch or an indoor pitch which is located away from its principal venue, it must ensure that there is substantial compliance with this Rule 310 with regard to changing room and washing facilities.

A changing room may not be used as any of the other rooms (e.g. team meeting room) required by these Rules.

Guidance

In Category 3 and 4 Academies, this room:

a) need not be located at the principal venue; but
b) if it is so located (but not otherwise), may also be used as the guest lounge described in Rule 312.
### Guest lounge

**Categories 1 to 4**

A guest lounge for the use of Parents at each training session and match that is open to Parents. The guest lounge shall be large enough to hold 50 people and have access to refreshments and toilet facilities.

*Note:* In Category 3 and 4 Academies, this room may also be used as the team meeting room described in Rule 310 provided that it is large enough.

### Match analysis suite

**Categories 1 and 2**

A room large enough to hold 20 people and equipped with such appropriate video and IT technology as is necessary to undertake, and present the results of, Performance Analysis.

If the facility is shared with the professional squad, access for the Academy sufficient for its purposes needs to be clearly demonstrated.

**Category 3**

A match analysis suite is recommended but not mandatory.

### Medical facilities

Such medical facilities as the Club requires to deliver its Sports Science and Medicine/Performance Support Programme.

**Guidance**

Each club should carefully consider provision of facilities suitable for the medical practice undertaken at each venue. In general, a medical consulting room should be not less than 16 square metres and should be larger if it includes a separate area for the examination couch.

There should be provision for:

- Privacy sufficient to ensure confidentiality of consultation;
- Desk, examination couch and equipment to facilitate medical examinations to include:
  - Thermometer;
  - Sphygmomanometer;
  - Otoscope and ophthalmoscope; and
  - Stethoscope;
- Electronic or paper medical records in secure format;
- Secure/lockable filing system;
- Secure/lockable storage for any medicines;
- Sufficient provisions for all aspects of medical treatment to be undertaken including:
  - Protocols and equipment for the provision of Basic Life Support and if not provided elsewhere;
  - Protocols and equipment sufficient for Advanced Trauma and Life Support;
  - Basin with hot and cold water, provision of hand cleansers, clinical taps, hand drying facilities and all necessary provision for effective infection control procedures;
  - Provision of space and seating for person accompanying examinee;
- Flooring and fittings of materials which can be cleaned to meet infection control standards; and
- Telephone.

### Administration office space

**Categories 1 to 4**

- a) Such office space and access to IT, email and the internet as each member of Academy Staff requires in order to perform the responsibilities set out in his job description;
- b) A private meeting room.

**Guidance**

For Category 3 and Category 4 Academies, these can be provided at a place other than the principal venue (e.g. at the Club’s Stadium).

### Academy Player accommodation

**Categories 1 to 4**

Sufficient and adequate accommodation for all registered Academy Players and Trialists under the age of 18 not residing with their Parents. Clubs shall comply with any guidelines about Academy Player accommodation published by the League from time to time and with all applicable legal requirements in relation to the provision of such accommodation.

Such accommodation shall be located in as close proximity as is reasonably practicable to the Club’s principal venue for the coaching and education of Academy Players and to the place at which Academy Players undertake their education (if this is not the principal venue).

**Guidance**

Clubs may provide such accommodation by lodging students with private households (subject to compliance with all applicable legal requirements including as to DBS checks) or by operating their own dedicated facilities (such as hostels).

### Classrooms

**Category 1**

A minimum of three classrooms which shall each:

- contain sufficient desks for 20 students;
- contain 20 electronic devices with access to the internet; and
- conform in all respects with any requirements for classrooms issued by the Department for Education.
## Facilities

### Category 2

A minimum of two classrooms which shall each:
- contain sufficient desks for 20 students; and
- contain 20 electronic devices with internet access.

At least one of the classrooms must conform in all respects with any requirements for classrooms issued by the Department for Education.

### Categories 3 and 4

Access for Academy Players and Trialists to a study area large enough to hold 20 people and which contains at least 20 electronic devices with internet access.

## Guidance

In Category 3 and 4 Academies, this may also be used as the team meeting room provided that the timetabling of lessons in the classrooms allows.

Flexibility will be accorded to a Club’s provision of classrooms depending on the number of Academy Players that are engaged in each Training Model.

Clubs which operate a Category 3 or Category 4 Academy who have in place an artificial pitch which does not meet the requirements of such a pitch as defined in Rule 1.15 may continue to use such a pitch until the end of its natural life. Thereafter however, they must use a pitch which complies with the definition.

## Finance

### 318.

Each Club which operates an Academy shall by 1 July in each year submit to the League its budgeted Academy Financial Information for its Academy for the following season.

### 319.

Each Club which operates an Academy shall by 1 September in each year submit to the League its actual Academy Financial Information for its Academy for the previous season together with the budgeted Academy Financial Information for that season.

### 320.

The Academy Financial Information required by Rule 318 shall be submitted in the format required by the League.

### 321.

The League may, at its discretion, require (and the Club shall deliver), such further information and explanations as it deems fit in connection with the Academy Financial Information submitted by the Club pursuant to Rules 318 and 320.

### 322.

The League shall have the power to obtain an independent audit of a Club’s Academy Financial Information submitted pursuant to these Rules.

### 323.

Each Club’s Academy Financial Information shall be assessed by the Board in order to determine whether to award to the Club a grant from the Professional Youth Game Fund.

## Guidance

The League will produce benchmarked Club by Club information (on an anonymised basis) with regards to expenditure on youth development on an annual basis.

The League will keep the Academy Financial Information provided to it pursuant to Rules 318 and 320 confidential save that:

1. the League may disclose the Information if properly required to do so by law or by any regulatory authority;
2. the League may disclose the Information to the ISO or the PGB (and if it does so, the League shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the ISO or the PGB keeps the Information confidential);
3. the League may disclose the Information to any Person or entity retained to undertake an audit of a Club’s Academy Financial Information pursuant to Rule 322 (and if it does so, the League shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Person or entity so retained keeps the Information confidential); and
4. the League may use the Information to develop and publish benchmarked information on an anonymised basis.

## Expenses

### 324.

Without prejudice to Rules 297 to 300, each Club that operates an Academy shall be permitted to reimburse Academy Players and their Parents for actual expenses legitimately incurred as a direct result of the Academy Player’s participation in the activities of the Academy, in accordance with such guidance as is issued by the Board to Clubs from time to time.
325. Without prejudice to Rules 297 to 300, no payment of any kind may be made by a Club to an Academy Player or his Parent (whether directly or indirectly) outside the terms of the guidance issued by the Board in accordance with Rule 324, without the express prior consent of the Board.

326. The registration of an Academy Player at an Academy shall impose an obligation on the Applicant Club or Football League club ("the Applicant Club") to pay compensation for the training and development of that Academy Player to any Club or Football League club which previously held his registration ("the Training Club") provided that:

326.1. the Training Club had indicated in PLYD Form 7 (or, in the case of a Football League club, the equivalent Football League form) its intention to retain the Academy Player’s registration; or

326.2. the Training Club had offered to enter into a Scholarship Agreement pursuant to Rule 278 with the Academy Player; or

326.3. the Academy Player sought registration at the Applicant Club because he had moved residence outside the permitted travelling time from his last Training Club; or

326.4. save where Rule 271 applies, the Training Club and Academy Player mutually agreed to terminate the Academy Player’s registration pursuant to Rule 272.2 and agreed that the Training Club should retain the right to receive compensation should the Academy Player sign for another Club (or club); or

326.5. the Board has made a determination to that effect pursuant to Rule 276; and

326.6. in all the above cases, the Training Club held a valid licence to operate an Academy in accordance with these Rules (or to operate a Football Academy or Centre of Excellence in accordance with the Rules pertaining to youth development which these Rules replaced).

327. The amount of compensation referred to in Rule 326 shall be:

327.1. such sum as shall be due pursuant to this section of the Rules; or

327.2. as regards the compensation payable by the Applicant Club to the most recent Training Club, such sum as shall have been agreed between them.

328. Rules 330 to 340 govern the compensation due in respect of an Academy Player who is in, or about to enter, any age group between Under 9 and Under 16 at the time when he is first registered with the Applicant Club save for an Academy Player to whom Rule 329.2 applies.

329. In default of agreement between the Applicant Club and the Academy Player’s most recent Training Club, the Professional Football Compensation Committee shall (in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 11) determine the compensation payable to the latter in respect of an Academy Player:

329.1. who is in any age group between Under 17 and Under 21 when he is registered for the Applicant Club; or

329.2. to whom the Training Club made an offer of a Scholarship Agreement pursuant to Rule 278.
Youth Development Rules

330. The compensation due in respect of an Academy Player to whom Rule 328 applies shall consist of an initial fee payable to the most recent Training Club (and to be paid within seven days of the Academy Player being registered for the Applicant Club) and, if the Academy Player is in age group Under 12 or older, contingent compensation is payable to all qualifying Training Clubs in accordance with these Rules.

331. The initial fee referred to in Rule 330 shall be calculated by:

331.1. multiplying the applicable annual fixed fee (or fees) calculated in accordance with Rule 332 by the applicable number of years; and

331.2. adding thereto any initial fee (capped at such sum as would have been payable when calculated in accordance with this section of the Rules) paid by the most recent Training Club when it acquired the registration of the Academy Player.

332. In Rule 331:

332.1. the “applicable annual fixed fee” means the fee set out in the table in Rule 333 referable to:

332.1.1. the age group of the Academy Player during any year that he was registered with the Training Club; and

332.1.2. the Category of the Training Club’s Academy during that year; and

332.2. the “applicable number of years” means the number of years for which the Academy Player was registered for the Training Club (subject to Rule 339).

Guidance

There may be two “applicable fixed fees”. For example, if an Academy Player was registered with a Category 2 Training Club from the age of Under 9 to Under 16, then the applicable fixed fee is £3,000 for each of his initial three years of development (totaling £9,000) and £25,000 for each of the five subsequent years (totaling £125,000) making a total initial fee of £134,000.

333. The applicable annual fixed fees by reference to the age group of the Academy Player and the Category of Academy are as follows:

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Guidance

In order to give effect to the compensation Rules under the EPPP, Clubs’ previous Football Academies and Centres of Excellence will have a “deemed”, retrospective categorisation to give effect to the provisions for fixed fee compensation in respect of the years up until the coming into force of the Rules. The following applies:

334. The contingent compensation referred to in Rule 330 shall consist of:

334.1. appearance fees calculated by reference to the number of First Team Appearances (up to a maximum of 100) made by the Academy Player for the Applicant Club or any other Club or Football League club for whom the Academy Player subsequently becomes registered (including by way of a Temporary Transfer or other loan) and to the divisional status of the relevant Club as set out in the table in Rule 335;

334.2. if the Academy Player’s registration is transferred prior to his twenty-third birthday to a club affiliated to a national association other than The Football Association (save for any Welsh club which is a member of the League, The Football League or the National Division of the National League), 20% of any Compensation Fee, Loan Fee and Contingent Sum that the Applicant Club receives which is in excess of:

334.2.1. any amounts of training compensation and/or solidarity payment paid to the Applicant Club and the Training Club pursuant to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players; and

334.2.2. the actual sum (if any) paid by the Applicant Club to the Training Club to acquire the Academy Player’s registration;

334.3. 5% of all Compensation Fees (and transfer fees, where applicable), Loan Fees and Contingent Sums paid in respect of:

334.3.1. all future transfers of the Academy Player’s registration to Clubs (or clubs) in membership of the League, The Football League or the National Division of the National League; and

334.3.2. all future transfers on loan to a club affiliated to a national association other than the Football Association (save for any Welsh club which is a member of the League, The Football League or the National Division of the National League).

Guidance

Clubs will be obliged to pay contingent compensation as it falls due in accordance with Rule V.36 (payment within seven days of the triggering event).
Youth Development Rules

335. The appearance fees referred to in Rule 334.1 are as follows:

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336. In Rule 334:

336.1. “First Team Appearance” means an appearance either in the starting eleven or as a playing substitute in a first team fixture in the Premier League, the Football League Championship and Football Leagues 1 and 2 (including play-offs), the Football League Cup, the FA Cup, the Football League Trophy, the UEFA Europa League or the UEFA Champions League;

336.2. in the event that the Academy Player’s registration at a Club (or Football League club) is terminated (whether by effluxion of time, cancellation, transfer or otherwise) prior to his having made sufficient appearances to trigger one of the payments set out in Rule 335, that Club (or Football League club) shall pay a pro rata amount to the relevant Training Club(s) and the obligation to pay future sums pursuant to that Rule shall transfer to any new Club (or Football League club) for whom the Academy Player subsequently becomes registered; and

336.3. “Compensation Fee”, “Loan Fee” and “Contingent Sum” shall be interpreted to exclude compensation payable pursuant to Rule 326.

337. Reference in Rules 334 and 336 to the transfer or termination of an Academy Player’s registration shall be interpreted to include transfers or terminations of his registration after he has ceased to be an Academy Player and Clubs who subsequently sign the Academy Player shall be bound to comply with Rules 334.1 and 334.3 and for the avoidance of doubt the original Applicant Club shall not be liable to the Training Club in respect of:

337.1. any appearance fees payable pursuant to Rule 334.1 and due in respect of appearances made by the Academy Player after he has ceased to be permanently registered for the Applicant Club; or

337.2. sums payable pursuant to Rule 334.2 and 334.3 arising from transfers in respect of which the Applicant Club was not the Transferor Club.

338. Any agreement between a Club and another Club (or club) as to the compensation payable on the transfer of a registration, whether pursuant to Rule 327.2 or otherwise, may not take effect so as to vary the contingent compensation payable pursuant to this section of the Rules to any other Club (or Football League club).

339. If an Academy Player has spent part only of any year at the Training Club, the amount of compensation in respect of that year shall be calculated pro rata (taking into account whether or not the Training Club’s Academy was operational or not during the Close Season or any part of it).

340. If the Academy Player has been registered for a Training Club for part only of the period between the start of his Under 12 year to the conclusion of his Under 16 year, the amount of contingent compensation payable to that Training Club calculated in accordance with these Rules shall be paid pro rata to the Training Club.

Guidance

Rule 340 covers the following situations:

1. where an Academy Player has been registered for only one Training Club but not for the entirety of the period from the start of his Under 12 year to the conclusion of his Under 16 year; and

2. where the Academy Player has been registered for more than one Training Club during the period.

In either case, the Training Club(s) receive(s) contingent compensation pro rata to the period that it/they held the Academy Player’s registration.

341. The compensation set by the Professional Football Compensation Committee in respect of an Academy Player to whom Rule 329 applies shall be determined in accordance with the Committee’s Regulations (set out at Appendix 11).

342. The new registration of a Contract Player under Premier League Rule U.17 shall impose an obligation on the Club next holding his registration to pay to the former Club (or club) compensation for the training and development of that Player if the Club (or club):

342.1. had held that Player’s registration as an Academy Player;

342.2. had offered to enter into a Scholarship Agreement with him which offer he had not accepted; or

342.3. had entered into a Scholarship Agreement with him, and either

342.3.1. the Scholarship Agreement had been terminated at the Player’s request; or

342.3.2. in accordance with the terms thereof the former Club (or club) had offered him a contract as a Contract Player which offer he had not accepted.
343. The amount of compensation payable pursuant to Rule 342 shall be:
343.1. such sum as shall have been agreed between the applicant Club (or club) and the former Club; or
343.2. such sum as the Professional Football Compensation Committee on the application of either Club (or club) shall determine pursuant to Rule 341.

344. Any agreement between Clubs or between a Club and a Football League club as to the amount of compensation payable shall be in writing, and a copy provided to the League within five days of being entered into.

345. All compensation (including instalments thereof and contingent sums) payable to a Club or Football League club shall be paid by the Applicant Club into the Compensation Fee Account.

**Guidance**

The fees set out in Rules 333 and 335 are to be revised annually by the PGB.

The Regulations of the Professional Football Compensation Committee referred to in Rule 340 are in Appendix 11 to Premier League Rules. They remain unchanged as regards the calculation of compensation for:
- Academy Players in the Under 18 and older age groups;
- an Academy Player with whom the Training Club had agreed to enter into a Scholarship Agreement; and
- an Academy Player with whom the Applicant Club enters into a Scholarship Agreement.
AN AGREEMENT made the (day) ____________________ day of (month and year) ____________________
Between (club company name) _____________________________________________________________
whose registered office is at (address) _______________________________________________________
(hereinafter called “the Club”) of the one part and (Scholar’s full name)
...................................................... of (address) ......................................................
(hereinafter called “the Scholar”) of the other part

WHEREBY it is agreed as follows:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 The words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

“Authorised Games” shall have the meaning set out in the League Rules;

“the Board” shall mean the board of directors of the Club for the time being or any duly authorised committee of such board of directors;

“the Club Rules” shall mean the rules or regulations affecting the Scholar from time to time in force and published by the Club;

“Contract Player” shall mean any player (other than a Academy Player or Scholar or Youth Player) who has entered into a written contract of employment with a Club as defined by the League Rules;

“Education Programme” shall mean the programme of education provided by the Club being either the advanced apprenticeship framework for sporting excellence (AASE) or any other programme of education approved in writing by the League in conjunction with the PFA;

“the FA” shall mean The Football Association Limited;

“the FA Rules” shall mean the rules and regulations from time to time in force of the FA;

“Football Development Programme” shall mean the programme of football training provided by the Club including the Scholar’s participation in Authorised Games;

“Gross Misconduct” shall mean serious or persistent conduct, behaviour, activity or omission by the Scholar involving one or more of the following:
(a) theft or fraud;
(b) deliberate and serious damage to the Club’s property;
(c) use or possession of or trafficking in a Prohibited Substance;
(d) incapacity through alcohol affecting the Scholar’s performance as a player;
(e) breach of or failure to comply with any of the terms of this agreement;

or such other similar or equivalent serious or persistent conduct, behaviour, activity or omission by the Scholar which the Board reasonably considers to amount to gross misconduct;

“the League” shall mean the football league of which the Club is a member from time to time;

“the League Rules” shall mean the rules or regulations from time to time in force of the League;

“National Minimum Wage” means the National Minimum Wage as determined by the Low Pay Commission from time to time;

“Parent” means a person who has parental responsibility for the Scholar;

“PFA” shall mean the Professional Footballers Association;

“Player” shall have the meaning set out in the League Rules;

“Prohibited Substance” shall have the meaning set out in the FA Rules;

“the Rules” shall mean the FA Rules, the League Rules and the Club Rules.

1.2 For the purpose of this agreement and provided the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and any gender includes any other gender.
2. **Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this agreement is to provide the Scholar with a period of work-based learning in preparation for a possible future career as a professional association football player.

3. **Duration**

3.1 Subject as hereinafter provided, this agreement shall remain in force from the date set out in Schedule One for two years.

3.2 If during the currency of this agreement the Club wishes to offer the Scholar a contract as a Contract Player it may only do so on the condition that the Scholar continues his Education Programme.

4. **Extension of Agreement**

4.1 If by reason of illness or injury the Scholar is prevented from participating in the Football Development Programme for a period in excess of five weeks (hereafter "the excess period"):

4.1.1 the duration of this agreement shall be extended by the length of the excess period or, if earlier, until the Scholar’s nineteenth birthday; and

4.1.2 within fourteen days of the end of the excess period the Club shall give written notice to the League and to the FA indicating the date to which the duration of the agreement is extended.

4.2 The Club shall be entitled to extend the duration of this agreement by one year by giving to the Scholar written notice to that effect on or before the third Saturday in May in the second year of the agreement and a copy of any such notice shall be sent to the League and to the FA within fourteen days of the date on which it was given.

5. **Obligations of the Scholar**

5.1 The Scholar agrees:

5.1.1 to participate in the Football Development Programme and the Education Programme;

5.1.2 when directed by an authorised official of the Club to:

5.1.2.1 attend at any reasonable place for the purposes of and to participate in training and match preparation;

5.1.2.2 play in any Authorised Games in which he is selected to play for the Club;

5.1.2.3 attend other matches in which the Club is engaged;

5.1.3 to train and play to the best of his skill and ability at all times;

5.1.4 except to the extent prevented by injury or illness, to maintain a high standard of physical fitness at all times;

5.1.5 to observe the Laws of the Game when playing football;

5.1.6 to observe the Rules but in the case of the Club Rules to the extent only that they do not conflict with or seek to vary the express terms of this agreement;

5.1.7 that he has given all necessary authorities for the release to the Club of his medical records and will continue to make the same available as requested by the Club from time to time during the continuance of this agreement;

5.1.8 to submit promptly to such medical and dental examinations as the Club may reasonably require and undergo such treatment as may be prescribed by the medical or dental advisers of the Club and/or the Club’s insurers;

5.1.9 to permit the Club to photograph him individually or as a member of a squad of players and staff of the Club provided that such photographs are for use as the official photographs of the Club;

5.1.10 to comply with and act in accordance with all lawful instructions of any authorised official of the Club; and

5.1.11 to sign the declaration set out at Schedule Three to this Agreement and to procure that his Parent signs the same.

5.2 Subject to Clause 5.3.4 below, the Scholar may contribute to the media in a responsible manner but whenever circumstances permit the Scholar shall give to the Club reasonable notice of his intention to make any contribution to the public media in order to allow representations to be made to him on behalf of the Club if it so desires.
5.3 The Scholar shall not:

5.3.1 reside at any place which the Club reasonably deems unsuitable for the performance of his obligations under this agreement;

5.3.2 undertake or be engaged in any employment or be engaged or involved in any trade, business or occupation;

5.3.3 indulge in any activity or practice which might endanger his fitness or inhibit his mental or physical ability to train or play or which might cause to be void or voidable any policy of insurance provided for the Scholar by the Club in compliance with the Rules; or

5.3.4 knowingly or recklessly do, write or say anything which is likely to bring the Club or the game of football into disrepute.

6. Obligations of the Club

The Club shall:

6.1 provide the Football Development Programme and the Education Programme;

6.2 observe the Rules, save that the FA Rules and League Rules shall take precedence over the Club Rules;

6.3 pay to the Scholar throughout the duration of this agreement (and during agreed holiday periods) the remuneration which by virtue of the League Rules he is entitled to receive as more particularly set out in Schedule One. Such remuneration shall not be less than the National Minimum Wage and shall not exceed any maximum amount specified pursuant to the League Rules;

6.4 provide the Scholar each year with copies of all the Rules which affect the Scholar and the terms and conditions of the policy of insurance referred to in clause 5.3.3;

6.5 arrange promptly such medical and dental examinations and treatment as may be prescribed by the medical or dental advisors of the Club in respect of any injury to or illness of the Scholar and shall ensure that any such treatment for any football related injury is undertaken and completed without expense to the Scholar notwithstanding that this agreement expires after such treatment is prescribed;

6.6 comply with all relevant statutory provisions relating to industrial injury and any regulations made pursuant thereto; and

6.7 on or before the third Saturday in May in the final year of this agreement give written notice to the Scholar indicating whether or not upon the expiry of this agreement it intends offering to the Scholar a professional contract as a Contract Player and if so setting out the terms thereof, which offer shall remain open and capable of acceptance by the Scholar for a period of one month from the date upon which the Club gave it to him.

7. Illness and Injury

7.1 Any injury to or illness of the Scholar shall be reported by him or on his behalf to the Club immediately and the Club shall keep a record of such illness or injury.

8. Permanent Incapacity

8.1 In the event that the Scholar shall be permanently incapacitated the Club shall be entitled to serve a notice upon the Scholar terminating this agreement.

8.2 The minimum length of such notice shall be three months.

8.3 The notice may be served at any time after:

8.3.1 the Scholar is declared to suffer from Permanent Total Disablement as defined in the League's personal accident insurance scheme; or

8.3.2 an appropriately qualified independent medical consultant (the identity of whom shall be agreed between the Club and the Scholar, each acting reasonably, save that in the event that the parties are unable to agree, such individual as shall be appointed by the President or next available officer of the Royal College of Surgeons) certifies that the Scholar has suffered permanent incapacity.

9. Disciplinary Procedure

9.1 The Club shall operate the disciplinary procedure set out in Schedule Two hereto in relation to any allegation that there has been a breach of or failure to observe the terms of this agreement or the Rules.

10. Termination by the Club

10.1 The Club shall be entitled to terminate this agreement by fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Scholar if after due investigation and enquiry it is reasonably satisfied that he:

10.1.1 shall be guilty of Gross Misconduct; or

10.1.2 has failed to heed any final written warning given under the provisions of Schedule Two hereto; or

10.1.3 is convicted of any criminal offence where the punishment consists of an immediate custodial sentence of or exceeding three months.
12. **Termination by the Scholar**

12.1 The Scholar shall be entitled to terminate this agreement by fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Club if the Club shall be guilty of serious or persistent breach of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

12.2 There shall be included in any such notice full particulars of the Scholar’s reasons for terminating the agreement and a copy of it shall be sent to the League, the FA and the PFA.

12.3 Within seven days of receiving a termination notice the Club by written notice served on the Scholar and the League may appeal against the termination and the appeal shall be determined in accordance with the League Rules and the parties shall seek to ensure that such appeal shall be heard within a further 28 days.

12.4 If the Club exercises its right of appeal the termination of this agreement shall not become effective unless and until it shall have been determined that the Scholar was entitled to terminate the agreement pursuant to clause 12.1. Pending such determination the Club may suspend the Scholar.

12.5 Any such termination shall be subject to the rights of the parties provided for in the League Rules.

13. **Cancellation of Registration**

13.1 At any time during the currency of this agreement the Scholar may, by giving fourteen days’ notice in writing to the Club and League, apply for cancellation of his registration, whereupon

13.1.1 the Club may complete and sign a mutual cancellation notification in accordance with the League Rules whereupon this agreement shall terminate (and clause 13.2 shall apply); or

13.1.2 within fourteen days of receipt of any notice of cancellation, the Club may apply for the application to be determined by the League in accordance with Youth Development Rule 273.

13.2 In consequence of such a termination, the Scholar shall not be permitted by the League to be registered as a Player until the expiry of two years from its effective date unless either:

13.2.1 the Club gives its written consent; or

13.2.2 the Club has received compensation for the training and development of the Scholar in accordance with the League Rules.
14. **Holidays**

14.1 The Scholar shall be entitled to five weeks holiday a year, to be taken at a time or times as shall be determined by the Club.

15. **Entire Agreement**

15.1 This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Club and the Scholar and supersedes any and all preceding agreements between the Club and the Scholar.

16. **Jurisdiction and Law**

16.1 This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

17. **Privacy Notice**

17.1 For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") the Scholar acknowledges that the Club, the League, The FA, the PFA and any relevant training body are collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about the Scholar including such data in this contract and using it for all relevant administrative and statistical purposes connected with the Scholar’s education and potential future in professional football and any other purpose as set out in their data protection notices and policies. The League’s, the PFA’s and The FA’s Player Privacy Notice will be provided to you directly during the registration process and/or will be available on their respective websites. The Club’s Data Protection Policy can be found in the Club’s employee handbook.
1. **Introduction**

The disciplinary procedure aims to ensure that the Club behaves fairly in investigating and dealing with allegations of unacceptable conduct with a view to helping and encouraging all Scholars to achieve and maintain appropriate standards of conduct and performance. The Club nevertheless reserves the right to depart from the precise requirements of its disciplinary procedure where the Club considers it expedient to do so and where the Scholar’s resulting treatment is no less fair.

2. **Records**

All cases of disciplinary action under this procedure will be recorded and placed in the Club’s records until deleted in accordance with paragraph 4.2. A copy of the Club’s disciplinary records concerning the Scholar will be supplied to the Scholar at his request.

3. **The Procedure**

The following steps will be taken as appropriate in all cases of disciplinary action:

- **3.1 Investigation**
  
  No action will be taken before a proper investigation has been undertaken by the Club into the matter complained of. If the Club determines the same to be appropriate the Club may by written notice suspend the Scholar for up to fourteen days while the investigation takes place. If the Scholar is so suspended this agreement will continue together with all the Scholar’s rights under it except that during the period of suspension the Scholar will not be entitled to access to any of the Club’s premises except at the prior request or with the prior consent of the Club and subject to such conditions as the Club may impose. The decision to suspend the Scholar will be notified in writing to the Scholar by the Club.

- **3.2 Disciplinary Hearing**
  
  If the Club decides to hold a disciplinary hearing about the matter complained of the Scholar will be given full details in writing of the complaint against him and reasonable notice of the date and time of the hearing. At the hearing the Scholar will be given an opportunity to state his case either personally, through his representative or the PFA.

- **3.2.2** Subject as provided in paragraph 3.2.3 no disciplinary penalty will be imposed without first giving the Scholar the opportunity to state his case.

- **3.2.3** A disciplinary hearing may proceed in the Scholar’s absence and a disciplinary penalty may be imposed if he fails to appear at such hearing after having received proper notice thereof.

3.3 ** Appeals**

- **3.3.1** The Scholar shall have a right of appeal to the Board against any disciplinary decision. The Scholar should inform the Board in writing of his wish to appeal within seven days of the date of notification to him of the decision which forms the subject of such appeal. The Board will conduct an appeal hearing as soon as possible thereafter at which the Scholar will be given a further opportunity to state his case either personally or through his representative. The decision of the Board will be notified to the Scholar in writing within seven days and subject to paragraph 3.3.2 will be final and binding under this procedure.

- **3.3.2** In the event of any sanction being imposed or confirmed in excess of an oral warning the Scholar may by notice in writing served on the Club and the League within seven days of receipt by the Scholar of written notification of the decision of the Board appeal against it to the League and such appeal shall be determined in accordance with the League Rules.

- **3.3.3** If the Scholar exercises any right of appeal as aforesaid any sanction imposed by the Club upon the Scholar shall not take effect until the appeal has been determined and the sanction confirmed, varied or revoked as the case may be.

4. **Disciplinary Penalties and Termination**

- **4.1** At a disciplinary hearing or on an appeal to the Board against a disciplinary decision the Club may dismiss the allegation or if it is proved to the Club’s satisfaction may:

  - **4.1.1** give an oral warning, a formal written warning or after a previous warning or warnings a final written warning to the Scholar;
  - **4.1.2** impose a fine not exceeding the amount of 50% of his monthly salary;
4.1.3 order the Scholar not to attend at any of the Club’s premises for such period as the Club thinks fit not exceeding two weeks; or

4.1.4 where the circumstances set out in Clause 10.1 of this agreement apply, terminate this agreement.

4.2 Any warning or sanction given under this disciplinary procedure will be deleted in the Club’s records after twelve months.

Signed by the Scholar …………………………………………………………………
in the presence of his Parent:

[Signature] …………………………………………………………………

[Address] …………………………………………………………………

………………………………………………………………

[Occupation] ……………………………………………………………….

Signed by [insert name] …………………………………………………………..

for and on behalf of the Club in the presence of:

[Signature] …………………………………………………………………

[Address] …………………………………………………………………

………………………………………………………………

[Occupation] ……………………………………………………………….

Schedule Three

Declaration by Scholar and Parents*

To be signed by the Scholar:

I, (full name) ……………………………………………………………
of (address) ……………………………………………………………
and (email address) ……………………………………………………
certify that the Club has not made any approach to me or engaged in any communication with me or any person connected with me, either directly or indirectly, whilst I was registered with another club in membership of the Premier League or EFL (a “League Club”) save as permitted by the League Rules, nor have I attempted to induce or attempted to induce me to enter into the scholarship agreement dated …………………………… (the “Scholarship Agreement”) by offering me or any person connected with me, either directly or indirectly, a benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, nor have I accepted any such inducement from anybody in connection with the Scholarship Agreement. I agree to be bound by the League Rules.

Signed ………………………………………………………………………

Date ………………………………………………………………………

To be signed by the Parents*:

I, (full name) ……………………………………………………………
of (address) ……………………………………………………………
and (email address) ……………………………………………………
being a person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, and

I, (full name) ……………………………………………………………
of (address) ……………………………………………………………
and (email address) ……………………………………………………
being each a person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, and each certify that the above details are correct and that:

(a) the Club has not made any approach to or engaged in any communication with me, my son or any person connected with me or my son, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by League Rules;
(b) I have not approached or engaged in communication with the Club, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by League Rules;

(c) the Club has not induced or attempted to induce me or anyone connected with me, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to persuade or encourage my son to enter into the Scholarship Agreement; or

(d) so far as I am aware, the Club has not induced or attempted to induce my son or anyone connected with him, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to enter into the Scholarship Agreement.

I acknowledge that the acceptance of any inducement referred to at points (c) and (d), above, and/or engaging in any approach or communication referred to at points (a) and (b), above, constitutes a breach of the League Rules by my son. I further acknowledge and agree that

(e) the League may request that I attend a meeting in person to answer questions relating to the Scholarship Agreement and the payment of any such inducement and/or the engagement in any such approach/communication and/or to produce relevant documents (including, for example, financial records and/or telecommunications records) within a reasonable deadline; and

(f) should I refuse or fail to comply with any request by the League in accordance with point (e), above, the League may refuse to register my son as a Scholar with the Club or suspend or cancel any such registration already in place and any tribunal appointed to consider an alleged breach of League Rules by my son will be entitled to draw an adverse inference against him in those proceedings.

Signed (1) ......................................................  Signed (2) ......................................................

Date .......................................................................................................................
that I have read and agree to be bound by and comply with the Rules of the Premier League and the Youth Development Rules (copies of which can be found on the Premier League website – www.premierleague.com).

Endorsement by Parent+

I, (full name) ............................................................. of (address) ...........................................................

............................................................. Post Code ...........................................

being the Parent (as defined in Premier League Rules) of the above-named Trialist, hereby certify that the above particulars are correct and consent to this application, to the conduct of drug testing on him in accordance with The FA’s Memorandum on Drug Testing and to his receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I further acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR the Premier League shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about the Player including such data contained within this Form for the purpose of discharging its function as a regulatory, administrative and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice. I further certify that I have provided to the above-named Club full written particulars of any medical condition from which the above-named Trialist suffers and I undertake to inform the Club forthwith in writing if any such medical condition arises during the trial period.

Signed by the Parent ............................................................. Date ...........................................

Countersigned by the Trialist ............................................................. Date ...........................................

Signed on behalf of the Club .............................................................

Position ..........................................................................................

Date ..........................................................................................

# to be completed if the Trialist is in age groups Under 9 to Under 13 inclusive (subject to the exception set out in the Youth Development Rules)

§ not more than eight consecutive weeks from the date of commencement

* to be completed if the Trialist is a minor

Notice of Ending of Trial Period (Youth Development Rule 244)

To: The Board

The Premier League

We hereby give notice that the trial period of [name of Trialist]
.............................................................................................. who has been attending the Academy of
.............................................................................................. Football Club on trial ended on [date]
..............................................................................................

Signed .............................................................

Position .............................................................

Date .............................................................
Date ............................................................

Parties
(1) ............................................................ Football Club of ................................................ (“the Club”)
(2) ............................................................ of .................................................................. (“the player”)

whose date of birth is ............................................................

Place of birth .............................................................................. Nationality ..............................................

Countries for which eligible to play (if known) ....................................................................................

Email address of his player’s Parent  .......................................................................................................

Undertakings by the Club
Pursuant to Rule 248 of the Premier League Youth Development Rules (“the Rules”), the Club hereby undertakes that:

1. upon the player reaching the statutory school leaving age applicable in England/ ceasing Full Time Education* it will apply to register the player as an Academy Player at its Academy and having acquired the registration will enter into a Scholarship Agreement with the player in the form annexed to the Rules; and

2. upon the player’s Coaching Curriculum (of which a copy is annexed hereto) or any variation of it being approved under the provisions of Rule 250 of the Rules, to coach the player in accordance therewith until the said Scholarship Agreement is entered into.

Undertakings by the Player
The player hereby undertakes that:

1. he is not registered with nor during the currency of this agreement will he consent to becoming registered with any Premier League or Football League club other than the Club; and

2. upon his Coaching Curriculum or any variation of it being approved as aforesaid, he will participate in the same to the very best of his ability.

I acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that the Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Pre-Registration Agreement and in the annexed player’s Coaching Curriculum for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy.

Undertakings by the Player’s Parent
The player’s parent hereby certifies that:

1. the Club has not made any approach to or engaged in any communication with me, my son or any person connected with me or my son, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;

2. I have not approached or engaged in communication with the Club, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;

3. the Club has not induced or attempted to induce me or anyone connected with me, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to register my son as an Academy Player with the Club or to encourage or facilitate that registration; or

4. so far as I am aware, the Club has not induced or attempted to induce my son or anyone connected with him, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to register with the Club as an Academy Player.

I acknowledge that the acceptance of any inducement referred to at points (3) and (4), above, and/or engaging in any approach or communication referred to at points (1) and (2), above, constitutes a breach of the Youth Development Rules by my son.

I further acknowledge and agree that:
5. The Premier League may request that I attend a meeting in person to answer
questions relating to my son’s proposed registration and the payment of any such
inducement and/or the engagement in any such approach/communication and/or
to produce relevant documents (including, for example, financial records and/or
telecommunications records) within reasonable deadline; and

6. Should I refuse or fail to comply with any request by the Premier League in
accordance with point (5), above, the Premier League may refuse to register my
son as an Academy Player with the Club or suspend or cancel any such registration
already in place and any Commission appointed to consider an alleged breach
of Youth Development Rule 300.3 by my son, in accordance with Section W
(Disciplinary) of the Premier League Rules, will be entitled to draw an adverse
inference against him in those proceedings.

Signed on behalf of the Club

Position

Signed on behalf of the player

Signed by his Parent

Certificate
I certify that the Coaching Curriculum annexed to the Pre-Registration Agreement of
which this is a copy has been approved/not approved* by the Board.

Signed

For and behalf of the Board of the Premier League

Date

Academy Player’s Particulars

Surname ................................................. Other name(s) .................................................
Address ................................................................. Post code ............................
Parent’s email address: ...........................................................
Travelling time from the above address to the principal venues § ...........................................
Date of birth ................................................................. Place of birth ........................................
Nationality † ...............................................................
Countries for which eligible to play (if known) ...............................................................
Other clubs (if any) at which the Academy Player has been registered:
Club ........................................................................... From ................................. To .................................
Club ........................................................................... From ................................. To .................................
School ........................................................................................................................................

Training Model on which the Academy Player is to be engaged:
...........................................................................................................................................

Length of registration: ................................. year(s) [complete as appropriate]
Last day of registration: ................................. 20 .................

[Note: Youth Development Rules 272 to 277 set out the circumstances in which an
Academy Player’s registration can be terminated earlier than the date set out above,
and the consequences of early termination. Further guidance can be obtained from
the Premier League or from the PFA Independent Registration Advisory Service, both of
whose contact details are set out in the Charter for Academy Players and Parents which
the Premier League will send to the Academy Player’s parent when it receives this form.]
Application to Register

We, ....................................................................... Football Club ("the Club"), apply for the Academy Player to be registered at our Academy for the period set out above.

We certify that we have not, either directly or indirectly, made an improper approach to him nor have we induced or attempted to induce him to become registered as an Academy Player with the Club by offering him, or any person connected with him, a benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind.

Signed ...............................................................................
Authorised Signatory

Date ..................................................................................

Endorsement by Academy Player

I consent to the above application and for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") acknowledge that The Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Registration Application for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy. I certify that the above particulars are correct. I further certify that the Club has not made an approach to me or engaged in any communication with me, either directly or indirectly, whilst registered with another club in membership of the Premier League or EFL (a "League Club"), nor has the Club induced or attempted to induce me to become registered with it by offering me or any person connected with me, either directly or indirectly, a benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, nor have I accepted any such inducement from anybody in connection with my registration at the Club. I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Premier League.

Signed ...............................................................................

Date ..................................................................................

Endorsement by Parents*

I, (full name) .............................................................................. of (address) ........................................ Post Code ........................................

I, (full name) .............................................................................. of (address) ........................................ Post Code ........................................

I, being each a person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, and each certify that the above details are correct and consent to:

(a) this application;
(b) the conduct of drug testing on the Academy Player in accordance with the Football Association’s Anti-Doping Regulations;
(c) his receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present;
(d) the Club having access to the Academy Player’s school reports and educational attainment data (including Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 outcomes obtained from the Department for Education);

Furthermore, I certify that:

(e) the Club has not made any approach to or engaged in any communication with me, my son or any person connected with me or my son, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;
(f) I have not approached or engaged in communication with the Club, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;
(g) the Club has not induced or attempted to induce me or anyone connected with me, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to register my son as an Academy Player with the Club or to encourage or facilitate that registration; or
(h) so far as I am aware, the Club has not induced or attempted to induce my son or anyone connected with him, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or
payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to register with the Club as an Academy Player.

I acknowledge that the acceptance of any inducement referred to at points (g) and (h), above, and/or engaging in any approach or communication referred to at points (e) and (f), above, constitutes a breach of the Youth Development Rules by my son.

I further acknowledge and agree that:

(i) the Premier League may request that I attend a meeting in person to answer questions relating to my son’s proposed registration and the payment of any such inducement and/or the engagement in any such approach/communication and/or to produce relevant documents (including, for example, financial records and/or telecommunications records) within a reasonable deadline; and

(j) should I refuse or fail to comply with any request by the Premier League in accordance with point (i), above, the Premier League may refuse to register my son as an Academy Player with the Club or (suspend or cancel any such registration already in place) and any Commission appointed to consider an alleged breach of Youth Development Rule 300.3 by my son, in accordance with Section W (Disciplinary) of the Premier League Rules, will be entitled to draw an adverse inference against him in those proceedings.

Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………..

Date ……………………………………………………………………………………….......

§ to be completed if the Academy Player is in age groups Under 9 to Under 16 inclusive and time restrictions apply to the Club’s registration of Academy Players (see Youth Development Rule 230).

† if the Academy Player last played for a club affiliated to a national association other than the Football Association, unless the Academy Player is aged under 10 years, this Form must be accompanied by written confirmation from the Football Association that an international registration transfer certificate has been issued in respect of the Academy Player.

* to be completed if the Academy Player is a minor. In such case, a declaration in this form must be signed by every Parent (as defined in the Premier League Rules) of the Academy Player.

+ Complete PLYD Form 5A if the Academy Player is to be registered on the Full Time Training Model or PLYD Form 5B if the Academy Player is to be registered on the Hybrid Training Model.
Consent by Academy Player

I acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that the Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Registration Form for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy.

Signed …………………………………………………………………

Date …………………………………………………………….…………..

Consent by Parent to be completed if the Academy Player is a minor

I, (full name) ………………………………………………………………….. of (address) ………………………………… Post Code ……………………………….…..

and email address ………………………being the person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, hereby certify that the above particulars are correct and consent to this application, to the access of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 outcomes obtained from the Department for Education, to the conduct of drug testing on him in accordance with the Football Association's Anti-Doping Regulations and to his receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Signed …………………………………………………………………

Date …………………………………………………………………
Consent by Academy Player

I acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that the Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Registration Form for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy.

Signed .................................................................

Date .................................................................

Consent by Parent to be completed if the Academy Player is a minor

I, (full name) .......................................................... of (address) .............................................

.................................................................................................................................................. Post Code ..........................

and email address .................................................... (and of the above email address) being

the person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, hereby certify that the above particulars are correct and consent to this application, to the access of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 outcomes obtained from the Department for Education, to the conduct of drug testing on him in accordance with the Football Association’s Anti-Doping Regulations and to his receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Signed .................................................................

Date .................................................................

Premier League

Change In Circumstances  (Youth Development Rule 189)

Academy Player’s Particulars

Surname .......................................................... Other name(s) ..........................................................

Address ............................................................. Post Code .............................................

Date of birth ...................................................... Place of birth ..........................................................

Application for Change in Circumstances

1. The reason for the change in circumstances, with reference to any enclosed evidence, is as follows:

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2. We undertake to:

2.1 ensure the Academy Player’s coaching and education are scheduled in accordance with the requirements of the Youth Development Rules and in accordance with the written agreement with his school and Parent, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

2.2 advise the Academy Player’s Parent(s), school and the League immediately if the Club changes or proposes to change any of the above arrangements.

Signed .................................................................

Authorised Signatory

Date .................................................................

Consent by Academy Player

I acknowledge further to the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) that the Football Association Premier League Limited shall be collecting, sharing and otherwise processing Personal Data which may include Special
Categories of Personal Data (both as defined in the GDPR) about me including such data in this Registration Form for the purpose of discharging its functions as a regulatory and governing body of football and otherwise in accordance with the Premier League Player Privacy Notice available at www.premierleague.com/player-privacy-policy.

Signed .................................................................

Date .................................................................

Consent by Parent to be completed if the Academy Player is a minor

I, (full name) ................................................................................. of (address) ..........................................

............................................................................................................................ Post Code ...............................

and email address........................................................................................................ being the person having parental responsibility for the above-named Academy Player, hereby certify that the above particulars are correct and consent to this application to change the circumstances of my son.

Signed .................................................................

Date .................................................................

What is your ethnic group?

(Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background)

A White
- British
- English
- Scottish
- Welsh
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White Background, please write in

B Mixed
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed Background, please write in

C Asian or Asian British
- Indian
- British-Indian
- Pakistani
- British-Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- British-Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- British-Chinese
- Any other Asian background, please write in

D Black or Black British
- Caribbean
- British-Caribbean
- African
- British-African
- Any other Black background, please write in

E Other Background
- Arab
- Other
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer not to disclose my ethnic origin

F Undeclared
- Prefer not to disclose my ethnic origin

Name of Academy Player

Signed

Date

(Parent / Guardian to sign if Academy Player is a minor)
### Premier League

**List of Academy Players (Youth Development Rule 266)**

To: The Board  
The Premier League  

The registrations of the following Academy Players (other than those who have signed a Scholarship Agreement) are held by ....................................................................................................  
Football Club as at the third Saturday in May (year) ........................................................................

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Position ............................................ Date ......................................

(Note: The categories of Academy Players are:  
1. Academy Players whose registration has been retained (indicate "1F" if on Full Time Training Model).  
2. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to retain (indicate "2F" if on Full Time Training Model).  
3. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to terminate.  
4. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to extend to 10 December 2020.)

### PLYD Form 7A

**List of Academy Players (Youth Development Rule 266 and 269)**

To: The Board  
The Premier League  

The registrations of the following Academy Players (other than those who have signed a Scholarship Agreement) are held by ....................................................................................................  
Football Club as at .....................................................................................................................

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Signed ........................................................................................................

Position ............................................ Date ......................................

(Note: The categories of Academy Players are:  
1. Academy Players whose registration has been retained (indicate "1F" if on Full Time Training Model).  
2. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to retain (indicate "2F" if on Full Time Training Model).  
3. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to terminate.  
4. Academy Players whose registration it is intended to extend to 10 December 2020.)
Premier League

Retention/Termination Notification (Youth Development Rules 267.1 and 269.3.1)

For Academy Players entering into age groups under 10, under 11 and under 12

To: [name and address of Academy Player] ..........................................................................................
....................................................................................................................................................................

We, .................................................................................................................................................. Football Club, hereby give you notice that it is our intention to retain/terminate* your registration with effect from the first Saturday in June/the end of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension*.

Signed ........................................................

Position ........................................................

Date ........................................................

* delete as appropriate. If the registration is retained, it is for a period of 1 year pursuant to Rule 253 (subject to Rule 254).

Premier League

Retention/Termination Notification (Youth Development Rules 267.2 and 269.3.2)

For Academy Players entering into age groups under 13 and under 15

To: [name and address of Academy Player] ..........................................................................................
....................................................................................................................................................................

We, .................................................................................................................................................. Football Club, hereby give you notice that it is our intention to retain/terminate* your registration with effect from the first Saturday in June/the end of the Season 2019/20 Registration Extension*. [Your registration will be retained on the Full Time Training Model+.]

Signed ........................................................

Position ........................................................

Date ........................................................

* delete as appropriate. If the registration is retained, it is for a period of two years pursuant to Youth Development Rule 253 (subject to Rule 254).

+ delete if inapplicable
Academy Player’s Registration: Mutual Cancellation Notification
(Youth Development Rule 272.2)

To:  The Board
     The Premier League

The registration of [name of Academy Player] ..........................................................
held by ..........................................................
Football Club has today been cancelled by mutual agreement. Unless otherwise
set out below the Club will retain rights to compensation in respect of the
Academy Player pursuant to the Premier League Youth Development Rules and
the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Player, which (under the Youth
Development Rules) includes a right to receive an initial fee of £...........................
, together with additional contingent fees as set out in Youth Development Rule 334,
in the event that the Academy Player subsequently registers with another Premier
League or Football League club.

Signed by the Academy Player ..........................................................

Date .................................................................................................

Signed by the Parent* ..........................................................

Date .................................................................................................

Signed on behalf of the Club ..........................................................

Position ..........................................................

Date .................................................................................................

* if the Academy Player is aged under 18 years
Youth Development Forms

Response to Scholarship Offer (Youth Development Rule 283)

To: ................................................................. Football Club ("the Club").

I, [name of Academy Player] ................................................................. hereby accept/refuse* your offer in PLYD Form 11 dated .........................

Signed by the Academy Player .................................................................

Signed by his Parent .................................................................

* delete as appropriate

Where the offer in PLYD Form 11 has been accepted by the Academy Player, the following declarations must also be signed:

Endorsement by Academy Player

I certify that the Club has not made an approach to me or engaged in any communication with me or any person connected with me, save as permitted by League Rules, nor have I approached or engaged in any communication with the Club, either directly or indirectly, whilst registered with another club in membership of the Premier League or EFL (a "League Club"); nor has the Club induced or attempted to induce me to accept its offer in PLYD Form 11 by offering me or any person connected with me, either directly or indirectly, a benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, nor have I accepted any such inducement from anybody in connection with my acceptance of the offer. I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Premier League.

Signed ................................................................. Date .................................

To be signed by the Parents*:

I, (full name) ................................................................. of (address) .................................................................

................................................................. Post Code ............................, and

(email address) ........................................................................................................, and

I, (full name) ................................................................. of (address) .................................................................

................................................................. Post Code ............................, and

(email address) ........................................................................................................

being a person having parental responsibility for the above-named Scholar, certify that:

(a) the Club has not made any approach to or engaged in any communication with me, my son or any person connected with me or my son, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;

(b) I have not approached or engaged in communication with the Club, either directly or indirectly, whilst my son was registered with another League Club, save as permitted by the League Rules;

(c) the Club has not induced or attempted to induce me or anyone connected with me, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to persuade or encourage my son to facilitate the acceptance of this PLYD Form 12; or

(d) so far as I am aware, the Club has not induced or attempted to induce my son or anyone connected with him, either directly or indirectly, through any benefit or payment of any description whether in cash or in kind, to accept that offer.

I acknowledge that the acceptance of any inducement referred to at points (c) and (d), above, and/or engaging in any approach or communication referred to at points (a) and (b), above, constitutes a breach of the League Rules by my son. I further acknowledge and agree that

(e) the League may request that I attend a meeting in person to answer questions relating to the Scholarship Agreement and the payment of any such inducement and/or the engagement in any such approach/communication and/or to produce relevant documents (including, for example, financial records and/or telecommunications records) within a reasonable deadline; and

(f) should I refuse or fail to comply with any request by the League in accordance with point (e), above, the League may refuse to register my son as a Scholar with the Club (or suspend or cancel any such registration already in place) and any tribunal appointed to consider an alleged breach of League Rules by my son will be entitled to draw an adverse inference against him in those proceedings.

Signed (1) ................................................................. Date .................................

Signed (2) ................................................................. Date .................................

* A declaration in this form must be signed by every Parent (as defined) of the Academy Player.
Appendices to the Rules
### Appendix 1

**Schedule of Offences**

(Rule F.1.5.3)

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### Appendix 2

**Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Policy**

(Rule J.4)

1. The Premier League and Clubs, to achieve their commitment to inclusion and to removing discrimination, whether by reason of age, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, disability, diversity, gender reassignment or sex, will act as follows:

   • be an equal opportunities employer;
   • encourage and promote similar commitment from every other organisation or individual acting within the game;
   • not tolerate discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal, and take appropriate disciplinary or other action; and
   • support training and awareness raising activities.

2. Each Club shall:

   • hold the Preliminary Level of the Equality Standard by 30 June 2016 for Clubs in Membership in Season 2015/16 or 31 December in the Season following its promotion from The Football League for any other club; and
   • hold the Advanced Level of the Equality Standard by the end of 31 December in the Season two years after the obtaining of the Preliminary Level.

   “Equality Standard” is the award and relevant criteria and standards agreed by Clubs from time to time and as published by the Board.
Appendix 3
Camera Positions

(Appendix 3)

Each Club shall provide at each League Match played at its Stadium positions for television cameras in accordance with the requirements of this Appendix 3, and each such position shall be Hardwired.

1. Pursuant to Rule K.60, and subject to paragraph 2 below, Clubs must provide Hardwired camera positions in the locations shown on:
   1.1 Plan A in respect of League Matches to be broadcast live in the United Kingdom; and
   1.2 Plan B in respect of all other League Matches.

2. In each case, the key to the relevant Plan explains the type of camera required and provides further detail.

3. The Stadium lay-out shown in Plans A and B is indicative only. It is not intended to be an exact representation of a Stadium; rather it is intended to show:
   3.1 where cameras should be placed in relation to the pitch; and
   3.2 the relative height above the pitch of each camera.

4. The League will work with each Club to identify and agree the location of each camera illustrated on the Plans at the Club’s Stadium. This will then be recorded on the Club’s agreed Technical Specification.

CAMERA PLANS: KEY

Numbers in brackets refer to the designated Camera Number.
All camera positions must provide a full and clear view of the whole pitch.
All camera positions are manned, with the exception of camera 13 and cameras 16-21, which are remotely operated cameras.

Main Camera (1)
- Positioned on television gantry exactly on the halfway line facing away from the sun
- Ideal angle is 12-14 degrees from the gantry to the centre spot and 22-24 degrees from the gantry to the near-side touchline
- This camera will be used to provide the main wide-shot coverage of the game

Close-Up Camera (2)
- Positioned on television gantry. Normally located next to the camera 1, it is used to provide closer coverage of the action and player/referee close-ups
- A large lens must be used

Pitch-Side Halfway Camera (3)
- A fixed camera on the half-way line at pitch level on the same side as camera 1
- The position should enable an unobstructed view of the field of play and substitutes’ benches for the fourth Official, and a clear view of the pitch for the Club representatives
- A large lens must be used

Close-Up Camera (4)
- Positioned on television gantry. Normally located next to cameras 1 and 2, it is used to provide closer coverage of the action and player/referee close-ups
- A large lens must be used

Steadicams (5 and 6)
- Up to two hand held portable “steadicams”, each positioned either side of the half-way line on the same side as main camera may work the length of each half but concentrating on a zone extending between the goal-line and 18 yard line
- The cameras should not cause any viewing obstructions to the trainers’ benches and sufficient space must be allowed for Players to warm up
- Host Broadcasters are permitted to use their “steadicams” on the pitch during the pre-match warm up for a short period of time, up until 30 seconds before kick-off and after the final whistle
- Positions and timings to be agreed with each Club at the start of each season

18 Yard Cameras (7 and 8)
- Two cameras installed on the same side as camera 1 at the same level or higher than the main camera positions, facing each of the 18 yard lines. Often used to cover play in a wide angle, but also used for close up coverage
- Large lenses may be used
- (Cameras 5 & 6 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan)

High-Behind Goal Camera (9 and 10)
- Two cameras installed in the stands behind either goal, at a height which permits an unobstructed view of the penalty spot from above the crossbar. Both
Appendices to the Rules

Appendix 3

Cameras need to be able to see the far side goal in its entirety and all four corner flags. Large lenses may be used
- (Camera 8 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan, and only one of the two shown will be used)

Low-Behind Goal Cameras (11 and 12)
- Two cameras, one at each end, at pitch level in fixed positions behind each goal-line, on the side closest to camera 1. Ideally aligned where the six yard line meets the goal-line
- (Camera 7 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan)

Beauty-Shot Camera (13)
- A fixed camera mounted high in the stadium to give a panoramic static shot of the pitch
- This camera is remotely operated
- (Camera 10 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan)

Reverse Angle Camera (14 and 15)
- Two cameras located opposite camera 1 for “reverse-angle” coverage and usually for coverage of the trainers’ benches
- On or close to the centre line
- One of these cameras covers close up shots of the Managers, therefore if your gantry is opposite the trainers’ benches, camera 14 should be included as part of the TV gantry requirement
- Large lenses may be used
- (Camera 9 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan)

Pole Cameras (16 and 17)
- A camera on a pole mount may be used behind goals in front of the advertising boards. They will be rigged at full height, up to the top of the goals. These cameras may be static or mounted on a jib arm. Where a jib style pole cam is in use, Broadcasters will lower the jib arm as low as possible if play is at the opposite end of the pitch

Goal-Line Cameras (18 and 19)
- Two cameras located on the same side as the main camera, level with the goal-line and with an unobstructed view of the whole goal and the goal-line inside the penalty area

Mini-Cameras (20 and 21)
- Mini-cameras may be placed directly behind the goal net but cannot be attached to the net or the actual posts and crossbar. It can be as close to the net as desired as long as it does not touch the net. A mini-camera may therefore be attached to the poles which support the net or the cable connecting the back of the net to the vertical stanchions directly behind the goal

Corner Cameras (22, 23, 24 and 25)
- Options for cameras to be placed in all four corners approximately five metres above the pitch
- Large lenses may be used
- (Camera 9 on the UK Non-Live Camera Plan)

Electronic Newsgathering (ENG) Cameras (26, 27, 28 and 29)
- Four portable ENG cameras at pitch level, behind each goal-line
- These cameras must be positioned outside (nearer the touchline) the cabled Host Broadcaster cameras and would be required to be fixed during each half
- There may be a requirement for these cameras to change ends at half-time

Hi Motion or Big Lens Close Up Cameras (30 and 31)
- Up to four big lens cameras, at pitch level, between the six yard and 18 yard line

ISO and Analysis Cameras (32 and 33)
- Two cameras positioned on the television gantry. If space is not available on the main gantry then suitable positions must be made available near to, and at a similar level to, the main gantry and not more than 20 metres from the half-way line
- Large lenses may be used
Appendix 3

Plan A
UK Live Camera Plan

Plan B
UK Non-Live Camera Plan
Appendix 4  
Medical Examinations and Information to be Conducted / Collected Annually on all Contract Players and Academy Players Registered on Scholarship Agreements  
(Rule O.22)

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**Blood and urine testing:**
- Mandatory
- Doctors may see fit to conduct other investigations
- These stipulated tests are considered the minimum necessary for players on a professional contract

**Immunisation**
- Mandatory
- See FA guidelines on blood borne viruses
- See FA guidelines on blood borne viruses
- Now administered by GPs to scholars
- To reflect work related travel plans for the age-group

Collection of the above information is considered necessary for the safety of the Player to ensure that medical emergencies can be managed appropriately. For tournaments and foreign trips, it is recommended that the responsible clinician has access to these details in case of emergency. Beyond this, no further tests are mandated. However, it is recognised that Clubs will collect more personal information and may justify and undertake more tests, in particular, those Clubs competing in UEFA competitions will be subject to additional obligations under UEFA’s rules.
Appendix 4A
Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool

(Rule O.20)

**Pocket CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL™**
To help identify concussion in children, youth and adults

![FIFA, Olympic, FEI logos]

**RECOGNIZE & REMOVE**
Concussion should be suspected if one or more of the following visible clues, signs, symptoms or errors in memory questions are present.

1. **Visible clues of suspected concussion**
Any one or more of the following visual clues can indicate a possible concussion:
- Loss of consciousness or responsiveness
- Lying motionless on ground/Slow to get up
- Unsteady on feet / Balance problems or falling over/Incoordination
- Grabbing/Clutching of head
- Dazed, blank or vacant look
- Confused/Not aware of plays or events

2. **Signs and symptoms of suspected concussion**
Presence of any one or more of the following signs or symptoms may suggest a concussion:
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizure or convulsion
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- More emotional
- Irritability
- Sadness
- Fatigue or low energy
- Nervous or anxious
- “Don’t feel right”
- Difficulty remembering
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Feeling slowed down
- “Pressure in head”
- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Amnesia
- Feeling like “in a fog”
- Neck Pain
- Sensitivity to noise
- Difficulty concentrating

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3. **Memory function**
Failure to answer any of these questions correctly may suggest a concussion

- “What venue are we at today?”
- “Which half is it now?”
- “Who scored last in this game?”
- “What team did you play last week/game?”
- “Did your team win the last game?”

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed medically. Athletes with a suspected concussion should not be left alone and should not drive a motor vehicle.

It is recommended that, in all cases of suspected concussion, the player is referred to a medical professional for diagnosis and guidance as well as return to play decisions, even if the symptoms resolve.

**RED FLAGS**
If ANY of the following are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the field. If no qualified medical professional is available, consider transporting by ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Athlete complains of neck pain
- Increasing confusion or irritability
- Repeated vomiting
- Secure or convolution
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Severe or increasing headache
- Unusual behaviour change
- Double vision

**Remember:**
- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid
  (Danger, response, airway, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to do so
- Do not remove helmet (if present) unless trained to do so.


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Appendix 5
Code of Conduct for Managers

(Rule P.1)

1. A Manager shall strictly observe the terms of his contract with his Club and shall not (either by himself or through any third party) enter into negotiations with another Club (or club) relating to his employment without having first obtained the permission of his Club to do so.

2. A Manager shall not, either directly or indirectly (including by making any statement to the media):
   2.1 make an approach to a Contract Player with a view to the Manager’s Club negotiating a contract with such Player except as permitted by either Rule T.1 or Rule T.2;
   2.2 make an approach to an Academy Player registered at the Academy of another Club (or club) or a player with whom another Club (or club) has entered into a pre-registration agreement which remains current; or
   2.3 make an approach to any other employee of another Club (or club) with a view to inducing or attempting to induce such employee to terminate a contract of employment with that Club (or club), whether or not by breach of that contract, except with the written consent of the Club (or club) by which he is employed.

3. A Manager shall comply with the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association (including, without limitation, The Football Association Regulations on Working with Intermediaries), the Rules of the Premier League, the rules of any competition in which his Club participates and his Club Rules (collectively “the Rules”) and he shall not encourage or invite any person (including Players and other employees of his Club) to act in breach of the same but shall take all possible steps to ensure that they comply with them.

4. A Manager shall use his best endeavours to ensure that there is in force at his Club a fair and effective disciplinary policy applicable to Players and other employees under his control and that it is applied consistently.

5. A Manager shall not use racist or other discriminatory language. A Manager’s behaviour should demonstrate to Players and other employees under his control that discrimination in any form is unacceptable. A Manager shall use all possible steps to ensure that others in his control adopt the same standards of behaviour in this regard.

6. A Manager shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that Players and other employees under his control accept and observe the authority and decisions of Match Officials and to promote the highest standards on the field of play generally.

7. A Manager shall not make public any unfair criticism of any Match Official or any other Manager or any Player, Official or employee of his or another Club.

8. A Manager shall ensure that he understands and acts in accordance with his Club’s written transfer policy (see Rule H.4).

9. In all discussions, negotiations, transactions and arrangements relating to the employment of Players by his Club (“Player Transactions”) including, without limitation, the renewal or renegotiation of existing contracts or any related contracts or arrangements involving his Club and a Player and/or third party (for example, involving his Club’s or a Player’s intellectual property rights, including the exploitation of name or image), a Manager shall, in addition to his duty to act in accordance with the club’s written transfer policy, act with the utmost good faith and in accordance with his primary duty to act in the best interests of his Club.

10. A Manager shall at all times observe the principles of honesty, transparency, accountability and personal impartiality (whether financial or otherwise) in his dealings involving Player Transactions.

11. A Manager shall forthwith disclose to his Club the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest or any conflict or potential conflict of interest he may have in any transaction or arrangement involving his Club (including, without limitation, any Player Transaction), he shall not be involved in the same without the written consent of his Club, and, if such consent is granted, he shall account to his Club for any benefit which either directly or indirectly he derives therefrom.

12. If a Manager is in any doubt as to whether there exists any interest or conflict (actual or potential) to be disclosed as required by paragraph 11 above, he may consult with the League Managers Association for guidance and advice.

13. Upon becoming aware of any breach of the Rules, including by way of example only, any financial or other benefit or inducement offered in connection with a Player Transaction in breach of the Rules, a Manager shall immediately report such breach in writing to the League.
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14. A Manager shall conduct himself at all times in an ethical and professional manner and shall observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.

15. A Manager shall take all possible steps to promote the reputation of the game of association football and to prevent it being brought into disrepute.

Appendix 6

Code of Conduct for Clubs

(Rule P.2)

1. In all discussions, negotiations and transactions relating to the employment of Managers, each Club shall behave towards each other Club with the utmost good faith.

2. A Club shall not (either directly or through any third party) enter into negotiations relating to the employment of another Club’s Manager without the prior permission of that Club.

3. A Club shall not take any steps (including the making of statements to the media) to induce another Club’s Manager to act in breach of the terms of his contract with his Club.

4. A Club shall strictly observe the terms of its contract with its Manager and, in particular, if on the determination of the contract any sum is payable by the Club to the Manager, the Club shall ensure that prompt settlement is made.
Appendix 7  
Standard Clauses  
for inclusion in Managers’ Contracts of Employment

(Rule P.8.1)

1. The Manager shall observe and comply with the rules and regulations for the time being in force of any organisation or body the rules and regulations of which the Club is bound to observe including those of The Football Association and the League and in particular he shall at all times act in accordance with the League’s Code of Conduct for Managers.

2. The Manager shall comply with all reasonable instructions and requests
   (a) given to Club Managers by the League or
   (b) given to the Manager by the Club
which arise in the first case out of any commercial contract entered into by the League for the benefit of its members or in the second case out of any such contract entered into by the Club for its own benefit and the Manager shall not himself enter into any such contract which conflicts or competes or is reasonably likely to conflict or compete with those entered into by the League or by the Club as aforesaid.

3. Any dispute or difference arising between the parties hereto as to the construction of this Agreement or the rights duties or obligations of either party hereunder or any matter arising out of or concerning the same or the Manager’s employment hereunder shall be referred to the Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with the Rules of the League for the time being in force. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this clause [3] and without prejudice thereto, the parties shall use and until the conclusion of the arbitration shall continue to use their best endeavours to attempt to reach a settlement of their dispute by mediation.

[Note : The names and addresses of organisations offering an appropriate mediation service are available upon application to the League.]

Appendix 8  
Code of Conduct for Scouts

(Rule Q.7)

1. The function of a Scout is to identify to his Club players with whom his Club may wish to enter into negotiations with a view to securing their registration. Scouts are not themselves entitled to enter into any such negotiations nor are they able to make promises to or offer inducements to any players whom they approach.

2. Scouts are employed by and represent their Clubs and are Officials within the meaning of the Rules of the Premier League (“the Rules”) by which they are bound.

3. Scouts must therefore be familiar with the Rules and in particular those relating to Academy Players set out in the Youth Development Rules. They must maintain an awareness of and at all times comply with the Rules setting out the circumstances in which their Club may make an approach to a Player or Academy Player (as defined in the Rules) whose registration is held by another Club. In addition, those Scouts that come into contact with and/or have access to Children as part of their duties must familiarise themselves with (and abide by) their Club’s safeguarding policies and procedures and the League’s ‘Guidance for Safer Working Practice’.

4. When acting in the course of his duties a Scout shall at all times carry the formal means of identification issued to him by his Club and/or the League and shall produce the same upon demand.

5. Scouts are responsible for the conduct of their contacts and shall be liable for any act or omission by a contact which constitutes a breach of the Rules.

6. Scouts shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting their role as Officials of their Clubs and shall take all possible steps to promote the reputation of the game of association football and to prevent it being brought into disrepute.

7. A Scout shall forthwith disclose to his Club the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest he may have in any transaction or arrangement involving his Club and he shall account to his Club for any benefit which either directly or indirectly he derives therefrom.

8. A Scout shall conduct himself at all times in an ethical and professional manner and shall observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
Appendix 9
Standard Clauses
for inclusion in replica Strip manufacturers’ contracts

(Rule R.16)

1. [The manufacturer’s name] (“the Company”) will not itself or through any officer of the Company or any person authorised to act on behalf of the Company:-

   1.1 include in a contract for sale or agreement relating to the sale of replica football kit a term or condition which purports to establish or provide for the establishment of minimum prices to be charged on the resale of replica football kit in the United Kingdom ;

   1.2 require, as a condition of supplying replica football kit to a dealer, the inclusion in a contract or agreement of any such term or condition, or the giving of any undertaking to the like effect ;

   1.3 notify to dealers, or otherwise publish on or in relation to replica football kit, a price stated or calculated to be understood as the minimum price which may be charged on the resale of those goods the replica football kit in the United Kingdom ; or

   1.4 withhold supplies of replica football kit from a dealer seeking to obtain them for resale in the United Kingdom on the ground that the dealer:

      1.4.1 has sold in the United Kingdom at a price below the resale price replica football kit obtained, either directly or indirectly, from the Company, or has supplied such replica football kit, either directly or indirectly, to a third party who had done so ; or

      1.4.2 is likely, if the replica football kit is supplied to him, to sell it in the United Kingdom at a price below that price, or supply it, either directly or indirectly, to a third party who would be likely to do so.

In this subclause 1.4, “resale price” in relation to a sale of any description, means any price notified to the dealer or otherwise published by or on behalf of the Company as the price or minimum price which is to be charged on or is recommended as appropriate for a sale of that description, or any price prescribed or purporting to be prescribed for that purpose by a contract or agreement between the dealer and the Company.

2. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing shall prevent the Company from recommending resale prices to dealers provided no impression is given that, in doing so, the Company is notifying a minimum price.

3. The Company may, notwithstanding any of the foregoing, withhold supplies from a dealer, or cause or procure a supplier to do so, if it has reasonable cause to believe that within the previous 12 months the dealer, or any other dealer to whom the dealer supplies goods, has been using as a loss-leader any replica football kit whether or not obtained from the Club.
Appendix 10
Notice to Manufacturer Licensed to Manufacture and Distribute Club Replica Strip

(Rule R.17)

1. You will not:
   1.1 include in a contract for sale or agreement relating to the sale of replica football kit a term or condition which purports to establish or provide for the establishment of minimum prices to be charged on the resale of replica football kit in the United Kingdom;
   1.2 require, as a condition of supplying replica football kit to a dealer, the inclusion in a contract or agreement of any such term or condition, or the giving of any undertaking to the like effect;
   1.3 notify to dealers, or otherwise publish on or in relation to replica football kit, a price stated or calculated to be understood as the minimum price which may be charged on the resale of replica football kit in the United Kingdom; or
   1.4 withhold supplies of replica football kit from a dealer seeking to obtain them for resale in the United Kingdom on the ground that the dealer:
      1.4.1 has sold in the United Kingdom at a price below the resale price* replica football kit obtained, either directly or indirectly, from you, or has supplied such replica football kit, either directly or indirectly, to a third party who had done so; or
      1.4.2 is likely, if the replica football kit is supplied to him, to sell it in the United Kingdom at a price below that price, or supply it, either directly or indirectly, to a third party who would be likely to do so.

2. You shall not be prevented from recommending resale prices to dealers provided no impression is given that, in doing so, you are notifying a minimum price.

3. You may, notwithstanding any of the foregoing, withhold supplies from a dealer, or cause or procure a supplier to do so, if it has reasonable cause to believe that within the previous 12 months the dealer, or any other dealer to whom the dealer supplies goods has been using as a loss-leader any replica football kit whether or not obtained from the Club.

*In this paragraph 1.4.1 “resale price” in relation to a sale of any description means any price notified to the dealer or otherwise published by you as the price or minimum price which is to be charged on or is recommended as appropriate for a sale of that description, or any price prescribed or purporting to be prescribed for that purpose by a contract or agreement between the dealer and you.

Appendix 11
Regulations of the Professional Football Compensation Committee

Definitions

1. In these Regulations:
   1.1 “Club” means a football club in membership of the Premier League or the Football League;
   1.2 “Compensation Fee” means any sum of money (exclusive of Value Added Tax) payable by a Transferee Club to a Transferor Club upon the transfer of the registration of a Player;
   1.3 “the Football League” means The Football League Limited;
   1.4 “PFNCC” means the Professional Football Negotiating and Consultative Committee;
   1.5 “Player” means a player who is the subject of an application to the Professional Football Compensation Committee (“the Committee”) pursuant to Regulation 2 of these Regulations;
   1.6 “the Premier League” means The Football Association Premier League Limited;
   1.7 “Secretary” means the person or body appointed by the PFNCC to administer these Regulations;
   1.8 “Transferee Club” means a Club to which the registration of a Player has been transferred; and
   1.9 “Transferor Club” means a Club from which the registration of a Player has been transferred.

Jurisdiction

2. The Committee shall determine applications made pursuant to:
   2.1 Premier League Rules T.38, V.27.2 and Youth Development Rules 329 and 343.2;
   2.2 Football League Regulations 63.20, 63.21, 63.22, 67.5 and Football League Youth Development Rules 329 and 343.2;
   2.3 appeals from a decision of the Board of the Football League made pursuant to Football League Regulation 66.1.

3. In making a determination as aforesaid, the Committee shall take into account the costs set out in Regulation 4 and any of the following criteria:
   3.1 the status of each of the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club;
   3.2 the age of the Player;
   3.3 the Training Model(s) (as that term is defined in Youth Development Rule 1.87) on which the Player was engaged with the Transferor Club.
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3.4 the amount of any fee paid by the Transferor Club upon acquiring the registration of the Player;
3.5 the length of time during which the Transferor Club held the registration of the Player;
3.6 the terms of the new contract offered to him by both the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club;
3.7 his playing record including any international appearances;
3.8 substantiated interest shown by other clubs in acquiring the registration of the Player.

4. The costs to be taken into account under Regulation 3 shall be:

4.1 any cost incurred by either Club in operating an Academy, a Football Academy or Centre of Excellence including (without limitation) the cost of providing for players attending thereat:
   4.1.1 living accommodation
   4.1.2 training and playing facilities;
   4.1.3 scouting, coaching, administrative and other staff;
   4.1.4 education and welfare requirements;
   4.1.5 playing and training strip and other clothing;
   4.1.6 medical and first aid facilities; and
   4.1.7 friendly and competitive matches and overseas tours,

4.2 any other cost incurred by either Club directly or indirectly attributable to the training and development of players including any fee referred to in Regulation 3.3.

Composition of the Committee

5. The Committee shall be composed of:

5.1 an independent chairman with an appropriate legal background who, subject to the prior written approval of the Premier League, the Football League and The Professional Footballers’ Association, shall be appointed by the PFNCC in such terms as it thinks fit;
5.2 an appointee of each of the leagues of which the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club are members or, if the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club are both members of the same league, an appointee of that league;
5.3 an appointee of The Professional Footballers’ Association;
5.4 an appointee of The League Managers’ Association.

6. If the chairman of the Committee is unable to act or to continue acting as such in the determination of any application, the PFNCC shall appoint in his stead a person with an appropriate legal background.

7. If following his appointment any other member of the Committee is unable to act or to continue acting, his appointor may appoint a replacement so that the composition of the Committee is maintained as provided in Regulation 5.

8. If the members of the Committee fail to agree, they shall decide by a majority provided that, if the Committee is composed of an even number of members, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Committee Procedures

9. The parties to proceedings before the Committee shall be the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club.

10. Proceedings shall be commenced by either party making a written application to the Secretary:
   10.1 identifying the respondent Club and the Player;
   10.2 setting out the facts surrounding the application including the criteria referred to in Regulation 3;
   10.3 identifying any documents relied upon, copies of which shall be annexed; and
   10.4 in the case of an application made by a Transferor Club, giving full particulars of the costs set out in Regulation 4.

11. Each Club which is a party in proceedings shall pay an administration fee to the Secretary the amount of which will be determined by the PFNCC from time to time.

12. Upon receipt of an application the Secretary shall:
   12.1 procure that for the purpose of determining the application the Committee is composed in accordance with Regulation 5;
   12.2 send a copy of the application and any documents annexed to it to the chairman;
   12.3 send a copy of the same by recorded delivery post to the respondent.

13. Within 14 days of receipt of the copy application the respondent shall send to the Secretary by recorded delivery post a written response to the application, annexing thereto copies of any documents relied upon, and, in the case of a response by a Transferor Club, giving full particulars of the costs set out in Regulation 4.
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24. The Committee shall give reasons for its decision.

25. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.

Fees and Expenses

26. The chairman and members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive fees and expenses in such sum or sums as shall be determined by the PFNCC from time to time.

Committee’s Powers

27. Upon determining an application made in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, the Committee may make an order with regard to the amount and payment of a Compensation Fee and any other order as it thinks fit.

Amendments

28. No amendment to these Regulations shall be proposed or made without the prior written approval of the Premier League, the Football League and the Professional Footballers’ Association.
Appendix 12
Code of Conduct for Academy Players of Compulsory School Age

(Youth Development Rule 197)

Prior to signing this Code of Conduct and registering the Academy Player at its Academy, full discussion has taken place and agreement has been reached between the Academy, the Academy Player and the parents as to the educational, technical and match programme to be provided by the Academy to the Academy Player.

(“the Academy Player”) has the potential to become a footballer at the highest level and will be registered as an Academy Player at the ...............................................................FC (“the Club”).

Both the Academy Player and the Academy Player’s parents understand that the Club is committed to the Academy Player’s well being, future development and realisation of potential, but that the level of achievement ultimately reached cannot be guaranteed.

In registering the Academy Player at its Football Academy, the Club, the parents and the Academy Player agree to the following Code of Conduct.

The Club agrees to provide
• a safe environment in which the Academy Player can learn and develop without fear of abuse
• medical screening, monitoring and support for the Academy Player
• a structured football learning programme, appropriate to the age, ability and growth of the Academy Player
• participation in football matches arranged or approved by the Premier League
• trained, screened and qualified coaching and other staff and facilities as determined by the Rules governing Academies
• guidelines to the Academy Player and parents on the best ways for them to contribute to the Academy Player’s football and personal development
• educational support (in consultation with the Academy Player’s school) for the continued academic and personal development of the Academy Player
• regular communication and reports to the Academy Player and parents on the Student’s progress
• a Code of Conduct and Rules for its Academy

The Academy Player agrees to
• attend the Academy regularly and punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice of and reasons for any absence
• practise the techniques and skills taught by the Academy and attempt to apply them in matches
• participate in football matches outside normal school hours only as specified by the Academy
• attend school regularly and punctually, complete school assignments and behave at school as at the Academy
• follow a lifestyle appropriate to development – spending leisure time positively; eating, drinking, relaxing and sleeping sensibly
• adhere to the Club’s Code of Conduct and Rules for its Academy

The Parents agree to
• encourage and help the Academy Player meet targets, including this Code of Conduct and the Club’s Code of Conduct and Rules for its Academy
• support the Academy Player without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticising lapses
• set a good example to the Academy Player
• respect the opportunity given to the Academy Player and not approach or permit any other person to approach any other club during the currency of this registration except as allowed under the Rules governing Academies
• communicate with the Academy staff, keeping them informed about matters affecting the Academy Player
• permit the Academy Player to play only football matches outside normal school hours as specified by the Academy
• adhere to the Club’s Code of Conduct and Rules for its Academy
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We, the undersigned, agree to the Academy Code of Conduct

Name ................................................................................................ ..........................................................................
Signature.........................................................................................

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Football Club
Academy Player
Parents

Note: This Code of Conduct should be signed in quadruplicate, one copy being provided to the Academy Player, one to his parents, one being submitted to the League in accordance with Youth Development Rule 257 and the fourth being retained by the Club.

Appendix 13
Terms of Reference for the Judicial Panel

A. Introduction
1. At their 6 February 2020 Shareholders’ Meeting, the Premier League’s Member Clubs resolved to establish a Judicial Panel in accordance with the provisions of these Terms of Reference, from which individuals will be appointed to assist with disciplinary, arbitral and regulatory issues arising under the Premier League Rules (‘Rules’), including (without limitation) the following sections: Section W (Disciplinary); Section Y (Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal); Section Z (Premier League Appeals Committee) and the Youth Development Rules (‘YDRs’).

B. Chair of the Judicial Panel

Appointment
2. The Chair of the Judicial Panel shall be appointed by resolution of Clubs at a Shareholders’ Meeting for a term of five years (with no reappointment). Where the term is curtailed by the resignation of the Chair, the Board shall be empowered to appoint an interim Chair of the Judicial Panel from those individuals appointed to the Judicial Panel until such time as a permanent replacement is appointed by a resolution of Clubs.

Experience and expertise
3. The individual appointed to the role of Chair of the Judicial Panel shall ordinarily meet the following criteria:
   3.1 be a barrister or solicitor of at least fifteen years’ post-qualification experience;
   3.2 hold recent, relevant experience of involvement in sports disciplinary matters;
   3.3 hold extensive knowledge of:
      3.3.1 best practice in conducting sports disciplinary matters and arbitrations; and
      3.3.2 ancillary relevant legal subjects, such as competition law and commercial law and arbitration; and
   3.4 have a working knowledge and awareness of the Rules.

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Duties and responsibilities

4. The Chair of the Judicial Panel shall be responsible for:
   4.1 appointing suitable individuals to the Disciplinary Panel and Appeals Panel, through an open recruitment process (which may include seeking nominations or suggestions from various stakeholder groups within English football, which the Chair may or may not accept), ensuring where reasonably practicable that the appointees and their respective skills at all times comply with the provisions of paragraph 7, below;
   4.2 appointing individual members of the Judicial Panel to sit on Commissions, Appeal Boards, tribunals and otherwise, as provided for in the Rules;
   4.3 where appropriate, and pursuant to paragraph 20, below, appointing on an ad-hoc basis individuals who are not members of the Judicial Panel, but whom he considers would be suitable for the particular appointment, to sit on Commissions, Appeal Boards, tribunals and otherwise, as provided for in the Rules;
   4.4 where appropriate, sitting as a member of an Appeal Board (whether as chair or otherwise);
   4.5 where appropriate, considering and adjudicating on preliminary issues that arise under the Rules;
   4.6 attending a meeting of the Legal Advisory Group on an annual basis to present on the work of the Judicial Panel over the preceding year; and
   4.7 carrying out such other functions as reasonably requested by the Board from time to time, including the organisation of training for members of the Judicial Panel.

5. The Chair of the Judicial Panel shall, at his discretion, appoint a deputy chair from the membership of the Judicial Panel to assist with such tasks as he thinks fit. He may also delegate any administrative and/or secretarial function required by his role to any other member or employee of his chambers or firm, as appropriate.

C. Composition of the Judicial Panel

6. The Judicial Panel shall comprise a Disciplinary Panel and an Appeals Panel, appointments to which shall be the responsibility (and at the discretion) of the Chair of the Judicial Panel, save that no member of the Judicial Panel shall:
   6.1 be a representative or employee of the League;
   6.2 be an Official or Director of a Club (or club in membership of the EFL);
   6.3 accept any instruction, whether appearing as advocate or otherwise, from a party to any proceedings or process under the Premier League Rules; or
   6.4 subject to any of the matters set out in Rule F.1.

Disciplinary Panel

7. The Disciplinary Panel shall ordinarily comprise:
   7.1 legally qualified individuals, each of greater than ten years’ post-qualification experience (whether as a barrister or solicitor);
   7.2 authorised insolvency practitioners;
   7.3 individuals who hold nationally recognised qualifications as accountants or auditors; and
   7.4 individuals with extensive and demonstrable experience in football administration and/or youth development.

8. Each member of the Disciplinary Panel shall (unless proscribed under the Rules) be eligible to:
   8.1 sit as a member of a Commission, appointed under Section W;
   8.2 sit as a member of an appeal tribunal appointed under Rule E.36 or Rule F.16;
   8.3 in the case of an arbitration under Rule P.12 and Section Y (Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal) of the Rules, sit as a member of a Managers’ Arbitration Tribunal or as a single arbitrator;
   8.4 sit as a member of the Premier League Appeals Committee, in accordance with Section Z of the Rules; and
   8.5 assist with such other matters as are referred to the member by the Chair of the Judicial Panel and arising from the Rules including, for example, an application by an Academy Player to have his registration terminated in accordance with YDR 276.

Appeals Panel

9. The Appeals Panel shall ordinarily comprise individuals who: (a) are barristers or solicitors of no fewer than fifteen years’ post-qualification experience; and/or (b) hold or have held judicial office.

10. Each member of the Appeals Panel (and the Chair of the Judicial Panel) shall be eligible to sit as a member of an Appeal Board appointed under Section W (as well as any of the entities referred to in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4, above).

D. Term and termination

11. Subject to paragraph 13, below, the term of each member of the Judicial Panel shall be 10 years. At the end of that term, the member may be reappointed for a further term by the Chair of the Judicial Panel, at his absolute discretion.
12. A member of the Judicial Panel appointed for any purpose provided for by the Rules may continue to act on the matter for which he was so appointed notwithstanding that his term of office has expired, with the permission of the Chair of the Judicial Panel. Where the Chair of the Judicial Panel does not grant such permission, any questions as to the future progress of the matter shall be determined by the Chair of the Judicial Panel at his absolute discretion.

13. The appointment of any member of the Judicial Panel (including the Chair) shall cease before the conclusion of the applicable term if:
   13.1 by notice in writing to the Chair of the Judicial Panel, the member resigns from the Judicial Panel;
   13.2 the member accepts a position that would render the member ineligible from appointment to the Judicial Panel, in accordance with paragraph 6, above;
   13.3 the member becomes subject to any of the matters set out in Rule F.1;
   13.4 in the opinion of the Chair of the Judicial Panel:
      13.4.1 the member becomes physically or mentally incapable of discharging his duties as a member of the Judicial Panel; and/or
      13.4.2 the member has refused or failed to conduct proceedings properly and/or efficiently and expeditiously and in either case substantial injustice has as a result been caused to a party to such proceedings.

E. Miscellaneous

14. The Chair of the Judicial Panel shall be remunerated for his role as Chair by way of an annual fee or salary, payable by the League (with the level of fee agreed for the entire term at the start of the term). The terms of his appointment shall, at the start of the term, be subject to the approval of the Premier League’s Audit and Remuneration Committee.

15. Each member of the Judicial Panel will be paid a daily rate for his work on matters covered in these Terms of Reference, the level of which shall be agreed by the League and the Chair of the Judicial Panel and subject to the approval of the Premier League’s Audit and Remuneration Committee. In addition, members of the Judicial Panel may be reimbursed for any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred during the course of their work.

16. Liability for payment of the sums referred to at paragraph 15, above, shall be determined in accordance with the Rules and, in particular, the provisions empowering Commissions, Tribunals and Appeal Boards to impose cost orders. Where the Rules are silent as to liability for payment of the sums referred to at paragraph 15, above, the matter shall be referred to the Chair of the Judicial Panel to determine in such manner as he thinks fit.

17. No amendment to these Terms of Reference shall be made without the approval of Clubs at a General Meeting. Any amendment made pursuant to this paragraph 17 shall be effective immediately and shall be binding on all members of the Judicial Panel, including the Chair, all Clubs and the League.

18. Any hearings, appeals, deliberations or proceedings of any description held pursuant to or arising from the Rules which are in progress as of 6 February 2020 shall continue in full force and effect, without variation, with any individuals validly appointed to conduct such matters under any iterations of the Rules previously in force fully empowered to conclude those matters, whether or not those individuals are (or become) members of the Judicial Panel.

19. Save where specifically defined in these Terms of Reference, capitalised terms bear the meaning given to them in the Premier League’s Articles of Associations and/or the Rules (including the YDRs).

20. Notwithstanding all of the above, the Chair of the Judicial Panel may, in his absolute discretion, when appointing Commissions, Appeal Boards, tribunals and otherwise, as provided for in the Rules, appoint on an ad hoc basis individuals who are not members of the Judicial Panel but whom he considers would be suitable for the particular appointment (and for the period of their temporary appointment each such person will be considered a member of the Judicial Panel). It is anticipated that the Chair of the Judicial Panel will exercise this power only in exceptional circumstances (for example, where specific and/or unforeseen knowledge or expertise is required). Those individuals appointed on an ad hoc basis will be subject to the same daily rates and the same approach to expenses reimbursement as members of the Judicial Panel.
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COVID-19 – Season 2020/21 Training Protocols

A. Introduction

1. The public health crisis associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create unprecedented challenges for the Premier League and Clubs. While Season 2019/20 was ultimately concluded, due to the hard work and care of Clubs, Players and Staff, those challenges remain in place for Season 2020/21 and require similar diligence on behalf of all parties to ensure that:

   i. Players and Staff continue to be able to train in as safe an environment as possible
   ii. Clubs can re-commence Academy and Development Centre training activity in a similarly safe environment
   iii. Government support for all such activity is maintained

2. As Clubs are aware, in May 2020, Government mandated a phased return to group training. The two training phases are: (i) small group training incorporating social distancing (‘Stage One’); and (ii) close contact training, with interaction by Players and Staff within the two-metre social distancing boundary (‘Stage Two’).

3. This document sets out a series of uniform operating procedures, applicable to all Clubs, to ensure that Players and Staff continue to conduct training (and Academy Players return to training) in as safe an environment as possible and that Government support for that training remains in place. It has been produced following consultation with a range of stakeholders and with the agreement of Clubs.

4. It is divided into the following sections:

   i. A protocol applicable to Clubs’ first team training operations (the ‘First Team Protocol’, section B, below)
   ii. A protocol applicable to Clubs’ Academy training operations as they relate to the Professional Development Phase (the ‘PDP Protocol’, section C, below)
   iii. A protocol applicable to Clubs’ Academy training operations as they relate to the Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase and their Development Centre programme (the ‘Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase)’, section D, below)

5. For the avoidance of doubt, in line with Rule O.1, nothing in these Protocols replaces, reduces or affects in any way the obligations imposed on Clubs by statute and/or common law in the fields of medicine, occupational health and/or health and safety. Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this document bear the meaning given to them in the Rules (including the Youth Development Rules).

B. First Team Protocol

Overview

6. This First Team Protocol is divided into:

   i. obligations binding on Clubs and incorporated into the Rules, a breach of which will be dealt with under Section W (Disciplinary) of those Rules. These obligations are set out in numbered paragraphs 7 to 28 and apply principally to the following individuals (collectively referred to in this Protocol as ‘ Relevant Persons’):

      a. Players; and
      b. Club employees, consultants and contractors essential for the performance of first team training (including coaches, analysts, doctors, physios, sport scientists and other members of the Club’s medical team, but not including security staff, cleaners or members of the Club’s catering staff);

   ii. non-binding guidance issued by the Premier League to assist Clubs and facilitate compliance with their obligations to ensure the safest possible environment at any site where the Club conducts coaching or training of its first team Players (‘Training Ground’). This guidance is in italicised text following the obligation to which it relates. Further guidance will continue to be issued by the League in accordance with Government advice.

Policies and procedures

7. Each Club must, by no later than the date on which they commence pre-season training for Season 2020/21 (pursuant to paragraph 13i, below), conduct an updated formal inter-disciplinary risk assessment of the Training Ground and all activities to be carried out within the Training Ground while Relevant Persons are present, with specific regard to:

   i. the optimisation of social distancing and all hygiene measures specified by Government during the COVID-19 pandemic
   ii. modification of training facilities and the Training Ground environment to mitigate risk, within the context of Stage Two training
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either case, the individual shall take leadership responsibility for devising and administering the COVID-19 operational policy and managing compliance with that policy and this First Team Protocol.

The COVID-19 Risk Assessment must consider what steps are necessary to minimise the risk to all individuals who will be present at the Training Ground, whether or not they are a Relevant Person, and must contain provision for any individuals considered to be ‘clinically vulnerable’ or ‘clinically extremely vulnerable’ in line with Government guidance. Each Training Ground is a place of work and should be risk assessed for environmental hazards which may compromise the health of all Players and Staff (whether or not they are Relevant Persons). All reasonable measures should be taken to mitigate the risks identified. All Clubs must be aware that the public health crisis created by COVID-19 presents new challenges to the health and well-being of their employees. New occupational health measures will need to be identified and implemented both to aid compliance with government guidelines on social distancing and to directly reduce the risk of inadvertent viral transmission.

The Premier League has produced a range of resources to assist Clubs in meeting the obligations in paragraphs 7 to 9:

- A skeleton framework to assist Clubs in formulating a risk assessment template (produced in conjunction with Team Doctors), included at Appendix 14.4
- A Football Specific Risk Assessment and Training Design Guidance Document. The risk assessment should be led by the ‘Designated COVID-19 Officer’ in consultation with one or more members of the first team technical coaching staff. Further, Clubs may wish to identify a member of their first team technical coaching staff as the ‘COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator’ with responsibility for risk assessing each training session and adopting appropriate modifications, where possible, so as to eliminate all unnecessary close contact between Relevant Persons. To assist with the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and the work of the ‘COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator’, the Premier League has issued detailed guidance set out at Appendix 14.5
- The Premier League has issued template wording to each Club to be used in obtaining the agreement referred to at paragraph 9, above, to ensure consistency.

10. In respect of all training undertaken in accordance with this Protocol, each Club must retain (and deliver to the League or its appointee on request) all:

- training schedules and session plans
- performance training data (including GPS) produced by the Club’s Players
- video or other recordings of the training

Guidance
The Designated COVID-19 Officer should be either: (a) a senior employee who holds appropriate qualifications and/or is appropriately experienced in health and safety but who is not part of the Club’s medical team; or (b) a consultant or external specialist with such experience and/or qualifications, who reports directly to a board-level employee. In
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Guidance
In the event that any of the evidence listed in paragraph 10 is requested by the Premier League, it shall be used by the Premier League solely in relation to the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with this Protocol and any associated disciplinary or other proceedings. The Premier League shall not disclose it further, save where compelled to do so by a court or other competent authority.

The Premier League retains a range of investigatory powers under Section W (Disciplinary) of the Rules, which it will utilise in the event of any suspicion or allegation of a breach of this Protocol. The Premier League intends to use inspectors to monitor compliance with this First Team Protocol at all times when Relevant Persons are present at the Training Ground.

Testing
12. Where there is a requirement to submit to a CAT in this Protocol, the CAT will be conducted in accordance with the process administered by the League.

13. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. before pre-season training for Season 2020/21 begins (meaning the first Stage Two group training session conducted at the Training Ground featuring more than one Player, following the Club’s last competitive first team match of Season 2019/20) each Relevant Person has submitted to a CAT, which has returned a negative result
   ii. each Relevant Person continues to submit to CATs at such frequency as is required by the League

Guidance
The requirement at paragraph 13i applies, for example, to a Player returning for pre-season training in advance of Season 2020/21, any newly registered Player, any Academy Player training with Relevant Persons for the first time or any new member of Staff.

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The Premier League retains a range of investigatory powers under Section W (Disciplinary) of the Rules, which it will utilise in the event of any suspicion or allegation of a breach of this Protocol. The Premier League intends to use inspectors to monitor compliance with this First Team Protocol at all times when Relevant Persons are present at the Training Ground.

Return from international travel
11. Each Club must ensure that no Relevant Person who travels outside of the UK is permitted to attend the Training Ground following that international travel unless they:
   i. have complied with all applicable Government guidance regarding post-travel quarantine measures; and
   ii. save where dispensation has been granted by the Premier League in advance, have submitted to a COVID-19 RT-PCR Antigen Test (‘CAT’), which has returned a negative result

Guidance
The requirement to submit to a CAT referred to at paragraph 11, is in addition to the requirement set out in paragraph 13, below, which applies to all Relevant Persons, irrespective of whether they have travelled overseas.

Dispensation will be granted by the Premier League under paragraph 11ii. where the travel outside the UK is necessary in order to participate in one or more matches in the UEFA Champions League or Europa League, during which time all Relevant Persons who have travelled have engaged in a UEFA-mandated CAT programme.

Where a Relevant Person travels outside the UK following a call-up by his respective national representative team, the League will consider whether dispensation should be granted on a case-by-case basis, considering a range of factors, such as: (i) the territory/ies to which the Relevant Person has travelled; (ii) applicable Government guidance in respect of such territory/ies; and (iii) whether or not the Relevant Person has engaged in a CAT regime comparable to the Premier League’s while overseas. In considering these factors, the League will seek to ensure (where possible and considering the applicable risks in each case) that no Club is unduly disadvantaged or prejudiced by complying with mandatory requests to provide Relevant Persons for international duty.

12. Where there is a requirement to submit to a CAT in this Protocol, the CAT will be conducted in accordance with the process administered by the League.

13. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. before pre-season training for Season 2020/21 begins (meaning the first Stage Two group training session conducted at the Training Ground featuring more than one Player, following the Club’s last competitive first team match of Season 2019/20) each Relevant Person has submitted to a CAT, which has returned a negative result
   ii. each Relevant Person continues to submit to CATs at such frequency as is required by the League

Guidance
The requirement at paragraph 13i applies, for example, to a Player returning for pre-season training in advance of Season 2020/21, any newly registered Player, any Academy Player training with Relevant Persons for the first time or any new member of Staff.

The start date of pre-season training (and therefore the date by which the obligation at paragraph 13 will not apply until the first training session following the conclusion of the Club’s participation in either competition.

Where, prior to the relevant first pre-season training session, a Relevant Person attends the Training Ground to receive medical attention or to engage in individual rehabilitation or treatment, he will not need to have submitted to a CAT in advance in order to do so.

14. In respect of each CAT taken by a Relevant Person, the Team Doctor must:
   i. assess and contemporaneously record whether the individual submitting to the CAT is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 at the time that the CAT is taken
   ii. be the individual responsible for the receipt and co-ordination of all CAT results.

15. Each Club must comply with any action plan published by the League from time to time in relation to any instance of a positive CAT result for one of its Relevant Persons and/or record of any symptoms of COVID-19
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Guidance
The testing process administered by the League will operate as follows:

• The timing of any CAT will be agreed by the Team Doctor
• The CAT samples will be collected by an independent practitioner at an agreed location. Individuals will be given appointments to attend and submit samples. It is envisaged that a drive through testing station will be used so that the time each individual spends at the testing station is minimised
• The Team Doctor will be made aware of CAT results approximately 24 to 48 hours after the laboratory receive the samples
• The League will receive anonymised reports of the test results at the same time as the Club receive their individual identifiable results
• All Clubs must ensure that Relevant Persons are present for CATs at the times prescribed by their Club
• The testing program will be funded by the League, which will provide all reasonable logistical support to ensure that the program runs effectively

Training - arrival and preparation

16. Each Club must ensure that:

i. Every Relevant Person complies with applicable Government guidance on transport when travelling to and from the Training Ground

ii. Arrangements for the arrival and departure of Relevant Persons at/from the Training Ground are designed so as to ensure social distancing can be maintained at all times

iii. Prior to entering the site, the following individuals complete a screening protocol to detect symptoms of COVID-19 infection in a manner devised by the Team Doctor (which will ordinarily include a non-invasive temperature check and a medical questionnaire):

a. each Relevant Person

b. each individual who is not a Relevant Person but who will be accessing any area where Relevant Persons will be present (whether any building or temporary structure situated within the Training Ground or any pitch or other outdoor training area)

iv. Where there is to be any use of office space by Relevant Persons at the Training Ground and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground by Relevant Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) prior to training:

a. such congregation is considered as part of the Club’s COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and

b. social distancing is maintained at all times

v. At any time when one or more Relevant Person(s) is/are present at the Training Ground, it permits other individuals (ie, individuals who are not Relevant Persons) to be present at the Training Ground only where absolutely necessary, where such presence is strictly in accordance with this First Team Protocol, the PDP Protocol and the Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase) and where such individuals:

a. maintain social distancing in respect of one another and in respect of all Relevant Persons while at the Training Ground; and

b. save where expressly permitted by this First Team Protocol, the PDP Protocol or the Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase) are prohibited from accessing any area in which Relevant Persons are present (whether any building or temporary structure situated within the Training Ground or any pitch or other outdoor training area)

vi. The layout and any use of dressing rooms are designed so as to ensure social distancing can be maintained at all times

17. Manual therapy of Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) prior to training is permitted, provided that:

i. The Team Doctor is informed in all cases (in advance) of the manual therapy to be conducted and the clinical indication necessitating such therapy and is required to authorise all manual therapy episodes exceeding 15 minutes in duration

ii. Subject to paragraphs 17iii and iv, below, in order to minimise the risk of viral transmission, it is conducted outdoors wherever possible

iii. Routine massage of Players by Staff must not last longer than 15 minutes

iv. Where a therapy treatment is to exceed 15 minutes in duration:

a. It must be conducted in consultation with (and subject to the prior authorisation of) the Team Doctor

b. The Player receiving the treatment must be notified in advance of PHE guidance in respect of prolonged medical treatment (in particular, the...
Implications in the event of a positive CAT returned by the Relevant Person performing the therapy and must provide his consent to the therapy following that notification.

Guidance
As part of the Club’s COVID-19 operational policy, all Relevant Persons must agree to observe personal hygiene and social distancing measures as outlined by the UK Government whenever possible.

The Designated COVID-19 Officer will decide the maximum number of people permitted to congregate in a defined area at any time, in line with social distancing requirements. It is expected that each Club will reduce the footfall of their Training Ground significantly.

Players are able to follow their usual preparation for training in gym and studio areas as long as appropriate social distancing is maintained and items of equipment are disinfected after each use. Players should be made aware that social distancing restrictions will limit the free availability of these areas and that a booking system may need to be in place to ensure that each Player is able to access the disinfected equipment they require.

Players are encouraged to wear a snood or face covering wherever practicable whilst indoors at the Training Ground, given that this measure reduces hand-mouth contact and reduces the risk of viral transmission.

Clubs are encouraged to operate a one-way system of movement around their Training Ground to minimise the risk of inadvertent or unnecessary close contact with another person.

Where paragraph 17 refers to an obligation that therapy be conducted outdoors, Clubs may satisfy that requirement by conducting the treatment in a ‘dome’ or other spacious, covered structure.

Training – procedure and progression
18. Each Club must ensure that all group training complies with the template set out at Appendix 14.1A.

19. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Relevant Persons refrain from spitting whilst at the Training Ground
   ii. Relevant Persons maintain social distancing in respect of one another (and of all non-Relevant Persons) when entering and leaving the pitch before and after group training.

Training – warm-down and injury prevention programs
20. Manual therapy of Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) following training is permitted, provided that the provisions of paragraph 17, above, are complied with.

21. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. any ice bath utilised by a Player is single occupancy only
   ii. cryogenic chambers are not utilised by any Player

Guidance
Players are permitted to follow their customary post-training exercise program in the gymnasium as long as social distancing is practised at all times and all items of gym equipment are disinfected after each use.

Players are able to access essential treatment from medical and physiotherapy Staff as long as the number of people per room is kept to a minimum at all times and such treatment is pre-approved by the Team Doctor. The maximum number of people permitted in any area at one time will be clearly recorded in the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and all Staff should be made aware of these restrictions.

Training – exit
22. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. All facilities for the use of showers or baths within the Training Ground are modified to ensure social distancing is maintained at all times
   ii. Where there is to be any use of office space by Relevant Persons at the Training Ground and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground by Relevant Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) following training:
      a. such congregation is considered as part of the Club’s COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and
      b. social distancing is maintained at all times
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Cardiac and respiratory screening
24. Each Club must ensure that it conducts ongoing risk assessments of every Player who attends the Training Ground for potential respiratory and/or cardiac complications associated with COVID-19, in accordance with the protocol set out in Appendix 14.2, and to record the results of such assessments.

Guidance
The protocol at Appendix 14.2 was produced in conjunction with Club cardiologists.

Living arrangements and isolation
25. Each Club must require all Relevant Persons to:
   i. Comply with Government requirements regarding isolation and social distancing whilst not at the Training Ground (whether at their own homes or otherwise)
   ii. Ensure that if they or a member of their household experience symptoms of COVID-19 whilst they are not at the Training Ground:
      a. they inform the Team Doctor immediately
      b. they stay at home unless advised otherwise by the Team Doctor
      c. under no circumstances do they attend the Training Ground for further assessment

Training Ground hygiene overnight protocol
26. Each Club must ensure that, every day, after all training activity has been completed and all Relevant Persons (and PDP Persons, where appropriate) have vacated the Training Ground, cleaning of the Training Ground is undertaken in accordance with the processes set out in Appendix 14.3.

Guidance
In addition to the cleaning requirements of paragraph 26 and Appendix 14.3, Clubs are recommended to engage in more substantial, industrial-scale ‘deep cleansing’ of the Training Ground on a regular basis.

Transition between Protocols
27. No individual, whether a Player, Academy Player, member of Staff or otherwise may become a Relevant Person (and thereby engage in training activities permitted under this First Team Protocol with other Relevant Persons) unless they have first:

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Guidance
While use of office space, the canteen and meeting room is now permitted, subject to the provisions of paragraph 22, above, Clubs may still wish to organise session planning and tactical meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Any meetings with non-Relevant Persons (such as Parents and/or intermediaries) should, where possible, still be by teleconference or videoconference.

Contractually required engagement by Relevant Persons with a broadcaster, sponsor or other commercial partner (whether a Club partner or Premier League partner) is permitted at the Training Ground where it cannot be achieved virtually, provided that:

• Such activity is assessed as part of the Club’s COVID-19 Risk Assessment
• Any non-Relevant Person attending the Training Ground as part of such activity confirms in advance their agreement to the Club’s COVID-19 operational policy
• Social distancing and hygiene protocols are maintained at all times

Personal protective equipment (‘PPE’)
23. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Any member of Staff performing essential physiotherapy or soft tissue treatment wears appropriate PPE throughout the treatment, which must include (as a minimum):
      - Fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR)
      - Disposable gloves
   ii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment disposes of their gloves in between attending each Player and puts on clean replacements after handwashing and before seeing the next Player
   iii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment replaces their face mask whenever it becomes moist or soiled
   iv. Where a member of Staff is conducting an examination of a Player’s mouth, head or ear, nose and throat areas, they wear a fluid resistant visor and a disposable plastic apron
   v. All used PPE items are disposed of in a yellow bin, with clinical waste removed from the Training Ground site at least once every 14 days
   vi. Hand sanitiser dispensers are freely available throughout the Training Ground premises, handwashing facilities are clearly signposted and soap dispensers are adequately filled at all times
i. Returned a negative CAT in accordance with paragraph 13, above; and

ii. Confirmed their agreement in writing to the Club’s COVID-19 operational policy in accordance with paragraph 9, above

Friendly matches

28. Clubs may engage in friendly or training matches with teams comprising non-Relevant Persons at the Training Ground, whether or not the individuals representing the opponent team are subject to the CAT process administered by the League, provided that:

i. The staging of such matches is risk assessed by the Club as part of its COVID-19 Risk Assessment

ii. Any individual who is not a Relevant Person but who is participating in or present at such a match (whether as a player, match official or essential member of staff) has confirmed their agreement in writing in advance to the Club’s COVID-19 operational policy

iii. Social distancing is maintained at all times prior to, during (for all non-playing individuals) and after the match

iv. Facilities (including dressing rooms) are modified as necessary to ensure segregation between Relevant Persons and non-Relevant Persons

Guidance

The provisions of paragraph 28 permit Clubs to engage in pre-season friendly matches against sides taken from their cohort of Academy Players (whether PDP Players or Youth Players) as well as sides from other Clubs or clubs. It also permits the use of referees who are not subject to the League-administered CAT process.

However, there should be no ‘mixing’ of teams to create a team of Relevant Persons and non-Relevant Persons. Any player (whether a PDP Player or Youth Player) who is to play as part of a team including Relevant Persons must first comply with the provisions of paragraph 27, above.

C. PDP Protocol

Overview

29. Given the elite nature of training in the Professional Development Phase (as recognised by Government) and the possible transition of Academy Players in the Professional Development Phase into the first team environment, it is necessary to implement a bespoke Protocol for such training that adopts many of the features of the First Team Protocol. Nevertheless, each Club must ensure that no aspect of its training of Academy Players in the Professional Development Phase impacts upon its ability to comply in full with their obligations under the First Team Protocol.

30. This PDP Protocol applies to all training conducted by a Club of Academy Players in the Professional Development Phase, whether that training is conducted at the Training Ground or at an alternative training facility utilised for the training of Academy Players (‘Academy Training Ground’). It is divided into:

i. obligations binding on Clubs and incorporated into the Rules, a breach of which will be dealt with under Section W (Disciplinary) of those Rules. These obligations are set out in numbered paragraphs 31 to 53 and apply principally to the following individuals (collectively referred to in this PDP Protocol as ‘PDP Persons’):

a. Academy Players in the Professional Development Phase, either registered to the Club or on trial (‘PDP Players’); and

b. Club employees, consultants and contractors essential for the performance of training of PDP Players and/or compliance by the Club with their responsibilities under the Youth Development Rules (including coaches, analysts, educators, safeguarding staff, doctors, physios, sport scientists and other members of the Club’s medical team, but not including security staff, cleaners or members of the Club’s catering staff);

ii. non-binding guidance issued by the Premier League to assist Clubs and facilitate compliance with their obligations to ensure the safest possible environment at any site where the Club conducts coaching or training of its Players. This guidance is in italicised text following the obligation to which it relates. Further guidance will continue to be issued by the League in accordance with Government advice.
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Stage One

31. No Club may engage in Stage Two training until they have first engaged in Stage One training in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 32 to 34 and 44, below for (i) a period of one week, or (ii) three sessions of training, whichever is completed quicker.

32. Prior to engaging in Stage One training, each Club must conduct a formal interdisciplinary risk assessment of the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and all activities to be carried out within the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground while PDP Persons are present, with specific regard to:
   i. the optimisation of social distancing and all hygiene measures specified by Government during the COVID-19 pandemic
   ii. modification of training facilities and the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground environment to mitigate risk
   iii. any relevant Government guidance
   the ‘PDP Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment’, the results of which must be provided to the League on request.

33. Prior to engaging in Stage One training, each Club must devise and implement a PDP COVID-19 operational policy, which must:
   i. Reflect the Club’s PDP Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment
   ii. Be agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer
   iii. Identify an individual as the ‘Designated PDP COVID-19 Officer’
   iv. Identify an individual as the ‘Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer’
   v. Be communicated to every PDP Person (and where the PDP Person is a minor, their Parent)
   vi. Be submitted to the League by no later than the date on which it intends to begin training of PDP Players in advance of Season 2020/21 (and re-submitted to the League as soon as possible following any revisions agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer)

vii. Include a framework to support the education and familiarisation of all PDP Persons (and where such PDP Persons are minors, their Parents) with regard to the Club’s PDP COVID-19 operational policy

viii. Include guidance as to the process by which a PDP Person (or their Parents on their behalf) can opt out of the policy at a later date, should they choose to do so (in which case, they will not be permitted to attend the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground)

Guidance

Clubs should review the guidance set out below paragraph 9 of the First Team Protocol and the resources provided by the League, set out in Appendices 14.4 and 14.5.

Where PDP Persons will be involved in training activity within the Training Ground, Clubs may combine the PDP Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment and the risk assessments referred to in paragraphs 7, 56 and 59 into one document. However, where training of PDP Players will take place at an Academy Training Ground, Clubs are recommended to conduct separate risk assessments for each site.

The Designated PDP COVID-19 Officer may be the same person as the Club’s Designated COVID-19 Officer. If both roles are not held by the same person, the Designated PDP COVID-19 Officer should:

• report to the Club’s Designated COVID-19 Officer
• be either: (a) a senior Academy employee who holds appropriate qualifications and/or is appropriately experienced in health and safety but who is not part of the Club’s medical team; or (b) a consultant or external specialist with such experience and/or qualifications, who reports directly to a board-level employee. In either case, the individual must take leadership responsibility for devising and administering the PDP COVID-19 operational policy and managing compliance with that policy and this PDP Protocol

The Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer may be the Team Doctor, the Academy Doctor or another suitably qualified medical doctor.

34. Each Club must ensure that, before any PDP Person attends the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), they have provided written confirmation (in such terms as are approved by the Premier League) that they have received and agree to be bound by the Club’s PDP COVID-19 operational policy. Where the PDP Person is a minor, written confirmation should also be provided by a Parent.
Stage Two

35. Prior to engaging in Stage Two training, each Club must:
   i. carry out a further inter-disciplinary risk assessment that builds upon PDP Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment and encompasses the following risk considerations (the ‘PDP Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment’):
      a. modification of training facilities and the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) environment to mitigate risk, within the context of Stage Two training
      b. modification of training exercises and coaching to minimise close contact of PDP Persons with each other and with other individuals, within the context of Stage Two training
   ii. revise its PDP COVID-19 operational policy to reflect its PDP Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment (and ensure that the revised operational policy is agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer)
   iii. educate and familiarise all PDP Persons (and, where the PDP Person is a minor, their Parent) with regard to its revised PDP COVID-19 operational policy and ensure that each PDP Person (and their Parent, where appropriate) has provided written confirmation (in such terms as are approved by the Premier League) that they have received and agree to be bound by the Club’s revised PDP COVID-19 operational policy before they participate in Stage Two training
   iv. submit its revised PDP COVID-19 operational policy to the League

Guidance
The PDP Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment should be led by the Designated PDP COVID-19 Officer in consultation with one or more members of the Academy technical coaching staff. Further, Clubs may wish to identify a member of their Academy technical coaching staff as the ‘PDP COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator’ with responsibility for risk assessing each training session and adopting appropriate modifications, where possible, so as to eliminate all unnecessary close contact between PDP Persons.

To assist with the PDP Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment and the work of the PDP COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator, the Premier League has issued detailed guidance set out at Appendix 14.5.

The Premier League has issued template wording to each Club to be used in obtaining the agreement referred to at paragraph 35, to ensure consistency.

36. In respect of all training undertaken in accordance with this PDP Protocol, each Club must retain (and deliver to the League or its appointee on request) all:
   i. training schedules and session plans
   ii. performance training data (including GPS) produced by the Club’s Players
   iii. video or other recordings of the training

Guidance
In the event that any of the evidence listed in paragraph 36 is requested by the League, it shall be used by the Premier League solely in relation to the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with this Protocol and any associated disciplinary or other proceedings. The Premier League/EFL shall not disclose it further, save where compelled to do so by a court or other competent authority.

The Premier League intends to use inspectors to monitor compliance at all times with this Protocol at Premier League Club Academies when Academy Players and Staff are present at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground.

Location of Training

37. Each Club must ensure that, where it intends to conduct training of PDP Players at the Training Ground (as opposed to the Academy Training Ground):
   i. where practicable, it schedules such training so as to ensure that it takes place when no Relevant Persons are present at the Training Ground
   ii. where compliance with paragraph 37i is not practicable, measures are implemented to ensure:
      a. social distancing between Relevant Persons and PDP Persons is maintained in all areas of the Training Ground; and
      b. save as permitted by the First Team or PDP Protocol, PDP Persons are prohibited from accessing any area in which Relevant Persons are present

Return from international travel

38. Each Club must ensure that no PDP Person who travels outside of the UK is permitted to attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground following that international travel unless they have complied with any applicable Government guidance regarding post-travel quarantine measures.
Management of COVID-19 symptoms

39. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. all PDP Persons comply with Government guidance regarding management of COVID-19 symptoms experienced by them or any member of their household, including any ‘test and trace’ guidance or policy implemented by Government
   ii. in the event that a PDP Person develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any point:
      a. they self-isolate for ten days or until symptoms resolve (whichever is the later); and
      b. members of the PDP Person’s household self-isolate for 14 days

Training – arrival and preparation

40. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Every PDP Person complies with applicable Government guidance on transport when travelling to and from the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground
   ii. Arrangements for the arrival and departure of PDP Persons at/from the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) are designed so as to ensure social distancing can be maintained at all times
   iii. Prior to entering the site, the following individuals complete a screening protocol to detect symptoms of COVID-19 infection in a manner devised by the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer (which will ordinarily include a non-invasive temperature check and a medical questionnaire):
      a. each PDP Person
      b. each individual who is not a PDP Person but who will be accessing any area where PDP Persons are present (whether any building or temporary structure situated within the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground or any pitch or other outdoor training area)
   iv. Where there is to be any use of office space by PDP Persons at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground by PDP Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, classrooms, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) prior to training:
      a. such congregation is considered as part of the Club’s PDP Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and
      b. social distancing is maintained at all times

41. Clubs may permit Parents of PDP Players to attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) to observe training, provided that it ensures that each such Parent:
   i. Has agreed in writing to be bound by the Club’s PDP COVID-19 operational policy before entering the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground; and
   ii. Maintains social distancing in respect of all individuals who are not members of their household (whether Academy Persons, Relevant Persons, PDP Persons or otherwise)

42. Manual therapy of PDP Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) prior to training is permitted, provided that:
   i. The Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer is informed in all cases (in advance) of the manual therapy to be conducted and the clinical indication necessitating such therapy and is required to authorise all manual therapy episodes exceeding 15 minutes in duration
   ii. Subject to paragraphs 42iii and iv, below, in order to minimise the risk of viral transmission, it is conducted outdoors wherever possible
   iii. Routine massage of PDP Players by Staff must not last longer than 15 minutes
   iv. Where a therapy treatment is to exceed 15 minutes in duration:
      a. It must be conducted in consultation with (and subject to the prior authorisation of) the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer; and
44. Where a Club has complied with paragraph 31, above and is therefore able to engage in Stage Two training, it must ensure that such Stage Two training complies with the template set out at Appendix 14.1.A.

45. Each Club must ensure that (in respect of all training, whether as part of the Stage One or Stage Two training phase):
   i. PDP Persons refrain from spitting whilst at the Training Ground
   ii. PDP Persons maintain social distancing in respect of one another (and of all non-PDP Persons) when entering and leaving the pitch before and after group training

Guidance
Where a Club is engaging in Stage Two training and where the nature of the training session makes it impossible to maintain social distancing, PDP Persons should reposition themselves to a minimum of two metres apart as soon as the training practice or drill allows. Clubs should prepare and assess all training or practice drills so as to eliminate all unnecessary close contact between PDP Persons.

46. Manual therapy of PDP Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) following training is permitted, provided that the provisions of paragraph 42, above, are complied with.

47. Each Club must ensure that (in respect of all training, whether as part of the Stage One or Stage Two training phase):
   i. any ice bath utilised by a PDP Player is single occupancy only
   ii. cryogenic chambers are not utilised by any PDP Player

Guidance
PDP Players are permitted to follow their customary post-training exercise program in the gymnasium as long as social distancing is practised at all times and all items of gym equipment are disinfected after each usage.

PDP Players are able to access essential treatment from medical and physiotherapy Staff as long as the number of people per room is kept to a minimum at all times and such treatment is pre-approved by the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer. The maximum number of people permitted in any area at one time will be clearly recorded in the relevant PDP COVID-19 Risk Assessment and all Staff should be made aware of these restrictions.

PDP Players are encouraged to wear a snood or face covering wherever practicable whilst at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground, given that this measure reduces hand-mouth contact and reduces the risk of viral transmission.

Clubs are encouraged to operate a one-way system of movement around their Training Ground/Academy Training Ground to minimise the risk of inadvertent or unnecessary close contact with another person.

Where paragraph 42 refers to an obligation that therapy be conducted outdoors, Clubs may satisfy that requirement by conducting the treatment in a ‘dome’ or other spacious, covered structure.

Training – warm-down and injury prevention programs

Training – procedure and progression

43. Each Club must ensure that all group training of PDP Players within Stage One complies with the template set out at Appendix 14.1.
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Training – exit

48. Each Club must ensure that (in respect of all training, whether as part of the Stage One or Stage Two training phase):
   i. All facilities for the use of showers or baths within the Training Ground and Academy Training Ground are modified to ensure social distancing is maintained by PDP Persons at all times
   ii. Where there is to be any use of office space by PDP Persons at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground by PDP Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, classrooms, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) after training:
      a. such congregation is considered as part of the Club’s COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and
      b. social distancing is maintained at all times

Guidance
While use of office space, the canteen and meeting room is now permitted, subject to the provisions of paragraph 48, above, Clubs may still wish to organise session planning and tactical meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Any meetings with non-PDP Persons (such as Parents and/or intermediaries) should still be by teleconference or videoconference.

Personal protective equipment (‘PPE’)

49. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Any member of Staff performing essential physiotherapy or soft tissue treatment wears appropriate PPE throughout the treatment, which must include (as a minimum):
      - Fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR)
      - Disposable gloves
   ii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment dispenses of their gloves in between attending each PDP Player and puts on clean replacements after handwashing and before seeing the next PDP Player
   iii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment replaces their face mask whenever it becomes moist or soiled
   iv. Where a member of Staff is conducting an examination of a PDP Player’s mouth, head or ear, nose and throat areas, they wear a fluid resistant visor and a disposable apron
   v. All used PPE items are disposed of in a yellow bin, with clinical waste removed from the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) at least once every 14 days
   vi. Hand sanitiser dispensers are freely available throughout the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), handwashing facilities are clearly signposted and soap dispensers are adequately filled at all times

Cardiac and respiratory screening

50. Each Club must ensure that it conducts ongoing risk assessments of every PDP Player who it envisages will be required to attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) for potential respiratory and/or cardiac complications associated with COVID-19, in accordance with the protocol set out in Appendix 14.2, and to record the results of such assessments.

Guidance
The protocol at Appendix 14.2 was produced in conjunction with Club cardiologists.

Living arrangements and isolation

51. Each Club must require all PDP Persons to:
   i. Comply with Government requirements regarding isolation and social distancing whilst not at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) (whether at their own homes or otherwise)
   ii. Ensure that if they or a member of their household experience symptoms of COVID-19 whilst they are not at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate):
      a. they inform the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer immediately
      b. they stay at home unless advised otherwise by the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer
      c. under no circumstances do they attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground for further assessment
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Transition between Protocols

52. No individual, whether a Player, Youth Player, member of Staff or otherwise may become a PDP Person (and thereby engage in training activities permitted under this PDP Protocol with other PDP Persons) unless they have first confirmed their agreement in writing to the PDP COVID-19 operational policy in accordance with paragraph 33, above. Where the individual is a minor, their Parent must also confirm their agreement in writing.

Guidance
Pursuant to paragraph 52, Academy Players from younger age groups may train with PDP Persons, but only after confirming their agreement to the Club’s PDP COVID-19 operational policy.

Friendly matches

53. Clubs may engage in friendly or training matches with teams comprising non-PDP Persons at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), provided that:

i. The staging of such matches is risk assessed by the Club as part of its COVID-19 PDP Risk Assessment

ii. Any individual who is not a PDP Person but who is participating in or present at such a match (whether as a player, match official or essential member of staff) has confirmed their agreement in writing in advance to the Club’s PDP COVID-19 operational policy (and, where the individual is a minor, their Parent has also confirmed their agreement)

iii. Social distancing is maintained at all times prior to, during (for all non-playing individuals) and after the match

iv. Facilities (including dressing rooms) are modified as necessary to ensure segregation between PDP Persons and non-PDP Persons

Guidance
The provisions of paragraph 53 permit Clubs to engage in pre-season friendly matches against sides taken from younger age groups in their Academy and/or other Clubs (or clubs).

However, there should be no ‘mixing’ of teams to create a team of PDP Persons and non-PDP Persons unless any player who is to play as part of a team including PDP Persons has first complied with the provisions of paragraph 52, above.

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D. Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase)

Overview

54. This Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase) applies to all training conducted by a Club of Academy Players in the Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase, together with all Development Centre training activity, whether (in all cases) that training is conducted at the Training Ground or at an Academy Training Ground. It is divided into:

i. obligations binding on Clubs and incorporated into the Rules, a breach of which will be dealt with under Section W (Disciplinary) of those Rules. These obligations are set out in numbered paragraphs 55 to 75 and apply principally to the following individuals (collectively referred to in this Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase) as ‘Academy Persons’):

a. Academy Players in the Foundation Phase or Youth Development Phase, either registered to the Club or on trial, together with all players in attendance at Development Centres operated by the Club (‘Youth Players’); and

b. Club employees, consultants and contractors essential for the performance of training of Youth Players or players training at the Club’s Development Centre and or compliance by the Club with their responsibilities under the Youth Development Rules (including coaches, analysts, educators, safeguarding staff, doctors, physios, sport scientists and other members of the Club’s medical team, but not including security staff, cleaners or members of the Club’s catering staff);

ii. non-binding guidance issued by the Premier League to assist Clubs and facilitate compliance with their obligations to ensure the safest possible environment at any site where the Club conducts coaching or training of the sort referred to in paragraph 54. This guidance is in italicised text following the obligation to which it relates. Further guidance will continue to be issued by the League in accordance with Government advice.

Policies and Procedures

Stage One

55. No Club may engage in Stage Two training until they have first engaged in Stage One training in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 56 to 58 and 61, below for (i) a period of one week, or (ii) three sessions of training, whichever is completed quicker.
56. Prior to engaging in Stage One training, each Club must conduct a formal inter-disciplinary risk assessment of the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and all activities to be carried out within the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground while Academy Persons are present, with specific regard to:
   i. the optimisation of social distancing and all hygiene measures specified by Government during the COVID-19 pandemic
   ii. modification of training facilities and the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) environment to mitigate risk
   iii. any relevant Government guidance

   the ‘Academy Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment’, the results of which must be provided to the League on request.

57. Prior to engaging in Stage One training, each Club must devise and implement an Academy COVID-19 operational policy, which must:
   i. Reflect the Club’s Academy Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment
   ii. Be agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer
   iii. Identify an individual as the ‘Designated Academy COVID-19 Officer’
   iv. Identify an individual as the ‘Designated Academy COVID-19 Medical Officer’
   v. Be communicated to every Academy Person (and where such Academy Persons are minors, their Parents)
   vi. Be submitted to the League by no later than the first date on which training of Youth Players will take place in advance of Season 2020/21 (and re-submitted to the League as soon as possible following any revisions agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer)
   vii. Include a framework to support the education and familiarisation of all Academy Persons (and where such Academy Persons are minors, their Parents) with regard to the Club’s Academy COVID-19 operational policy
   viii. Include guidance as to the process by which an Academy Person (or Parent, on behalf of an Academy Person who is a minor) can opt out of the policy at a later date, should they choose to do so (in which case, they will not be permitted to attend the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate))

Guidance
Clubs should review the guidance set out below paragraph 9 of the First Team Protocol and the resources provided by the League, set out in Appendices 14.4 and 14.5.

Where Academy Persons will be involved in training activity within the Training Ground, Clubs may combine the Academy Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment and the risk assessments referred to in paragraphs 7, 32 and 35 into one document. However, where training of Youth Players will take place at an Academy Training Ground, Clubs are recommended to conduct separate risk assessments for each site.

The Designated Academy COVID-19 Officer may be the same person as the Club’s Designated COVID-19 Officer and/or its Designated PDP COVID-19 Officer. If the roles are not held by the same person, the Designated Academy COVID-19 Officer should:

- report to the Club’s Designated COVID-19 Officer
- be either: (a) a senior Academy employee who holds appropriate qualifications and/or is appropriately experienced in health and safety but who is not part of the Club’s medical team; or (b) a consultant or external specialist with such experience and/or qualifications, who reports directly to a board-level employee. In either case, the individual must take leadership responsibility for devising and administering the Academy COVID-19 operational policy and managing compliance with that policy and this Protocol.

The Designated Academy COVID-19 Medical Officer may be the same person as the Designated PDP COVID-19 Medical Officer. If the roles are not held by the same person, the Designated Academy COVID-19 Medical Officer must be a suitably qualified medical doctor.

58. Each Club must ensure that, before any Academy Person attends the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), they have provided written confirmation (in such terms as are approved by the Premier League) that they have received and agree to be bound by the Club’s Academy COVID-19 operational policy. Where the Academy Person is a minor, written confirmation should also be provided by a Parent.

Stage Two

59. Prior to engaging in Stage Two training, each Club must:
   i. carry out a further inter-disciplinary risk assessment that builds upon the Academy Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment and encompasses the following risk considerations (the ‘Academy Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment’):
a. modification of training facilities and the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) environment to mitigate risk, within the context of Stage Two training

b. modification of training exercises and coaching to minimise close contact of Academy Persons with each other and with other individuals, within the context of Stage Two training

ii. revise its Academy COVID-19 operational policy to reflect its Academy Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment (and ensure that the revised operational policy is agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer)

iii. educate and familiarise all Academy Persons with regard to its revised Academy COVID-19 operational policy and ensure that each Academy Person (and where the Academy Person is a minor, their Parent) has provided written confirmation (in such terms as are approved by the Premier League) that they have received and agree to be bound by the Club’s revised Academy COVID-19 operational policy before they participate in Stage Two training

iv. submit its revised Academy COVID-19 operational policy to the League

Guidance
The Academy Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment should be led by the Designated Academy COVID-19 Officer in consultation with one or more members of the Academy technical coaching staff. Further, Clubs may wish to identify a member of their Academy technical coaching staff as the ‘Academy COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator’ with responsibility for risk assessing each training session and adopting appropriate modifications, where possible, so as to eliminate all unnecessary close contact between Academy Persons.

To assist with the Academy Stage Two COVID-19 Risk Assessment and the work of the Academy COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator, the Premier League has issued detailed guidance set out at Appendix 14.5.

The Premier League has issued template wording to each Club to be used in obtaining the agreement referred to at paragraph 59, to ensure consistency.

Training – procedure and progression

60. Each Club must ensure that all group training of Youth Players within Stage One complies with the template set out at Appendix 14.1.

61. Where a Club has complied with paragraph 55, above and is therefore able to engage in Stage Two training, it must ensure that such Stage Two training complies with the template set out at Appendix 14.1A.

62. In respect of all training undertaken in accordance with this Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase), each Club must:

i. ensure that all Academy Persons refrain from spitting whilst at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate)

ii. ensure that all Academy Persons maintain social distancing in respect of one another (and of all non-Academy Persons) when entering and leaving the pitch before and after group training

iii. retain (and deliver to the League or its appointee on request) all training schedules and session plans.

Guidance
In the event that any of the evidence listed in paragraph 62 is requested by the League, it shall be used by the Premier League solely in relation to the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with this Protocol and any associated disciplinary or other proceedings. The Premier League shall not disclose it further, save where compelled to do so by a court or other competent authority.

The Premier League intends to use inspectors to monitor compliance with this Protocol at all times at Premier League Club Academies when Academy Persons are present at the Academy Training Ground.

Location of Training

63. Each Club must ensure that, where it intends to conduct training of Youth Players at the Training Ground or at an Academy Training Ground at which the training of PDP Persons is to be conducted:

i. where practicable, it schedules such training so as to ensure that it takes place when no Relevant Persons or PDP Persons are present at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground

ii. where compliance with paragraph 63i is not practicable, measures are implemented to ensure:
a. social distancing between Relevant Persons, PDP Persons and Academy Persons, as three separate and distinct cohorts, is maintained in all areas of the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground; and

b. Academy Persons are prohibited from accessing any area in which Relevant Persons or PDP Persons are present

Return from international travel

64. Each Club must ensure that no Academy Person who travels outside of the UK is permitted to attend the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) following that international travel unless they have complied with any applicable Government guidance regarding post-travel quarantine measures.

Management of COVID-19 symptoms

65. Each Club must ensure that:

i. all Academy Persons comply with Government guidance regarding management of COVID-19 symptoms experienced by them or any member of their household, including any ‘test and trace’ guidance or policy implemented by Government

ii. in the event that an Academy Person develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any point:
   a. they self-isolate for ten days or until symptoms resolve (whichever is the later);
   b. members of the Academy Person’s household self-isolate for 14 days

Training – arrival and preparation

66. Each Club must ensure that:

i. Every Academy Person complies with applicable Government guidance on transport when travelling to and from the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground

ii. Arrangements for the arrival and departure of Academy Persons at/from the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) are designed so as to ensure social distancing can be maintained at all times

iii. Where there is to be any use of office space by Academy Persons at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground by Academy Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, classrooms, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) prior to training:
   a. such congregation is considered as part of the Club’s Academy Stage One COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and
   b. social distancing is maintained at all times

iv. Subject to paragraph 67, below, at any time when one or more Academy Person(s) is/are present at the Training Ground it permits other individuals (whether members of Staff who are not Academy Persons, or otherwise) to be present at the Training Ground and/or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) only where absolutely necessary and where such individuals:
   a. maintain social distancing in respect of one another and in respect of all Relevant Persons, PDP Persons and Academy Persons while at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground;
   b. are prohibited from accessing any area in which Academy Persons are present

v. The layout and any use of dressing rooms are designed so as to ensure social distancing can be maintained at all times

67. Clubs may permit Parents of Youth Players to attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) to observe training, provided that it ensures that each such Parent:

i. Has agreed in writing to be bound by the Club’s Academy COVID-19 operational policy before entering the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground; and

ii. Maintains social distancing in respect of all individuals who are not members of their household (whether Academy Persons, Relevant Persons, PDP Persons or otherwise)

Guidance

All Academy Persons and Parents should observe personal hygiene and social distancing measures as outlined by the UK Government whenever possible.

The Designated Academy COVID-19 Officer will decide the maximum number of people permitted to congregate in a defined area at any time, in line with social distancing requirements. It is expected that each Club will reduce the footfall of their Training Ground and Academy Training Ground significantly. Accordingly, Clubs may wish to implement a policy limiting the number of Parents who can attend the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground at any one time.
Youth Players are able to follow their usual preparation for training in gym and studio areas as long as appropriate social distancing is maintained and items of equipment are disinfected after each use. Youth Players should be made aware that social distancing restrictions will limit the free availability of these areas and that a booking system may need to be in place to ensure that each Youth Player is able to access the disinfected equipment they require.

Youth Players are encouraged to wear a snood or face covering wherever practicable whilst at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground, given that this measure reduces hand-mouth contact and reduces the risk of viral transmission.

Clubs are encouraged to operate a one-way system of movement around their Training Ground/Academy Training Ground to minimise the risk of inadvertent or unnecessary close contact with another person.

Training - warm-down and injury prevention programs

68. Each Club must ensure that no manual therapy treatment of Youth Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) prior to or following training is conducted unless it is essential and approved by the Designated Academy COVID-19 Medical Officer in advance.

69. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. any ice bath utilised by a Youth Player is single occupancy only
   ii. cryogenic chambers are not utilised by any Youth Player

Guidance
Youth Players are permitted to follow their customary post-training exercise program in the gymnasium as long as social distancing is practised at all times and all items of gym equipment are disinfected after each usage.

Youth Players are able to access essential treatment from medical and physiotherapy Staff as long as the number of people per room is kept to a minimum at all times and such treatment is pre-approved by the Designated Academy COVID-19 Medical Officer. The maximum number of people permitted in any area at one time will be clearly recorded in the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and all Staff should be made aware of these restrictions.

Training - exit

70. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. All facilities for the use of showers or baths within the Training Ground and Academy Training Ground are modified to ensure social distancing is maintained by Academy Persons at all times
   ii. Where there is to be any use of office space by Academy Persons at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) and/or congregation in communal areas at the Training Ground/Academy Training Ground by Academy Persons (including but not limited to medical rooms, gym areas, classrooms, canteen areas and/or meeting rooms) after training:
      a. such congregation is considered as part of the relevant Academy COVID-19 Risk Assessment; and
      b. social distancing is maintained at all times

Guidance
While use of office space, the canteen and meeting room is permitted, subject to the provisions of paragraph 70, above, Clubs may still wish to organise session planning and tactical meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Any meetings with non-Academy Person (such as Parents and/or intermediaries) should still be by teleconference or videoconference.

Personal protective equipment ('PPE')

71. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Any member of Staff performing essential treatment wears appropriate PPE throughout the treatment, which must include (as a minimum):
      - Fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR)
      - Disposable gloves
   ii. Every member of Staff involved in such treatment disposes of their gloves in between attending each Player and puts on clean replacements after handwashing and before seeing the next Player
   iii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment replaces their face mask whenever it becomes moist or soiled
   iv. Where a member of Staff is conducting an examination of a Player's mouth, head or ear, nose and throat areas, they wear a fluid resistant visor and a disposable apron
   v. All used PPE items are disposed of in a yellow bin, with clinical waste removed from the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) at least once every 14 days
   vi. Hand sanitiser dispensers are freely available throughout the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), handwashing facilities are clearly signposted and soap dispensers are adequately filled at all times
Cardiac and respiratory screening

72. Each Club must ensure that it conducts ongoing risk assessments of every Youth Player who it envisages will be required to attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) for potential respiratory and/or cardiac complications associated with COVID-19, in accordance with the protocol set out in Appendix 14.2, and to record the results of such assessments.

Guidance
The protocol at Appendix 14.2 was produced in conjunction with Club cardiologists.

Living arrangements and isolation

73. Each Club must require all Youth Persons to:

i. Comply with Government requirements regarding isolation and social distancing whilst not at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate) (whether at their own homes or otherwise)

ii. Ensure that if they or a member of their household experience symptoms of COVID-19 whilst they are not at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate):
   a. they inform the Designated COVID-19 Academy Medical Officer immediately
   b. they stay at home unless advised otherwise by the Designated COVID-19 Academy Medical Officer
   c. under no circumstances do they attend the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground for further assessment

Friendly matches

74. Clubs may engage in friendly or training matches with teams comprising non-Youth Players or Youth Players of different ages at the Training Ground or Academy Training Ground (as appropriate), provided that:

i. The staging of such matches is risk assessed by the Club as part of its relevant Academy COVID-19 Risk Assessment

ii. Any individual who is not an Academy Person but who is participating in or present at such a match (whether as a player, match official or essential member of staff) has confirmed their agreement in writing in advance to the Club’s Academy COVID-19 operational policy

iii. Social distancing is maintained at all times prior to, during (for all non-playing individuals) and after the match

iv. Facilities (including dressing rooms) are modified as necessary to ensure segregation between Academy Persons and non-Academy Persons

Guidance
The provisions of paragraph 74 permit Clubs to engage in pre-season friendly matches against sides taken from their cohort of Academy Players (whether PDP Players or Youth Players) as well as sides from other Clubs or clubs.

Further, there is no restriction under this Academy Protocol (Foundation Phase and Youth Development Phase) on Youth Players in different age groups training with and/or playing against one another.

Safeguarding

75. Each Club must ensure that it complies with the Return to Club Activities – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Safeguarding Guidance at Appendix 14.6.
Appendix 14.1
Resuming training in small groups with strictly observed social distancing

1. Training Preparations and Timings
1.1. The following elements should be incorporated into formal training plans to be notified to all players and staff permitted to attend training:

1.1.1. Players and staff will arrive at pre-arranged times staggered in groups of a maximum of five players (one GK and four outfield players) per available half pitch (pitch sizes should be age appropriate).

1.1.2. Each player should be allocated sufficient time to prepare for training in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol.

1.1.3. Players are permitted to follow their usual preparation for training in gym and studio areas as long as social distancing is maintained and items of equipment are disinfected after each use. Wherever possible, these activities should take place outside and be completed in the shortest possible timeframe.

1.1.4. There is no limit on the duration of any training session within the Stage 1 training phase.

1.1.5. Recovery routines should take place outdoors wherever possible.

2. Football Pitch Access
2.1. Players will be allocated a training area, which they must attend at their allocated time slot with the required equipment. They will do this individually and maintain social distancing.

2.2. Each training group is allocated a half pitch per group. Each group consists of a maximum of five players (may include one GK and four outfield players) and up to three members of staff (inclusive of technical, physical and medical Staff) per available pitch.

2.3. Upon arrival to the pitch all players and staff should ensure that keep at least two metres away from each other individual wherever possible.

2.4. Footballs, GPS units and other required equipment for training should have previously been allocated and at the pitch in preparation for training. All disinfected before and after each small group training session.

3. Small Group Training
3.1. All training should ensure players and staff are kept at distance with social distancing measures as outlined by UK Government observed as a minimum. More specifically, all staff and players should maintain a minimum distance of two metres from each other. The aim is to facilitate non contact small group training with no Players in close proximity to each other and, therefore, avoiding contact injuries.

3.2. It is recommended that a limited amount of footballs and equipment is used throughout the small group training.

3.3. Examples of activities that are prohibited are:

3.3.1. Tackling

3.3.2. Opposed activities of any kind

3.3.3. Congested training in small areas

3.4. Examples of activities that are encouraged are:

3.4.1. Unopposed technical activities (i.e. passing, shooting, crossing and finishing etc)

3.4.2. Unopposed conditioning activities

3.5. Goalkeepers may either work one to one with the goalkeeping coach (observing social distancing measures as outlined by UK Government) or integrated into the small group training.

4. Post Training
4.1. At the end of small group training, players will gather the equipment they arrived with. GPS units should be removed by the player and left in pre-allocated area.

4.2. GPS units should only be handled by staff wearing PPE and should be disinfected before handling.

4.3. Staff will disinfect any relevant area/surface after the session (and, where possible, during natural breaks in the session), including:

- Corner flags
- Cones
- Goalposts
- Equipment
Appendix 14.1

Pitch
GPS units
Balls
Gloves
Boots

Note – timings and numbers of players remain subject to any changes in UK Government guidance

Appendix 14.1A
Return to Training Protocol
Stage Two – Contact Training

1. Training Preparation and Timings
1.1. The following elements should be incorporated into formal training plans to be notified to all players and staff who are permitted to attend training:
   1.1.1. Each player should be allocated sufficient time to prepare for training in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol
   1.1.2. Players are permitted to follow their usual preparation for training in gym and studio areas as long as social distancing is maintained and items of equipment are disinfected after each use. Wherever possible, these activities should take place outside and be completed in the shortest possible timeframe
   1.1.3. There is no limit on the duration of any training session within the Stage Two training phase
   1.1.4. Recovery routines should take place outdoors wherever possible

2. Football Pitch Access
2.1. Upon arrival to the pitch, and prior to training commencing, all players and staff should ensure that keep at least two metres away from each other wherever possible
2.2. Footballs, GPS units and other required equipment for training should be left in a pre-allocated area in preparation for training. All disinfected before and after training.

3. Training and coaching environment
3.1. In respect of each training session, each Club must ensure that its relevant COVID-19 Training and Coaching Co-ordinator:
   3.1.1. Produces a session plan evidencing how they have risk assessed the session and adopted appropriate modifications so that the time spent by two or more Relevant Persons, PDP Persons or Academy Persons (as appropriate) within a two-metre distance of one another are kept to a minimum (see Appendix 14.6 for guidance)
   3.1.2. Identifies which individuals will be present at the coaching session
3.2. Each Club must ensure that:

3.2.1. Where the nature of any element of a training session or drill makes it impossible for Relevant Persons, PDP Persons or Academy Persons to maintain social distancing, they re-position themselves to a minimum of two metres apart as soon as the training session or drill allows.

3.2.2. In all other cases, social distancing measures as outlined by UK Government as a minimum, should be maintained by Relevant Persons, PDP Persons or Academy Persons.

4. Post Training

4.1. At the end of training, players will gather the equipment they arrived with. GPS units should be removed by the Player and left in pre-allocated area.

4.2. GPS units should only be handled by Staff wearing PPE and should be disinfected before handling.

4.3. Staff will disinfect any relevant area/surface after the session (and, where possible, during natural breaks in the session), including:

- Corner flags
- Cones
- Goalposts
- Equipment
- Pitch
- GPS units
- Balls
- Gloves
- Shinpads
- Boots

Note – timings and numbers of Players remain subject to any changes in UK Government guidance.

Appendix 14.1A

Doctor with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Testing

Model for return to exercise post-COVID19 infection (suspected or confirmed) to exclude Cardiac Involvement with Doctor wearing PPE testing is based on:

- Symptoms via detailed questionnaire
- Blood test - high sensitivity - Troponin-I or T (HS-TnI or HS-TnT)
- ECG

This is the preferred Protocol with lab accredited Troponin levels to measure extent of myocardial insult rather than binary yes/no (that is offered by Athlete Point-of-Care (POC) testing) and ECG, but there is risk of infection from athlete to doctor so alternative Protocol available.

- If both tests are normal, risk of myocarditis is low and can continue exercise program
- If either test is abnormal, then will need referral to a Sports Cardiologist for further urgent tests (cardiac MRI and seven day ECG monitor e.g. Bardy patch) to rule out suspected myocarditis
- All exercise will be stopped until blood results (add CRP if TnI raised) have returned to normal, which may take weeks or months as ongoing elevated blood results may indicate ongoing inflammation and as such risk of sudden arrhythmic death
- Due to risk of infection to echocardiographer, with little additional diagnostic gain, echocardiography is NOT a first-line investigation

Note players with new ECG changes alone, but normal hs-Troponin I and CRP, may have had episode of myocarditis, so will need urgent Cardiac MRI and Bardy patch and cease all exercise until review by Sports Cardiologist

- Likely to return to exercise if blood tests normal

Full pre-season cardiac screen prior to return to competition – questionnaire, ECG and echocardiogram for whole squad will take place later in the year for Season 2020/21

Note players with normal tests may also be limited by post-viral fatigue or breathlessness

- Will need time for resolution and no specific testing Protocol, although may consider Cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPEX) if symptoms persist.
**Appendix 14.2**

**Athlete Point-of-Care Testing**

Model for return to exercise post-COVID19 infection (suspected or confirmed) to exclude Cardiac Involvement with Athlete Point-of-Care (POC) testing is based on:

- Symptoms via detailed questionnaire
- Blood tests - Troponin-I or Troponin-T

POC testing is not as accurate as serum blood test, but does reduce risk of spread of infection from athlete to doctor

- Skin prick blood test is performed at home by athlete and results photographed by athlete and sent to Club doctor
- If blood test is normal then unlikely to have active myocarditis
- Can continue exercise program unless becomes symptomatic at discretion of Club doctor
- If the blood test is abnormal, then will need further urgent tests including repeat hs-Troponin I or T (either at Club with doctor wearing PPE or referred to hospital) and if still abnormal, then cardiac MRI and 7-day ECG monitor (eg. Bardy patch) and assessment by Sports Cardiologist to rule out suspected myocarditis
- All exercise will then be stopped until review by Sports Cardiologist and blood results have returned to normal, which may take weeks or months. Once blood tests are normal and no active inflammation on cardiac MRI with no arrhythmias on 7-day monitor, then likely return to exercise
- Due to risk of infection to echocardiographer, with little additional diagnostic gain, echocardiography is NOT a first-line investigation

Full pre-season cardiac screen prior to return to competition – questionnaire, ECG and echocardiogram for whole squad will take place later in the year for Season 2020/21

Note players with normal tests may also be limited by post-viral fatigue or breathlessness

- Will need time for resolution and no specific testing Protocol, although may consider Cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPEx) if symptoms persist
Appendix 14.3
Government cleaning guidelines

Gov.uk
1. Home (https://www.gov.uk/)


Guidance
COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home
Updated 15 July 2020

Contents
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Please note: this guidance is of a general nature. Employers should consider the specific conditions of individual places of work and comply with all applicable legislation, including the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Background

The risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection depends on many factors, including:

- the type of surface contaminated
- the amount of virus shed from the individual
- the time the individual spent in the setting
- the time since the individual was last in the setting

Surfaces and belongings can be contaminated with COVID-19 when people who are infectious cough or sneeze or touch them. Transmission of COVID-19 can occur when someone else then touches the contaminated surface or item. The person may become infected if they touch their nose, eyes or mouth with a contaminated hand or object. Increased frequency of cleaning of general room surfaces reduces the presence of the virus and the risk of contact.

The infection risk from a COVID-19 contaminated environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk from the virus, however, studies suggest that, in non-healthcare settings, the risk of residual infectious virus is likely to be significantly reduced after 48 hours.

In situations where someone has symptoms of COVID-19, we continue to advise storing personal waste for 72 hours as an additional precaution.

General principles of cleaning during the COVID-19 pandemic

This section provides general cleaning advice for non-healthcare settings where no one has symptoms of, or confirmed COVID-19. For guidance on cleaning where there has been an person with symptoms of, or confirmed COVID-19, please refer to the section on principles of cleaning after a case has left the setting or area.

There is also additional guidance for employers and businesses on working safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cleaning and disinfection

Regular cleaning plays a vital role in limiting the transmission of COVID-19.

Reducing clutter and removing difficult to clean items can make cleaning easier. Increase the frequency of cleaning, using standard cleaning products such as detergents and bleach, paying attention to all surfaces but especially ones that are touched frequently, such as door handles, light switches, work surfaces, remote controls and electronic devices.

As a minimum, frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down twice a day, and one of these should be at the at the beginning or the end of the working day. Cleaning should be more frequent depending on the number of people using the space, whether they are entering and exiting the setting and access to handwashing and hand-sanitising facilities. Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces is particularly important in bathrooms and communal kitchens.

When cleaning surfaces, it is not necessary to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) or clothing over and above what would usually be used.

Laundry

Items should be washed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. There is no additional washing requirement above what would normally be carried out.

Kitchens and communal canteens

It is very unlikely that COVID-19 is transmitted through food. However, as a matter of good hygiene practice (https://www.food.gov.uk/business-hygiene), anyone handling food should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before doing so. Crockery and eating utensils should not be shared. Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly.

Food business operators should continue to follow the Food Standard Agency’s (FSA) guidance on good hygiene practices in food preparation (https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/industry-guides-to-good-food-hygiene), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/hazard-analysis-and-critical-control-point-haccp) (HACCP) processes, and preventative practices (pre-requisite programmes (PRPs)).

Bathrooms

Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. Ensure suitable hand washing facilities are available including running water, liquid soap and paper towels or hand dryers. Where cloth towels are used, these should be for individual use and laundered in accordance with washing instructions.
Waste

Waste does not need to be segregated unless an individual in the setting shows symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19.

Dispose of routine waste as normal, placing any used cloths or wipes in ‘black bag’ waste bins. You do not need to put them in an extra bag or store them for a time before throwing them away.

Principles of cleaning after an individual with symptoms of, or confirmed COVID-19, the case has left the setting or area

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area after a person with symptoms of, or confirmed COVID-19 has left the setting possible is disposable gloves and an apron. Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.

If a risk assessment of the setting indicates that a higher level of virus may be present (for example, where someone unwell has spent the night such as in a hotel room or boarding school dormitory) then additional PPE to protect the cleaner’s eyes, mouth and nose may be necessary. The local Public Health England (PHE) Health Protection Team (https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team) can advise on this.

Cleaning and disinfection

Public areas where a symptomatic person has passed through and spent minimal time but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids, such as corridors, can be cleaned thoroughly as normal.

All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with should be cleaned and disinfected, including all potentially contaminated and frequently touched areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab rails in corridors and stairwells.

Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads, to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings – think one site, one wipe, in one direction.

Use one of the options below:

- a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av.cl.)

or

- a household detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). Follow manufacturer’s instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants

Avoid mixing cleaning products together as this can create toxic fumes. Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning.

Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below.

When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered, for example, upholstered furniture and mattresses, steam cleaning should be used.

Laundry

Wash items in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Use the warmest water setting and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an unwell person can be washed with other people’s items. To minimise the possibility of dispersing virus through the air, do not shake dirty laundry prior to washing.

Clean and disinfect anything used for transporting laundry with your usual products, in line with the cleaning guidance above.

Waste

Personal waste from individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 and waste from cleaning of areas where they have been (including PPE, disposable cloths and used tissues):

1. Should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full
2. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied
3. This should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual’s test results are known

This waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. It should not be placed in communal waste areas until negative test results are known, or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours.

If the individual tests negative, this can be put indisposed of immediately with the normal waste.

If COVID-19 is confirmed this waste should be stored for at least 72 hours before disposal with normal waste.
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If during an emergency you need to remove the waste before 72 hours, it must be treated as Category B infectious waste. You must:

- keep it separate from your other waste
- arrange for collection by a specialist contractor as hazardous waste

There will be a charge for this service.

Other household waste can be disposed of as normal.

Appendix 14.4

Occupational Health Assessment Template

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Relevant staff have a daily review of the squad and staff symptom register.

The Club has a suitable and sufficient process for providing appropriate medical care to infected staff (if required).

The Club operates daily surveillance of subjective symptom/well-being reporting.

The Club collects daily data of any symptomatic contacts of the players and staff.

The Club requires the completion of a daily pre-training questionnaire and temperature checks for players.

The Club undertakes regular COVID-19 Antigen Testing as advised by the Premier League.

The Club can provide evidence that players and staff with identified symptoms of COVID-19 complied with PHE guidelines to self-isolate for 10 days.

The Club can provide evidence that close contacts of any new COVID-19 case in players or staff has complied with PHE guidelines and self-isolate for 14 days.

The Club can provide evidence of processes and protocols for COVID-19 Antigen testing in suspected new cases as directed by medical staff.

The Club can provide evidence of suitable protocols for return to work following a period of isolation or confirmed COVID-19 infection as directed by the Club Doctor.

The Club have an appropriate cardiac risk assessment and diagnostic protocol in place to manage specific cardiac pathology following Covid 19 infection.

The Club enforces managed congregation in communal areas at the training ground, including but not limited to medical rooms and gym areas. Social distancing and hygiene measures should be optimised and maintained.

The Club ensures the safe handling of kit and waste disposal (e.g. used strappings etc.).

Controls are in place to ensure the following environments are regularly cleaned and appropriate signage is visible:

- Dressing Rooms
- Treatment Rooms
- Conditioning Rooms
- Restaurants and Cafeterias
- Communal areas at the Training Ground
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Reception

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The Club ensures that players and staff have not shared transport to/from the training ground.

The Club mandates that player and staff vehicle interiors are cleaned regularly.

The Club confirms that when team vehicles are used social distance regulations are enforced.

**Player and Staff Protection**

The Clubs are able to produce evidence of the design of training choices for all players to minimise injury risk.

All players are compliant with the mandatory medical requirements outlined in Appendix 3 of the Premier League regulations.

The appointment of a COVID-19 Officer.

The need to communicate the COVID-19 protocols to staff and players.

Checking the players (and staff) are physically and mentally fit enough to resume training/work.

The Club have provide one point of contact daily to interact with staff and players on logistics at the facility.

The Club can provide evidence that only approved individuals have been permitted to enter the training ground ensuring the onsite security.

The Club has determined the maximum number of people for all spaces within the training facility to ensure social distancing.

Hand sanitiser dispensers are freely available throughout the training ground with relevant signage.

When away from the training ground all staff and players follow the government guidance on social distancing.

**Government mandates**

Deep clean of the training facilities prior to first return, and then at regular intervals.

The Club ensures all individuals undertaking deep cleaning are sufficiently trained.

All surfaces, areas and equipment are disinfected before and after individual use.
Appendix 4.4

Anyone undertaking cleaning tasks wears disposable gloves and appropriate PPE aprons. After use, these are double bagged and stored securely for a maximum of 72 hours prior to appropriate disposal.

There are sufficient disposable cleaning cloths available at the facility.

Any visible contamination from bodily fluids have been cleaned by staff using appropriate eye protection on top of the standard PPE protection for the mouth and nose, in addition to wearing gloves and a disposable apron.

Staff undertaking cleaning wash their hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds. They regularly repeat hand washing after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning.

Appendix 14.5

Stage Two Guidance: A return to team and contact training Football specific risk assessment and training design

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide Clubs with additional supporting guidance in relation to Stage Two of Return to Training and to assist Clubs with undertaking a further multi-disciplinary risk assessment that builds upon the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and encompasses the following risk considerations (the ‘Stage Two Risk Assessment’). The details outlined below provide a practical framework for Technical Coaching, Performance and Medical staff to utilise when planning and delivering a return to close contact training and the progression to more competitive conditions that prepare players to return to match play.

2. Executive Summary

It is imperative all Clubs strive to effectively mitigate the risk of viral transmission during contact training. This framework is designed to allow Clubs the flexibility to implement their own unique style of play and game philosophy within their training methodology in order to prepare players for a return to competitive fixtures.

In line with Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (‘DCMS’) and wider Government guidelines, this document will outline how training drills may be appropriately modified to minimise the time spent by two or more individuals within a two-metre distance of one another during each session.

3. Framework Introduction

The proposed Training Design Risk Management Framework will aim to decrease the severity, incidence and duration of physical interactions in training sessions. This will be achieved through Clubs considering an additional training outcome, which relates to the risk of COVID-19 infection, which depends largely on the manipulation of Players’ spatial orientation. This document aims to help Clubs consider how they can appropriately modify training sessions that minimise close contact (i.e. within two metres), whilst still meeting training objectives. The document allows Clubs to:

- Understand key factors that determine training session risks
- Create risk profiles for all planned training sessions
- Build sessions that account for risks and incorporate mitigating actions
4. Guiding Principles

There are four key guiding principles to enable Clubs to return to team training:

1. Prioritise the Health and Safety of the players and staff
2. Create guidance adhering to Government guidelines to inform practice
3. Facilitate the physical preparation of Players to return to matches
4. Provide the flexibility to allow Clubs to train based on their team philosophy and training methodology

5. Key Factors to consider

5a. Size of Area per Player
5b. Active Duration
5c. Considerations and Modifications

Drill size and drill duration are the major influences on the possible number of occasions players are in close contact with each other, however drill design and organisation factors also have an important influence. These factors include drill type, desired physical and tactical outcomes, organisation and equipment and other conditions placed upon the players within the constraints of the game.

For example, two different drill types may have the same size and duration classification, however, if one is a non-directional possession and the other a small sided game, it is expected that the directional invasive nature of the small sided game would increase the close interactions of players. Similarly, opposed drills will inevitably involve more player duels, tackles and close interactions compared to unopposed drills. The tactical outcome of a drill may also have an impact on the number of close player interactions.

For example, if players are required to press aggressively when out of possession instead of retreat into a compact defensive structure, it must be assumed that the number of close encounters between players would differ significantly.

Clubs must consider how they can appropriately modify training sessions that minimise close contact, while still meeting their training objectives.

5a. Size of Area per Player

As spatial orientation is an important determinant of the close contact encounters players may be exposed to during training sessions, the area of a pitch (length x width (m²)) relative to the number of players involved (area per player (m²)) is a key training design factor. This calculation may help estimate the space each Player has within a training drill and help inform an assumed distance that may exist between Players (relative distance per player – √area per player (m)).

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It appears intuitive that relative distance per player in a training drill relates to the opportunity players are in close interactions and, therefore, the perceived risk of transmitting infection. One of the key elements to the risk mitigation that underpins the current framework, therefore, is to maximise this distance between players in training sessions. Please see an example of an 11 v 11 on a full pitch below for illustration:

- Recommended Premier League pitch length = 115 yards (or 105m)
- Recommended Premier League pitch width = 74 yards (or 68m)
- Recommended Premier League pitch area = 105m x 68m = 7140m²
- Number of Players on pitch = 22
- Area per Player = 7140m² / 22 players = 325m²
- Relative distance per player = √325m² = 18m

Research literature (see Annex 2), the pitch to player ratios (m²) and relative distances per Player can be classified by size from very small to large, please see below:

- Very small – area per player less than 75m²; relative distance per player less than 9m
- Small – area per player between 75m² and 125m²; relative distance per player between 9m and 11m
- Medium – area per player between 125m² and 175m²; relative distance per player between 11m and 13m
- Large – area per player more than 175m²; relative distance per player more than 13m

The table below overviews how the manipulation of the pitch dimensions for an 11 v 11 may influence the relative distance per Player value.

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<td>22</td>
<td>325</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Box to Box Full Width</td>
<td>72 x 68</td>
<td>4896</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>½ Pitch Length Full Width</td>
<td>52.5 x 68</td>
<td>3570</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>162</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Box to Box 18yd Box Width</td>
<td>72 x 40</td>
<td>2880</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>11</td>
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Further examples of how manipulating the pitch dimensions along with player numbers for a Small Sided Game (‘SSG’) may influence the relative distance per player value and size classification are available within the appendices.

5b. Active Drill Duration

Along with relative distance per player, drill duration is an important determinant of the number of close contact encounters players may be exposed to during training. The longer a drill lasts, the more occasions Players will be involved in close contact encounters. Government guidance regarding social distancing in the workplace suggests that where close contact is essential, it should be kept to 15 minutes or less wherever possible (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance). It, therefore, appears intuitive to use this duration to inform the drill classification by duration from very short to long, please see below:

- Very short = Less than 5-minutes
- Short = Between 5-minutes and 10-minutes
- Moderate = Between 10-minutes and 15-minutes
- Long = More than 15-minutes

5c. Considerations and Modifications

Within the core risk components of size of area per player and the active drill duration, there are a number of factors that determine the types of training session that coaches will deliver, such as desired physical and tactical outcome, opposed/unopposed and other conditions placed upon the players within the constraints of the game.

Coaches will need to consider how to apply modifications while considering their existing risk score to ensure the risk remains as low as possible for the individual drills and overall sessions. For example, coaches may choose to make a small-sided drill non-directional or they may shorten the duration of that drill.

Examples of some planning considerations and delivery modifications that can be taken into consideration for training drills can be found below:

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<td>Physical theme</td>
<td>Limited touches</td>
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<td>Tactical principles</td>
<td>Initiation and restart</td>
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<tr>
<td>Opposition style of play</td>
<td>Effective playing area</td>
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<td>Player individualisation</td>
<td>Overload/underload</td>
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Organisational factors that may further influence the infection transmission risk are provided below:

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<th>Training Organisation</th>
<th>Considerations</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stations during Technical Drills</td>
<td>The distance between players within stations should be maximised and the numbers of Players at each station kept to a minimum number, each observing social distancing guidance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drinks Breaks</td>
<td>Should be kept brief in duration and social distancing managed and observed. Players should only use their personal drinks and bottles should not be passed between individuals.</td>
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<tr>
<td>GK Training</td>
<td>Completed in isolation on a separate training area to the rest of the group. The GK group (inclusive of GKs and coaches) should be kept to a minimum number and social distancing guidance observed and the distance between individuals maximised between rest periods.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bibs</td>
<td>Should be handed out by an individual wearing PPE gloves. Players should not pass bibs between each other and each bib should only be worn by one individual between washing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Coaching Equipment (mannequins, cones, poles etc)</td>
<td>Should only be handled by individuals wearing PPE gloves and should be disinfected after each use.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Handling of Footballs</td>
<td>Consider limiting throw ins during training.</td>
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6. Risk Management Framework – Example Template

A Risk Management Framework can provide an overview of how the factors described, of drill size, drill duration and the accompanying modifications should inform the relative risk of infection transmission. This framework should then allow coaches and other staff to be best informed regarding mitigating risk when planning and designing training sessions.
7. Application

The Risk Management Framework is designed to guide each Club’s training planning. It should inform coaches and other staff responsible in relation to the risk associated with training and help effective manipulation of plans to further mitigate risk.

Below is an example of how the framework may be used to assess the potential risk for an example planned training session:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Drill</th>
<th>Organisation</th>
<th>Number of Players</th>
<th>Duration (min)</th>
<th>Length x Pitch Width (m)</th>
<th>Pitch Area (m²)</th>
<th>Area per Player (m²)</th>
<th>Duration Classification</th>
<th>Size Classification</th>
<th>Risk Rating</th>
<th>Risk Score</th>
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<tr>
<td>Warm Up</td>
<td>Players arranged throughout the pitch, performing dynamic movements</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<tr>
<td>Technical Passing</td>
<td>Players arranged between 3 drills. The maximum number of Players at a station is 2 at any time socially distancing</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>30 x 25m estimate per Y drill</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Possession (Non-directional)</td>
<td>Opposed gate game possession</td>
<td>8 v 8 (12)</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>46 x 60</td>
<td>2769</td>
<td>397</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>High</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pattern of Play</td>
<td>Players arranged in formation in half a pitch</td>
<td>9 v 0 (plus GK)</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>52.5 x 34</td>
<td>1785</td>
<td>179</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phase of Play (Defensive, Opposed)</td>
<td>Players arranged in formation in half a pitch</td>
<td>10 v 8 (plus GK)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>52.5 x 34</td>
<td>1785</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>Long</td>
<td>Small</td>
<td>Very High</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Game</td>
<td>Players arranged in formation box to box length, full width pitch</td>
<td>9 v 9 (plus GKs)</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>72 x 68</td>
<td>4896</td>
<td>245</td>
<td>Long</td>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>4</td>
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Total score: 31
8. **Core Recommendations**

1. Continue to follow Training Protocols in all areas outside of controlled close contact training.

2. Appoint a ‘COVID-19 Training and Coaching Coordinator, PDP COVID-19 Training and Coaching Coordinator and Academy COVID-19 Training and Coaching Coordinator’ to be responsible for the design and management of training sessions informed by the risk guidance template:
   - Build profiles for all planned sessions and understand potential risks
   - Deliver sessions that build in conditions and modifications that mitigate risk

3. Seek further guidance where required through documentation and with defined Club and League personnel.

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### Annex 1: Size Classification of Example Small & Large Sided Games

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Players</th>
<th>Pitch Length (m)</th>
<th>Pitch Width (m)</th>
<th>Pitch Area (m²)</th>
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<th>Relative Distance per Player (m)</th>
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<td>1 v 1</td>
<td>7 x 5</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>17.5</td>
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<td>2 v 2</td>
<td>13 x 10</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>195</td>
<td>97.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 v 3</td>
<td>20 x 15</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>4 v 4</td>
<td>26 x 20</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>5 v 5</td>
<td>34 x 25</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>340</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>6 v 6</td>
<td>40 x 30</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>7 v 7</td>
<td>46 x 35</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>526</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>8 v 8</td>
<td>52 x 40</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>640</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>9 v 9</td>
<td>58 x 45</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>720</td>
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<td>10 v 10</td>
<td>64 x 50</td>
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<td>760</td>
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Appendix 14.5
Annex 2: Research Review - Effect of Pitch Area and Area per Player

1. Overview

The aim of this research review is to provide an overview of the available evidence on the effect of different pitch size dimensions and player density on fitness development (physical and physiological demands) and technical activities. In line with the government-led social distancing measures, the evidence is divided into four training density parameters (i.e., area per player):

1. Very small area (<75 m²)
2. Small area (75-125 m²)
3. Medium sized area (125-175 m²)
4. Large sized area (>175 m²)

Only studies that used elite senior players have been included in the table below. There is a lack of research specifically determining the rate of collision/contacts during training and competition. Where possible, information relating to defensive actions, such as duels, tackles, and interceptions have been included, which gives an indication of player separation/distancing for a given Small Sided Games (SSG) format.

2. General Overview of Findings in Relation to Pitch Area

- The greater the pitch area per player then generally the greater the physical (distance covered, high speed running) and physiological (Heart Rate (HR), lactate, Ratings of Perceived Exertion (RPE)) demands, irrespective of SSG format (i.e., player numbers)
- The smaller the pitch area per player the greater the mechanical work performed, i.e., accelerations, decelerations, change of direction and change in velocity
- To maintain greater social distance between players, increase pitch size dimension for every increase in player number per drill

3. General Overview of Findings in Relation to Player Number

- The less players there are per SSG, the greater the physiological (i.e., HR, lactate, RPE) demands
- The less players there are per SSG, the greater the technical demands (i.e., ball possessions, passes, receives, dribbles, shots)
- Equally, the less players there are per SSG, the lower the defensive actions (i.e., tackles, blocks, interceptions)

4. General Overview of Findings in Relation to Use of Goalkeepers and Rule Constraints

- SSG that include Goalkeepers tend to increase total distance covered, high speed distance, maximal sprint distance, and maximal accelerations and decelerations compared to when SSG which are possession based only
- SSG rules such as one touch per player only, increases the physical, physiological and technical demands, irrespective of SSG format (player numbers)
- The ‘free play’ rule generally leads to more successful passes and duels but decreases the physical and physiological demand of the SSG
## 5. Overview of Research Literature

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<td>Determine HR responses of a range of different SSGs</td>
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<td>1 v 1</td>
<td>4 x 1:30 min/1:30 min</td>
<td>Heart rate reserve = 78%</td>
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<td>20 x 20 m</td>
<td>2 v 2</td>
<td>6 x 2:30 min/2:30 min</td>
<td>Heart rate reserve = 80%</td>
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<td>Dellal et al. (2011). Eur J Sport Sci, 11(5): 146-146</td>
<td>International elite players</td>
<td>Compare effects of different possession constraints on physiological, technical and physical demands of different SSGs</td>
<td>20 x 15 m</td>
<td>2 v 2</td>
<td>4 x 2 min/3 min</td>
<td>1 touch is more physiologically (lactate, RPE, HR) demanding than free play for all SSG formats. Regardless of SSG format, 1 touch was physically (distance covered, sprinting, HSR) more demanding than 2 touch and free play.</td>
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<td>25 x 18 m</td>
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<td>Regardless of SSG format, 1 touch results in more ball possessions but less successful passes and greater number of balls lost than 2 touch and free play.</td>
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<td>30 x 20 m</td>
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<td>(2 touch) (freeplay)</td>
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<td>Number of maximal accelerations and decelerations were higher when there was less area per player.</td>
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<td>The addition of Gks did not influence change in velocity, acceleration or deceleration</td>
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<td>Gaudino et al. (2014). Hum MovSci, 36: 123-133.</td>
<td>English Premier League</td>
<td>Determine the effect of different SSG size and format on physical responses</td>
<td>30 x 30</td>
<td>5v5 + Gk</td>
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<td>Total distance and high-speed running were lower than match play.</td>
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<td>27 x 27</td>
<td>5 v v 5 (possession only)</td>
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<td>Mechanical work (a measure of velocity change related to acceleration, deceleration and COD) was higher than that during match play for short durations (rolling time period of 4 min)</td>
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### Small Area (75 – 125 m²)

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<td>Number of accelerations and decelerations were generally lower with increasing area per player.</td>
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<td>Determine the effect of different SSG size and format on physical responses</td>
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<td>7v7 + Gk</td>
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<td>57 x 37</td>
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<td>66 x 45</td>
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<td>52 x 52</td>
<td>10 v 10 (possession only)</td>
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<td>Higher maximal speeds were obtained in SSGs with Gks whilst increasing area per player also resulted in higher maximal speeds.</td>
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<td>Owen et al. (2014). Hum MovSci, 35(4): 286-292.</td>
<td>Scottish Premier Division</td>
<td>Examine the technical activities and physical demands of various different sided games and pitch dimensions</td>
<td>30 x 25</td>
<td>4 v 4 (inclusive of Gk)</td>
<td>3 x 5 min/3 min</td>
<td>Metres per min reached ~200 m/min</td>
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<td>Compared to the MSG and LSG assessed in the same study (see Owen et al 2014 under 'large dimensions'), number of defensive actions (tackles, blocks, interceptions) were comparable.</td>
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| Lacome et al. (2018). Int J Sport Physiol Perf, 13(5): 569-576. | French Ligue 1 | Compare peak intensities during various SSG of different pitch areas to match play | 40 x 30 m  40 x 40 m | 6v6 + GK  8v8 + GK (3 tax/def in H1) | 6 x 3 min/ 90 sec | Total distance and high-speed running were lower during 6v6 and 8v8 than match play  
During 6v6, centre defenders only performed more mechanical work compared to match play for rolling time periods of 2-15 min only  
High speed running was greater during 10v10 than 6v6 and 8v8  
Mechanical work decreased with increasing player numbers |
| Little & Williams (2007). J Strength Cond Res, 21(2): 347-371 | English Championship (old English Division One) | Monitor physiological responses to various SSG using RPE and HR | 30 x 20 m  40 x 30 m  45 x 30 m  60 x 30 m | 2v2  4v4  5v5  6v6 | 4 x 2 min/ 2 min  4 x 4 min/ 2 min  4 x 6 min/ 1:30 min  3 x 8 min/ 1:30 min | Average %HR 88% and RPE 16  
Average %HR 90% and RPE 15.5  
Average %HR 89% and RPE 14.5  
Average %HR 87% and RPE 13.5  
RPE scale of 6-20 |
| Dellal et al. (2008). J Strength Cond Res, 22(5): 1449-1457 | French Ligue 1 | Determine HR responses of a range of different SSGs | 60 x 45 m  60 x 45 m | 8v8 + GK  8v8 | 2 x 10 min/ 5 min  4 x 4 min/ 3 min | Heart rate reserve = 80%  
Heart rate reserve = 72% |
| Owen et al. (2011). J Strength Cond Res, 25(8): 2104-2110. | Scottish Premier Division | Compare HR and technical activities between different sized games of number of players and playing area | 30 x 25 m  60 x 50 m | 3v3 + GK  9v9 + GK | Heart rate and time spent >85% HRmax was higher during 3v3 compared to 9v9  
The 3v3 resulted in more shots, dribbles and tackles, but less headers, interceptions, passes and receives than the 9v9  
The 3v3 resulted in less ball contacts per game but higher ball contacts per player within each game |
| Torres-Ronda et al. (2015). J Strength Cond Res, 29(10): 2723-2730 | Spanish second division | Determine how different number of opponents and teammates affects the physical and physiological demands during different SSGs | 40 x 30 m | 4v3 + GK  4v5 + GK  4v7 + GK | 2 x 3 min/ 4 min | Contextually, this study has determined the effect of changing number of teammates or opponents within the same absolute fixed area, thus altering the ‘challenge’ presented within the SSGs  
SSGs with low-inferiority (4v3 and 4v5) had higher physiological demands than 4v7. This is likely due to an imbalance of just 1 player where the players try and ‘make up’ for their absence  
4v7 (i.e., low superiority) resulted in lower physiological demands, likely driven by more tactical decisions in protecting space |
| Dellal et al. (2012). Hum Mov Sci, 31(4): 957-969 | International elite players | Determine the physical demands of SSGs with different technical constraints | 100 x 60 m | 11v11 | 90 min | Lower HSR and sprinting distance compared to 4 v 4 SSGs performed with different ball possession constraints (see Dellal et al. 2012 – very small area) suggesting lower physical demands for larger areas |
Appendices to the Rules

Study/ Authors Playing Level & Competition Aim / Design Pitch Size Number of Players/ Format Phases/ Rest Durations Physical, Physiological and/or Technical Outcomes

SSG Training Work: Rest

Scottish Premier Division
Examine the technical activities and physical demands of various different sided games and pitch dimensions

46 x 40 m
50 x 44 m
54 x 45 m
60 x 50 m
70 x 56 m
80 x 70 m
100 x 74 m

5 v 5 (MSG)
6 v 6 (MSG)
7 v 7 (MSG)
8 v 8 (MSG)
9 v 9 (LSG)
10 v 10 (LSG)
11 v 11 (LSG)

3 x 5 min/ 3 min LSG resulted in higher maximum velocities, high intensity efforts, and high speed and sprint distance covered than MSG.
MSG had higher volumes of walking than LSG.
MSG resulted in more passing and shooting than LSG but less headers.
No differences occurred for any defensive actions (i.e., tackles, blocks, interceptions) between MSG and LSG.

Scottish Ligue 1
Compare peak intensities during various SSG of different pitch areas to match play.

102 x 67 m 10 v 10 + GK

6 x 3 min/ 90 sec 10v10 total distance and high-speed running was comparable to match play.
For centre defenders and centre midfielders, total distance during 10v10 was higher than match play.
High speed running was higher during 10v10 than 6v6 and 8v8 (shown under Lacome et al. 2018 in “small area”)
10v10 resulted in lower volumes of mechanical work.

Appendix 14.6

Return to Club Activities
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Safeguarding Guidance

Introduction
The Premier League is committed to promoting and protecting the safety, welfare and wellbeing of Children and Adults at Risk during and beyond COVID-19 measures.

This guidance does not supersede other local or national Government guidance. This guidance has been prepared to support Clubs with the safe return to Activities while ensuring continued compliance with Premier League Rules and Safeguarding Standards and where relevant, Keeping Children Safe in Education requirements (statutory guidance issued under the Education Act).

Scope
Premier League Rule S.2. places a requirement on Clubs to prepare, implement, regularly review written safeguarding policies and procedures which must comply with any guidance published by the Premier League from time to time. Should any regulations, protocols or guidelines conflict, the safety and welfare of Children and Adults at Risk must always take precedence.

This guidance should be read in conjunction with: Premier League Rules and Safeguarding Standards, current Government guidance in response to COVID-19, Working Together 2018 and any other protocol or guidance published by the Premier League in response to COVID-19.

This guidance will be reviewed as circumstances continue to evolve or following updated Government guidance.

Principles
- Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.
- Working together underpins the work undertaken to effectively promote and protect the safety, welfare and wellbeing of Children and Adults at Risk.
- Maintaining robust safeguarding standards and practice and strengthening these where necessary is essential.
- Decisions affecting Children and Adults at Risk should be undertaken with systematic consideration of their safety, welfare and best interests.
- Children and Adults at Risk have the right to meaningful involvement in decision-making/decisions that affect them.
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Definitions

Activity means any face to face or remotely delivered/online activity or series of activities, arranged by or in the name of a Club for or to be attended by Children and/or Adults at Risk.

Adult at Risk means any person aged eighteen or over who has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect and as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect. This may include people with learning disabilities, sensory impairments, mental health needs, older people and people with a physical disability or impairment. It may also include people who are affected by the circumstances that they are living in, for example, experiencing domestic violence (this list is not exhaustive). An individual’s level of vulnerability to harm may vary over time depending on the circumstances they are in and their needs at that time.

Child and Children is defined by The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as any person or persons who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday. While we use the term ‘children and young people’ in practice, it is essential that Clubs understand the definition of a Child in the context of safeguarding and this guidance.

Club means an association football club in membership of the Premier League.

Head of Safeguarding means the member of Staff appointed to that role by each Club in accordance with Rule S.4. The responsibilities set out in Rule S.4. and this document can only be delegated to experienced and trained Academy or other Safeguarding Officers. The Head of Safeguarding continues to hold responsibility for having oversight and supervising their work/delegated responsibilities.

Senior Safeguarding Lead means the Board-level representative appointed to that role by each Club in accordance with Rule S.3.

Safeguarding

Children

Safeguarding Children is the action that is taken to promote their welfare and protect them from harm. This means:

- Protecting Children from abuse and maltreatment;
- Preventing harm to their mental and physical health or development;

- Ensuring they grow up with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all Children to have the best outcomes.

Adults at Risk

Safeguarding Adults at Risk means protecting an adult’s right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult’s wellbeing is promoted. Abuse of adults links to the circumstances rather than the characteristics of the people experiencing the harm. An individual’s level of vulnerability to harm may vary over time depending on the circumstances they are in and their needs at that time. Labelling groups of people (such as people with learning disabilities or older people) as inherently ‘vulnerable’ is seen to be disempowering. Instead the Care Act describes adults potentially ‘at risk’ from harm or abuse.

Staff means any person involved in any Activity on behalf of or with the authorisation of the Club and/or who works directly with (and/or has influence over) Children or Adults at Risk (or acts on their behalf in any way).
### Governance, policies and procedures

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<td>Premier League Rules, Safeguarding Standards and other helpful publications can be accessed via our website and Club Safeguarding Portal. The Premier League Safeguarding Team is available to provide support and advice.</td>
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<td>The Board must be aware of additional/heightened safeguarding risks and delivery plans to support informed decision-making at a senior level about the return to and ongoing delivery of Activities.</td>
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<td>Planning for the safe return to any Activity must be informed by a consistent and effective multidisciplinary approach. The Head of Safeguarding must be involved in the development and regular review of COVID-19 operational policies, plans, multi-disciplinary risk assessments. Early planning, shared ownership, diversity of perspectives, regular review and adaptation/amendment of arrangements are important components of risk assessments.</td>
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<td>Continue to regularly review and update Prevent Duty risk registers.</td>
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<td>Ensure adequate safeguarding staffing levels to maintain existing standards, proactively support the safe return to Activities, ongoing participation/attendance and to lead or support the response to any support and intervention needs that arise.</td>
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- Clues must be aware of new and continuing challenges to the health, safety and wellbeing of Children and Adults at Risk.
- Planning for the safe return to any Activity must be informed by a consistent and effective multidisciplinary approach. The Head of Safeguarding must be involved in the development and regular review of COVID-19 operational policies, plans, multi-disciplinary risk assessments.
- Early planning, shared ownership, diversity of perspectives, regular review and adaptation/amendment of arrangements are important components of risk assessments.
- The Board must be aware of additional/heightened safeguarding risks and delivery plans to support informed decision-making at a senior level about the return to and ongoing delivery of Activities.
### Appendices to the Rules

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#### Guidance
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<td>Review records to establish whether system/data access permissions need to be amended and whether any training or checks have become out of date during lockdown measures.</td>
<td>Consideration should be given to: • Changes to referral routes into and thresholds. • Changes to availability and access to other local resources (not all services may be operational). • Utilising insight from partners and ensuring mutual expectations are clear around safeguarding arrangements.</td>
<td>Information and resources are available on the NSPCC Learning website: <a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/coronavirus/#heading-top">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/coronavirus/#heading-top</a> NSPCC safeguarding standards for the voluntary and community sector: <a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1079/safeguarding-standards-and-guidance.pdf">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1079/safeguarding-standards-and-guidance.pdf</a> Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding and the Coronavirus – Info, Tips, and Resources: <a href="https://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-and-the-coronavirus-info-tips-and-resources/">https://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-and-the-coronavirus-info-tips-and-resources/</a> SCIE safeguarding adults during the COVID-19 crisis: <a href="https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/safeguarding-adults">https://www.scie.org.uk/care-providers/coronavirus-covid-19/safeguarding-adults</a></td>
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<td>Maintain contact with local agencies and partners to be aware of any changes to local requirements, guidelines, working arrangements and/or contacting key Staff/teams, for example but not limited to: the LADO, Adult Social Care, MASH team, mental health services and key workers for vulnerable Children and Adults at Risk receiving or in need of support, protection and/or care.</td>
<td>Consideration should be given to undertaking a multidisciplinary review of the following operational policies, procedures and processes in response to COVID-19 which may impact on the safety, welfare and wellbeing of Children and Adults at Risk: • Staff handbook, safeguarding handbook and/or guidance for safer working practice. • Lone working policies and procedures. • Emergency contact/s/next of kin details. • Emergency and evacuation procedures. • Changes to local GP and hospital opening hours and arrangements. • Review of codes of conduct to include COVID-19 requirements and measures for dealing with accidental or deliberate breaches. • Remote/online teaching or engagement. • Dispersal procedures. • Visitors and spectators. • Use of alternative/new venues. • Travel, transport and chaperone arrangements. • Trips, tours and tournaments.</td>
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<td>Review safeguarding and related policies and procedures to reflect the current working arrangements and amendments to policies and procedures as a consequence of COVID-19. Established safeguarding and safer recruitment policies and practices must not be compromised or scaled back as a consequence of planning for the return to any Activity.</td>
<td>Consideration should be given to: • Establishing a multidisciplinary approach to assessing the adequacy of procedures and ensuring that venues and facilities meet agreed Club standards. • Establishing primacy in planning, delivery and review. • Obligations in contractual agreements. • Operating and information sharing protocols.</td>
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<td>Maintain standards for safeguarding in commissioned services, partnership work and where alternative venues and facilities are used.</td>
<td>Consideration should be given to: • Academy player retention and release procedures and aftercare/support. • Academy trialists and players on loan. • Academy day release where education has been impacted.</td>
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<td><strong>Implementation an effective awareness/communication plan to:</strong></td>
<td>Child friendly and accessible resources to support the return to Activities should be made available.</td>
<td>Ann Craft Trust Accessible Resources About Coronavirus: <a href="https://www.anncrafttrust.org/free-accessible-resources-about-coronavirus/">https://www.anncrafttrust.org/free-accessible-resources-about-coronavirus/</a></td>
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<td>• Staff are aware of and competent and confident in responding to safeguarding, wellbeing issues that may arise as a consequence of COVID-19.</td>
<td>Consideration should be given to:</td>
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<td>• Staff are prepared for changes to working arrangements, enhanced hygiene requirements, social distancing, new or adapted policies and procedures.</td>
<td>• The re-induction of Staff to ensure new or amended policies and procedures are understood.</td>
<td>World Health Organisation Infection prevention and control resources: <a href="https://www.who.int/infection-prevention/campaigns/clean-hands/5may2019/en/">https://www.who.int/infection-prevention/campaigns/clean-hands/5may2019/en/</a></td>
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<td>• Children, Adults at Risk and parents/carers are prepared for changes to the physical environment, participation, use of facilities, hygiene measures and social distancing.</td>
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<td>A collaborative multidisciplinary approach (including safeguarding expertise) is essential to effectively identify concerns and needs, and to make appropriate professional judgements about any support and intervention measures.</td>
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<td>NSPCC Coronavirus briefing – safeguarding guidance and information for schools: <a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/2154/coronavirus-briefing-safeguarding-guidance-and-information.pdf">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/2154/coronavirus-briefing-safeguarding-guidance-and-information.pdf</a></td>
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**Considerations**

- Additional support needs to support understanding of and adherence to control measures.
- Simple signage and language should be used to explain safety measures, and to reiterate/reinforce key messages.

**Guidance**


### Accommodation arrangements

#### Requirements
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**Considerations**

- The Senior Safeguarding Lead and Head of Safeguarding must have oversight of all safeguarding risks and control measures associated with the provision of host family accommodation.
- Local Private Fostering Regulations must adhered to in the case of any Child under the age of sixteen placed in the care of a host family.
- Existing safer recruitment and procurement policies and practices must not be compromised or scaled back when appointing new/host families or Staff.
- A multidisciplinary risk assessment (including safeguarding) must be undertaken with control measures proactively monitored/regularly reviewed.
- Implement a training/awareness plan to ensure that:
  - Host families are aware of and competent and confident in responding to safeguarding and well-being issues that may arise as a consequence of COVID-19.
  - Host families are pre-prepared for changes to working arrangements, enhanced hygiene requirements, social distancing, reporting symptoms, new or adapted policies and procedures.
  - Children and Adults at Risk at Risk placed in the care of a host family are prepared for changes to the physical environment, participation, use of facilities, hygiene measures, social distancing and reporting symptoms.

**Guidance**

- Joint Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Department of Health and Social Care COVID-19 advice for accommodation providers: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-advice-for-accommodation-providers
- Individuals returning from overseas must follow current Government guidelines on quarantining: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-border-control

* This section should be read in conjunction with Annex 1.
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Annex 1: Government and occupational health guidance

This guidance set out in this Annex is not exhaustive. Club and Activity specific multidisciplinary risk assessments must be carried out taking account of all relevant national Government guidance and local circumstances.

Travel

- Use of public transport for travelling to work or to make an essential journey. Note that the current Government advice is to work from home wherever possible.
- Walking and cycling should be encouraged as the use of public transport presents a risk of infection and should be avoided wherever possible.
- Transporting individuals living in the same household.
- Individuals who hold a valid licence could drive themselves.
- Face coverings are now mandatory on public transport, apart from those who meet the exceptions outlined in this Department for Transport COVID-19 safer travel guidance for passengers: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers

Club transport

- Consider using dedicated Club drivers transporting fixed groups or ‘bubbles’.
- Undertake a multidisciplinary risk assessment and proactively monitor/regularly review control measures.
- Follow Government guidelines on social distancing measures.
- Provide face masks for Club drivers and passengers.
- Implement enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Use barriers/screens wherever possible.

Host family accommodation

- Current Government guidance permits the return to host family accommodation in a limited set of circumstances. This includes providing accommodation for an elite athlete for the purposes of training or competition. An ‘elite athlete’ is defined as a person who: (i) derives a living from competing in a sport, (ii) is a senior representative nominated by a relevant sporting body, (iii) is a member of the senior training squad for a relevant sporting body, or (iv) is aged 16 or above and on an elite development pathway.

Provision of host family accommodation for individuals who do not meet the definition of an elite athlete must be delivered in line with Government guidance, paying particular attention to the Department of Health and Social Care guidance on overnight stays away from households, support bubbles
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and limiting interaction: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household#making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household#making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household). Careful consideration should be given to whether the exposure to two households, the family and social contact of both household, travel, attending education and activities is in line with Government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission and to avoid breaching the guidance and potentially incurring liability as a result.

- Physical risk assessments of all accommodation to be carried out by an occupational health expert to support the implementation of effective control measures. These occupational health risk assessments should be used to inform safe occupancy levels i.e. individuals per house and bedroom.
- Screening of both households by an occupational health expert to identify individuals who are clinically vulnerable, at high risk or shielding.
- Implement symptom questionnaires and/or testing.
- Develop a policy and procedure to manage isolation for an individual(s) showing symptoms of or confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Government guidelines on quarantine to be implemented in the case of individuals returning from overseas.

**Multi-occupancy boarding accommodation**

- Dormitory-type or shared bedrooms in multi-occupancy boarding accommodation and indoor facilities/communal areas where social distancing cannot be observed is not currently permitted (except where housing individuals from the same household or support bubble).
- The use of multi-occupancy boarding accommodation will increase risk of transmission, therefore reduced occupancy levels and social distancing measures must be implemented.
- A physical risk assessment of boarding accommodation to be carried out by an occupational health expert to support the implementation of effective control measures.
- Occupational health risk assessments should be used to inform safe occupancy levels, sharing bedrooms, scheduled access to communal areas where social distancing can be observed and the implementation of fixed groups or ‘bubbles’.
- Careful consideration should be given to the risk of transmission through exposure to multi-occupancy boarding accommodation, family and social contact, travel, attending education and activities.
- Implement symptom questionnaires and/or testing.
- Screening of occupants by an occupational health expert to identify individuals who are clinically vulnerable, at high risk or shielding.
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- Enhanced cleaning arrangements must be implemented.
- Develop a policy and procedure to manage isolation for an individual(s) showing symptoms of or confirmed to have COVID-19.
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Appendix 15
Match Day Protocol (COVID-19)

A. Introduction

Overview

The purpose of this Match Day Protocol is to facilitate the staging of League Matches in two discrete environments: Behind Closed Doors; and with a Limited Return of Supporters.

Each of these environments poses unique challenges for Clubs and the League as they seek to facilitate the safe introduction of supporters to League Matches during Season 2020/21, whilst at all times ensuring that the sanctity of the safety measures implemented for Players and Staff are strictly maintained, to ensure the safe, fair and effective delivery of the Competition.

The provisions of this Match Day Protocol do not replace or vary the obligations placed on Clubs in the Training Protocol, which will remain in force and continue to regulate Club conduct in the training ground environment. Further, in line with Rule O.1, nothing in this Protocol replaces, reduces or affects in any way the obligations imposed on Clubs by statute and/or common law in the fields of medicine, occupational health and/or health and safety.

Where, in accordance with any Rule, Club resolution or directive from a statutory body, a League Match is required to be played at a neutral venue, the League, the venue hosting the League Match and the two participating Clubs will enter into good faith discussions to determine who assumes the obligations imposed on the Home Club in this Match Day Protocol.

Format

In line with the Training Protocol, this Match Day Protocol sets out obligations binding on Clubs and incorporated into the Rules, a breach of which will be dealt with under Section W (Disciplinary) of those Rules. The obligations apply in respect of all League Matches during Season 2020/21 that (for whatever reason) are staged Behind Closed Doors or with a Limited Return of Supporters.

It is anticipated that the return of Supporters to League Matches during Season 2020/21 will be gradual, in line with Government requirements and dependent on the continuing impact of COVID-19.

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This document creates a framework to allow Clubs and the League to move gradually from a Behind Closed Doors to a Limited Return of Supporters environment (and, if necessary, back again). It is therefore structured as follows:

- **Section B (Obligations – All League Matches)** sets out a series of requirements applicable to all League Matches, whether they are staged Behind Closed Doors or with a Limited Return of Supporters. These obligations are intended to ensure the sanctity and the safety of the environment in which Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel are operating within the Stadium.

- **Section C (Obligations – Limited Return of Supporters)** sets out a series of requirements applicable only to League Matches with a Limited Return of Supporters. They are intended to build on the obligations in Section B, to ensure that Supporters are able to attend the Stadium to watch a League Match safely and in line with Government, Public Health England and SGSA requirements, whilst maintaining the sanctity of the working environment for Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel.

Supplementing this Match Day Protocol is a range of non-binding guidance, which has been issued by the Premier League in consultation with Clubs in the form of the Match Day Operations Plan and seeks to support Clubs in the practical application of their obligations to ensure the safest possible stadium environment for the delivery of a League Match. The guidance covers considerations for all areas of match day delivery.

It is envisaged that the Match Day Operations Plan will be a ‘living document’ and will develop as Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 develops. However, given that its provisions operate as Rules, no amendment to this Match Day Protocol will be made without the necessary approval by Clubs at a Shareholders’ Meeting.

Definitions

Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Match Day Protocol bear the meanings given to them in the Rules.

References to ‘Behind Closed Doors’ League Matches are to League Matches where:

- The admission of Supporters to the venue at which the League Match is played is strictly prohibited.
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- The admission of any other individual is strictly in accordance with this Match Day Protocol

References to League Matches with a ‘Limited Return of Supporters’ are to League Matches where:

- The admission of Supporters to the venue at which the League Match is played is permitted by the Sports Ground Safety Authority (‘SGSA’, and/or the relevant Safety Advisory Group, ‘SAG’) on a limited basis and only in accordance with the terms of the SGSA’s Supplementary Guidance to the Green Guide (SG02 – Planning for Social Distancing at Sports Grounds) (‘SGSA Guidance’). This limitation may be in terms of numbers of Supporters, their activities within the Stadium or otherwise, as a result of COVID-19

- The admission of all individuals to the Stadium, whether Relevant Persons, Match Day Personnel or Supporters is strictly in accordance with this Match Day Protocol

References to ‘Relevant Persons’ are to those individuals identified as such in paragraph 6i of the Training Protocol.

References to ‘Match Day Personnel’ are to:

- Staff (whether employees, contractors or consultants) and/or representatives of the participating Clubs (and their guests)
- Employees and/or representatives of the League
- Match Officials
- Broadcaster or media representatives accredited to attend the League Match

References to ‘Cleared Individuals’ are to the Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel who are permitted to attend the venue for a League Match.

References to ‘Supporters’ are to individuals in attendance at a League Match who are not Cleared Individuals and whose admission to the Stadium on a match day is subject to the conditions of entry referred to at paragraph 41, below.

Premier League Designated Roles

The Premier League’s COVID-19 Competition Officer is Richard Garlick (rgarlick@premierleague.com).

The Premier League’s COVID-19 Medical Officer is Dr Mark Gillett (mgillett@premierleague.com).

The obligations and guidance set out in this Match Day Protocol are each underpinned by the following principles that will determine the safe and successful delivery of the Competition in a Behind Closed Doors or Limited Return of Supporters environment:

| Maintain compliance with national and local Government guidelines | Government and Public Health England (‘PHE’) guidance on the response to COVID-19 will continue to underpin all match day activities, irrespective of whether a League Match is Behind Closed Doors or with a Limited Return of Supporters, and Clubs should continue to be dynamic in their response to changing guidelines. The status of COVID-19 responses, restrictions and preventative measures will be localised, with unique challenges for each Club and Stadium. |
| Work with local authority partners to create venue-specific solutions | Where a Limited Return of Supporters is permitted, Clubs must work with the SGSA and their local authority partners/Safety Advisory Group to meet their requirements and reach collective agreement on their safe return, including on capacities. SGSA guidance provides detailed information on the requirements Clubs will be assessed against. |
| Build upon existing risk management frameworks and operational plans | Where a Limited Return of Supporters is permitted, the risk management frameworks and operational plans established as part of compliance with Behind Closed Doors protocols should be reviewed and built upon to account for new risks and mitigation measures required for the safe re-introduction of Supporters into the Stadium. |
| Define responsibilities and provide clear communications | There will be defined roles and responsibilities required across all stakeholder groups to support adherence to obligations. All Cleared Individuals and Supporters should be aware of the requirements placed on them and the environment they will be entering before, during and after the League Match. This includes confirming acceptance and demonstrating compliance with relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures and screening requirements. |
| Protect Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel | When permitted, the re-introduction of Supporters cannot compromise the provisions in place to protect the safety and security of Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel. |
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B. Obligations - All League Matches

1. The obligations imposed on Clubs in this Section B apply to all League Matches in Season 2020/21, irrespective of whether the League Match is Behind Closed Doors or with a Limited Return of Supporters.

Policies and Procedures

2. By no later than seven days prior to the day of its first League Match as the Home Club in Season 2020/21, each Club must complete and submit to the League a multi-disciplinary risk assessment of all aspects of hosting a League Match at its Stadium (‘COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment’) that incorporates the following:

i. a venue operation plan for the preparation for and hosting of League Matches at its Stadium, including a plan of the Stadium and its environs, defining all areas, routes and access/egress points and including measures for the optimisation of social distancing and all Government recommended hygiene measures throughout

ii. delineation of the Stadium into the following ‘zones’ (which must become active no later than three and a half hours prior to kick-off on each match day):
   a. ‘Red Zone’ – the pitch, tunnel area, technical areas, changing rooms and any other area that will be accessed by Relevant Persons on a match day
   b. ‘Amber Zone’ – all interior areas within the Stadium that are not included in the Red Zone, as well as the pitchside presentation positions required by Rule K.56
   c. ‘Green Zone’ – the stadium exterior and its immediate vicinity (including the Outside Broadcast Compound and any parking facilities to be utilised by Cleared Individuals)

iii. appropriate modification of facilities where social distancing cannot be easily maintained to mitigate risk (for example, the utilisation of one-way systems for people and/or vehicles wherever possible and the use of appropriate signage)

iv. subject to Section C, restriction of all unnecessary or spectator-focused activity (for example, all unnecessary catering operations)

v. a maximum capacity for each room or area within the Stadium to permit social distancing measures to be maintained

vi. a security plan, screening process and accreditation system for all Cleared Individuals that limits contact between Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel wherever possible

vii. an assessment of the impact of all measures adopted as part of the COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment on existing emergency action plans, security plans, health and safety plans and/or fire evacuation plans

viii. designation of:
   a. an isolation room within the Stadium and consideration of steps to be taken to manage any individual(s) who develop COVID-19 symptoms while within the Stadium
   b. an individual (with the qualifications and experience referred to at paragraph 5i, below) responsible for oversight of the isolation room and clinical management of any individuals who develop suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 while within the Stadium, ensuring that all such cases are managed in line with standard COVID-19 case management protocols, this Match Day Protocol and Government guidance

ix. subject to Section C, measures agreed with emergency services to minimise and manage informal public gatherings in the immediate vicinity of the Stadium

x. provision for any individual who attends the Stadium and who is considered to be ‘clinically vulnerable’ or ‘clinically extremely vulnerable’ (in line with Government guidance)

xi. provision for the conduct of anti-doping during and/or immediately after a League Match, including appropriate modifications to all facilities necessary for doping control to maintain social distancing and necessary hygiene measures

xii. provision for the delivery of each Club’s broadcaster access obligations (and other essential media activities) in accordance with the Rules and any guidance issued by the Premier League

3. Subject to paragraph 35, below, by no later than seven days prior to the day of its first League Match as the Home Club in Season 2020/21, each Club must devise a ‘COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy’, which must:

i. be agreed by its Board and Chief Executive Officer

ii. identify an individual as the ‘Designated COVID-19 Stadium Operations Officer’ (who may be the same as the Club’s Designated COVID-19 Officer)
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iii. reflect the Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment Policy

iv. include a framework to:
   a. support the education and familiarisation of all of the Club’s Cleared Individuals with regard to the Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy
   b. ensure that, no later than four days before any League Match at which it is the Home Club, the following individuals are provided with a copy of the Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy:
      A. the Team Doctor and COVID-19 Officer of the Visiting Club
      B. a representative of Professional Game Match Officials Limited

v. include guidance as to the process by which the Cleared Individual can opt out of the policy at a later date, should they choose to do so (in which case, they will not be permitted to attend the Stadium)

vi. be submitted to the League (and any revisions of that document must be submitted to the League within two days of their agreement under paragraph 3i and no later than 48 hours prior to the League Match in respect of which they are intended to take effect).

4. Each Club must ensure that, before any Cleared Individual attends the Stadium, they have provided written confirmation (in such terms as are approved by the Premier League) that they have received and agree to be bound by the Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy. Confirmation provided by the individuals listed at paragraph 3iv.b, above, shall constitute acceptance on behalf of all Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel employed by or representative of the Visiting Club or PGMOL (as appropriate) that they agree to be bound by the relevant Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy.

Designated Roles

5. In addition to the roles required by paragraph 2, above, each Club must designate an individual as:
   i. its ‘COVID-19 Medical Officer’, who will ordinarily be the Club’s Team Doctor, but in all cases must:
      a. be a registered medical practitioner, licensed to practice by the General Medical Council

b. hold a current ATMMIF

c. be familiar with all relevant developments and Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 and post COVID-19 pathology

d. be in attendance at the Stadium for the period from one hour prior to kick-off of each League Match until one hour after the conclusion of the League Match

ii. its ‘Red Zone Doctor’, who will ordinarily be the Club’s Tunnel Doctor, but in all cases must:
   a. be a registered medical practitioner, licensed to practice by the General Medical Council

b. hold a current ATMMIF

c. be in attendance at the Stadium for each League Match at which the Club is the Home Club for the period from one hour prior to kick-off until one hour after the conclusion of the League Match

d. be responsible for all medical oversight within the Stadium’s Red Zone

iii. its ‘Amber Zone Doctor’, who will ordinarily be the Club’s Crowd Doctor, but in all cases must:
   a. be a registered medical practitioner, licensed to practice by the General Medical Council

b. hold the qualifications required by Rules O.10 and O.11

c. be in attendance at the Stadium for each League Match at which the Club is the Home Club for the period from one hour prior to kick-off until one hour after the conclusion of the League Match

d. be responsible for all medical oversight within the Stadium’s Amber Zone

Testing, screening and Stadium access

6. Where there is a requirement to submit to a COVID-19 Antigen Test (‘CAT’) in this Match Day Protocol, the CAT must be conducted in accordance with the process administered by the League.
7. Subject to Section C, each Home Club must ensure that no one who is not a Cleared Individual gains access to any area of the Stadium on a match day (whether the Green Zone, Amber Zone or Red Zone).

8. Each Home Club must ensure that only the following individuals may access the Red Zone on a match day:
   i. Relevant Persons who have submitted to the CAT regime set out in paragraph 12 of the Training Protocol and whose most recent CAT prior to the League Match has returned a negative result
   ii. Match Day Personnel in possession of a ‘clinical passport’ (in such format as approved by the League) permitting access to the Red Zone

9. Each Home Club must ensure that no person may access the Amber Zone on a match day unless they have satisfactorily passed a screening protocol including at least the following measures:
   i. A non-invasive temperature check (to be carried out on the match day at a designated point within the Green Zone)
   ii. A medical questionnaire provided to the Home Club on the day of the League Match (including a requirement to indicate whether they have travelled outside of the UK in the preceding 14 days, in which case they must have complied with any applicable Government guidance in force at the relevant time, including in relation to any mandatory quarantine)

10. Each Club must comply with the action plan in relation to any instance of a positive CAT result for one of its Relevant Persons and/or record of any symptoms of COVID-19 set out in the League’s guidance applicable at the relevant time.

11. No Club may permit a Relevant Person who is required to self-isolate under the results management framework detailed in the League’s guidance applicable at the relevant time to attend the Stadium on the day of a League Match.

Personal Protective Equipment (‘PPE’)

12. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Any member of Staff performing essential physiotherapy or soft tissue treatment prior to, during or immediately after a League Match wears appropriate PPE throughout the treatment, which must include (as a minimum):

       a. Fluid resistant surgical mask (type IIR)
       b. Disposable gloves
   ii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment disposes of their gloves in between attending each Player and puts on clean replacements after handwashing and before seeing the next Player
   iii. Every member of Staff involved in such physiotherapy or treatment replaces their face mask whenever it becomes moist or soiled
   iv. Where a member of Staff is conducting an examination of a Player’s mouth, head or ear, nose and throat areas, they wear a fluid resistant visor (in addition to the PPE referred to at paragraph 12i)
   v. Subject to paragraph 39, the following individuals wear a (non-surgical) face covering while located in the Stadium:
       a. All Match Day Personnel, save for Match Officials
       b. All Relevant Persons, save for those Players and Staff members who will be present on the Club’s trainers bench during the League Match, in accordance with Rule K.28
   vi. All used PPE items are disposed of in a yellow bin, with clinical waste removed from the Stadium site as soon as practicable after every League Match (and in any event prior to the date of the next League Match to be staged at the Stadium)

Hygiene

13. Each Home Club must ensure that, on the day of a League Match:
   i. Hand sanitiser dispensers are freely available throughout the Stadium (with dedicated dispensers in each changing room, technical area and the tunnel area) and are regularly re-supplied
   ii. Handwashing facilities are clearly signposted and soap dispensers are regularly re-supplied

14. Each Club must ensure that all of its Cleared Individuals refrain from spitting whilst at the Stadium.
15. Each Home Club must ensure that, as soon as possible after every League Match, cleaning of the Stadium is undertaken in accordance with Appendix 3 of the Training Protocol.

16. Each Club must ensure that prior to, regularly during and immediately after each League Match, the following items are disinfected:
   i. corner flags
   ii. goalposts
   iii. substitution boards
   iv. match balls

Venue operations and control

17. Each Club must comply with the limit specified by the League from time to time on the number of Relevant Persons and Match Day Personnel that may be present within the Stadium for any League Match.

18. Subject to paragraph 40, below, while each Home Club may prepare food on-site to be provided to Players, Match Officials, members of the technical or medical Staff and/or directors or senior executives of each Club (and their guests) in accordance with any measures identified in its COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment, no other food preparation is permitted.

19. Subject to Section C, each Home Club must develop, monitor and enforce an accreditation process that limits access to the Red Zone, Amber Zone and Green Zone in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7 to 9, above.

20. Each Home Club must ensure that all Cleared Individuals are provided with a parking space, where requested.

21. Each Home Club must ensure that appropriate modifications are made to all areas to be accessed by Relevant Persons and Match Officials prior to the League Match, at half time and after the conclusion of the League Match (including changing rooms and tunnel areas), to facilitate social distancing wherever possible.

22. After the conclusion of the League Match, all personal items and technical equipment must be removed from the Stadium, save that equipment essential for the live broadcast of the League Match may be stored in the Outside Broadcast Compound between League Matches, provided that it is disinfected after each League Match and it is locked or otherwise safely secured to ensure that it cannot be accessed by anyone.

Travel

23. Save where absolutely necessary, Match Day Personnel should not travel to the Stadium together and should only use public transport for the journey to the Stadium in line with Government guidance.

24. Each Club must ensure that Relevant Persons only travel to or from the Stadium by one of the following means:
   i. by car carrying no other Relevant Persons
   ii. by coach, train or plane (or combination of the three), in all cases maintaining appropriate social distancing measures and hygiene measures (with the coach, train or plane subjected to the cleaning processes set out in Appendix 3 to the Training Protocol prior to use by any Relevant Person(s)). Where the final element of the journey to a Stadium on match day is by coach in accordance with this paragraph 24.ii, the Club must ensure that the coach contains only Relevant Persons and/or individuals who hold a clinical passport in accordance paragraph 7, above.

Pre-match

25. Each Club may arrive at the Stadium up to three hours and 15 minutes prior to kick off.

26. Manual therapy of Players by Staff (including soft tissue therapy and massage) is permitted before the League Match, provided that it is conducted in accordance with paragraph 17 of the Training Protocol.

27. Each Club must ensure the modification of changing room facilities to maintain social distancing at all times, save for a period of 15 minutes prior to the League Match during which a tactical meeting may take place. Such meetings shall be incorporated into the Home Club’s COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment.

In-match

28. Each Club must ensure that social distancing by all Relevant Persons is maintained during the League Match wherever possible, including:
   i. In the technical area and during warm-ups
   ii. In the tunnel area
   iii. During communications with Match Officials for Players and Coaches

29. Each Club must ensure that there is no sharing of drinks bottles among Players.
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Post-match

30. Each Club must ensure that:
   i. Access to communal shower areas is risk assessed to ensure that social
distance can be maintained at all times
   ii. Ice baths are single occupancy only

31. In complying with its broadcaster access obligations under Section K of the Rules,
each Club must ensure that all interviews are conducted:
   i. outside wherever possible
   ii. with all participants situated at least two metres from each other

C. Obligations – Limited Return of Supporters

32. The provisions of this Section C apply only to League Matches in Season 2020/21
with a Limited Return of Supporters in addition to the provisions of Section B. In
the event of any conflict between a requirement in Section B and a requirement of
Section C, the provision of Section C will take precedence.

33. A Club may only stage a League Match with a Limited Return of Supporters at its
Stadium during Season 2020/21 where:
   i. permission has been granted by the relevant SAG for the staging of such a
League Match and a safety certificate issued for that purpose
   ii. in doing so, the Club complies at all times with:
      a. the terms of that safety certificate
      b. the SGSA Guidance (a breach of which shall constitute a breach of
the Protocol)
      c. this Protocol
   iii. having reviewed the documents provided by the Club pursuant to paragraph
35, below, the League has provided its consent to the staging of such a League
Match with a Limited Return of Supporters.

34. For the avoidance of doubt, where the parameters of the Limited Return of
Supporters (including, without limitation, the terms of the applicable safety
certificate referred to in paragraph 33) remain the same from one League
Match to another, there shall be no requirement to submit revised versions of
the documents referred to in paragraph 35. However, where such parameters
change (for example, where the number of Supporters permitted within the
Stadium increases or decreases and/or where Supporters of the Visiting Club
are permitted/refused permission), each Club must submit to the League revised
versions of such documents no later than four days in advance of the kick off of the
relevant League Match, to enable the League to consider such documents and, if
appropriate, grant its consent.

Policies and Procedures

35. Each Club must complete and submit to the League the following documents
by no later than four days prior to the kick-off of a League Match with a Limited
Return of Supporters at which it will be the Home Club (save where dispensation is
granted by the League for such documents to be provided to the League by a later
deadline):
   i. an updated COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment that incorporates (in addition
to and/or in replacement of the requirements of paragraph 2, above, as
appropriate) the following:
      a. a replacement of the Stadium delineation referred to in paragraph
2 with a delineation of the Stadium into the following ‘zones’ (which
must become active no later than three and a half hours prior to kick-
off on each match day):
         A. ‘Red Zone’ – the pitch, tunnel area, technical areas, changing
rooms and any other area that will be accessed by Relevant
Persons on a match day. Subject to paragraph 35iii, this Red
Zone must be the same as the Red Zone utilised for Behind
Closed Doors League Matches
         B. ‘Amber Zone’ – the presentation positions required by
Rules K.56, K.59A and K.64A and all interior areas within
the Stadium that are not included in the Red Zone or the
Supporter Zone
         C. ‘Supporter Zone’ all interior areas within the Stadium that
will be accessed by Supporters on a Match Day, including
concourse areas, toilets, hospitality lounges, corporate
boxes and Supporter seating areas
         D. ‘Green Zone’ - the stadium exterior and its immediate
vicinity (including the Outside Broadcast Compound and
any parking facilities to be utilised by Cleared Individuals)
ii. an assessment of the Club’s ongoing ability to ensure that its arrangements in respect of the Red Zone and Amber Zone remain identical to those implemented in respect of Behind Closed Doors League Matches

iii. where it is not able to ensure that its arrangements in respect of the Red Zone and Amber Zone remain identical to those implemented in respect of Behind Closed Doors League Matches, an identification of what mitigating measures the Club will implement (which measures, for the avoidance of doubt, must be agreed with the League in advance)

iv. a copy of the relevant safety certificate (and shall make available all documents, information and evidence submitted to the SAG and/or SGSA in order to secure the relevant safety certificate to the League on request)

v. revised ground regulations that must be binding on all Supporters attending the Stadium for the League Match

vi. its revised COVID-19 Stadium Operations Policy, amended to take account of the Club’s updated COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment

Designated roles

36. Each Home Club must designate an individual as its ‘Supporter Zone Doctor’, who must:

i. be a registered medical practitioner, licensed to practice by the General Medical Council

ii. hold the qualifications required by Rules O.10 and O.11

iii. be in attendance at the Stadium for each League Match at which the Club is the Home Club for the period from one hour prior to kick-off until one hour after the conclusion of the League Match

iv. be responsible for all medical oversight within the Stadium’s Supporter Zone

Stadium access

37. While Supporters may access the Green Zone and Supporter Zone, subject to the requirements of paragraphs 41 to 43, each Home Club must ensure that no Supporter is able to gain access to the Amber Zone or Red Zone on a match day.

Venue operations and control

38. Each Club must implement, monitor and enforce a code of conduct for Supporters, compliance with which must form a condition of entry to its Stadium (‘Code of Conduct’). The League will provide a template Code of Conduct for this purpose, which shall be used by Clubs, save where prior consent is granted to an alternative by the League.

39. Each Home Club must ensure that a (non-surgical) face covering is worn by each of the following individuals (save where the individual is exempt from wearing a face covering in line with Government guidance and/or is eating or drinking):

i. All Match Day Personnel (save for Match Officials) at all times while located in the Stadium

ii. All Relevant Persons (save for those Players and Staff members who will be present on the Club’s trainers bench during the League Match, in accordance with Rule K.28) at all times while located in the Stadium

iii. All Supporters all times while located in the Stadium

40. Each Club may prepare and serve food and beverages (including alcoholic beverages) on site, in accordance with any measures identified in its COVID-19 Stadium Risk Assessment and applicable Government guidance in place at the time of the relevant League Match.

Supporter terms of entry

41. Each Home Club must ensure that prior to their attendance at a League Match, each Supporter has:

i. confirmed that they are not a Supporter of the Visiting Club

ii. agreed to be bound by and comply with the Code of Conduct

iii. provided such information as is necessary to enable the Club to facilitate the Government’s ‘Test and Trace’ system

iv. completed a health questionnaire in the period from 72 hours prior to kick-off of the League Match which must:

a. include a requirement to indicate whether they have travelled outside of the UK in the preceding 14 days, in which case they must have complied with any applicable Government guidance in force at the relevant time, including in relation to any mandatory quarantine

b. include a declaration by the Supporter confirming that if, during the...
A. Introduction

1. As a consequence of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting Government restrictions on the scheduling and format of Season 2019/20, the League’s allocation of UK Broadcast Revenue and International Broadcast Revenue is subject to a reduction in the amount of the Season 2019/20 Reduction.

2. The cost of the Season 2019/20 Reduction will be borne by:

   2.1 Clubs in membership of the League in Season 2019/20 (‘19/20 Clubs’) (see Section B)

   2.2 Relegated Clubs (as defined in Rule A.1.169) in Season 2019/20 (‘19/20 Relegated Clubs’) (see Section B)

   2.3 Subject to paragraph 7, below, Promoted Clubs (as defined in Rule A.1.162) in Seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22 (see Section C)

3. The share of the 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by each of the Clubs (and clubs) referred to in paragraph 2 will be calculated in accordance with this Appendix 16 to the Rules.

B. 19/20 Clubs and 19/20 Relegated Clubs

Overview

4. The calculation of the share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club shall comprise three steps, as explained in further detail at paragraph 5, below:

   4.1 Step 1 – The League will determine each 19/20 Club’s and each 19/20 Relegated Club’s Revenue % Share (see paragraph 5.1, below)

   4.2 Step 2 – The League will then use the relevant Revenue % Share figures to calculate each 19/20 Club’s and each 19/20 Relegated Club’s Proportionate Reduction Allocation (see paragraph 5.2, below)

   4.3 Step 3 – The League will then use the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution to defray in part the costs of each 19/20 Club’s and each 19/20 Relegated Club’s Proportionate Reduction Allocation (see paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4, below)

Method

5. The share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club will be calculated in accordance with the method detailed in this paragraph 5:
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Step 1 – Calculating the Revenue % Share

5.1 The League will calculate the Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue and will identify the amount payable to each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club in accordance with the process detailed in Rules D.15 to D.19 and D.25. Based on this calculation, the percentage share of the Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue payable to each 19/20 Club and each 19/20 Relegated Club will be determined (its ‘Revenue % Share’) (for example, if the League’s Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue is £1 billion and the amount so payable to a 19/20 Club in accordance with Rules D.15 to D.19 would have been £150 million, its Revenue % Share will be 15%).

Step 2 – Calculating the Proportionate Reduction Allocation

5.2 Next, the League will attribute a portion of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club based on its Revenue % Share (its ‘Proportionate Reduction Allocation’) (for example, if a 19/20 Club’s Revenue % Share is 10% and the Season 2019/20 Reduction is £100 million, its Proportionate Reduction Allocation would be £10 million).

Step 3 – Defraying the cost of the Proportionate Reduction Allocation

5.3 Next, in order to determine the maximum reduction to be borne by each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club, the League will calculate the amount of the Season 2019/20 Reduction that would have been borne by each 19/20 Club and 19/20 Relegated Club simply by treating the Season 2019/20 Reduction as a reduction in revenue and applying the provisions of Rules D.15 to D.19 and D.25 without alteration (its ‘Maximum Reduction Allocation’).

5.4 Finally, the League will utilise the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution (as defined at paragraph 6.2, below) to reduce each 19/20 Club’s and each 19/20 Relegated Club’s Proportionate Reduction Allocation as follows:

5.4.1 A portion of the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution will be utilised to defray the Proportionate Reduction Allocation of each 19/20 Club and each 19/20 Relegated Club in each case by an amount commensurate with its Revenue % Share; and

5.4.2 The remainder of the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution will be utilised to further reduce each 19/20 Club’s and 19/20 Relegated Club’s Proportionate Reduction Allocation to ensure that no 19/20 Club or 19/20 Relegated Club bears a share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction that is greater than its Maximum Reduction Allocation.

5.5 Having utilised the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution in the way described in paragraph 5.4, above, the final share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by each 19/20 Club and each 19/20 Relegated Club will be determined.

C. Season 2020/21 and Season 2021/22 Promoted Clubs

6. Subject to paragraph 7, below:

6.1 The share of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by each of the Promoted Clubs in Seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22 will be the mean of the Maximum Reduction Allocations of the three 19/20 Relegated Clubs (calculated in accordance with the method set out in paragraph 5.3).

6.2 The total amount of the six shares of the Season 2019/20 Reduction to be borne by the six Promoted Clubs in total in Season 2020/21 and Season 2021/22 will comprise the ‘Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution’.

7. Where one or more 19/20 Relegated Clubs is promoted back to the League in Season 2021/22 (becoming a ‘Re-Promoted Club’):

7.1 The Re-Promoted Club(s) shall not be required to bear the further share(s) of the Season 2019/20 Reduction that it/they would otherwise have borne in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 and 6, above.

7.2 Instead, the number of Promoted Clubs in Seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22 that will be required to bear shares of the Season 2019/20 Reduction, calculated in accordance with paragraph 6.1, above, will be reduced by the number of Re-Promoted Clubs.

7.3 In that event, the League will utilise a portion of the fees that it would otherwise have been required to provide to the Re-Promoted Club(s) under Rule D.25 (ie, the ‘parachute payments’) to ensure that the quantum of the Promoted Clubs’ Reduction Contribution remains at the level calculated in accordance with paragraph 6.2, above.

D. Illustrative example

8. Given the complexity of the calculation methods referred to in this paper, attached at Annex One is a worked example of applicable process, drafted on the assumption that the Season 2019/20 Reduction totals £330 million.
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Annex One - Calculation of Season 2019/20 Reduction Share

Illustrative Example: Scenario - Season Completion with £330m Reduction

Total Season 2019/20 Broadcast Revenue is based on forecast. Actual allocation of reduction will be calculated on actual results at the end of the Season. Thus Revenue % Share will alter.

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Total PL Clubs 2,554.5 91.3% 314.6

Rebate Borne By Each Promoted Club

Promoted Club Rebate Contribution 50.4

Para 5.4.1
Use a portion of the Promoted Club Reduction Contribution to defray each Club's share of reduction calculated in Step 2 by allocation in the same Revenue % Share calculated in Step 1.

Para 5.4.2
Using the remainder of the Promoted Club Reduction Contribution, allocate to Clubs in order to defray the share of reduction further so that no Club’s share will exceed the share of reduction calculated in Step 3 - Para 5.3 under the Section D Allocation.

Para 5.5
Each Club’s Final Share of Season 2019/20 Reduction is determined by combining its Proportionate Reduction Allocation in Step 2 with its allocation of Promoted Club Reduction Contribution calculated in Step 3 – Para 5.4.

In this example: Each Club’s Final Share of Season 2019/20 Reduction ranges from £7.1m to £17.3m.

Relegated Clubs assume the same share of reduction as under the Maximum Reduction Allocation. Each Promoted Club in Season 2020/21 and 2021/22 will bear £8.4m of the Season 2019/20 Reduction.
Appendix 17
Competition Interruption - Squad Management Protocol

A. Introduction
1. This document details a range of measures that Clubs have agreed, pursuant to Rule C.18, may be implemented by the Board in the event that it considers them necessary to ensure the completion of a Competition. In accordance with Rule C.19, they may be implemented by written notice to Clubs (‘Implementation Notice’).
2. Any of the below, though more particularly elements of Section B, may be subject to future overriding FIFA regulations and be updated accordingly as a result.

B. Postponement of League Matches

Guidance
3. Following the issue of an Implementation Notice, the Board will only permit the rearrangement or postponement of a League Match in exceptional circumstances, which will be judged on a case-by-case basis.
4. However, by way of guidance to Clubs:
   i. Permission will not be granted to postpone a League Match where the applicant Club has 14 or more Players listed on its Squad List available
   ii. Where the Club has fewer than 14 such Players available to participate in the relevant League Match, the Board may permit the application, save where one or more of the following scenarios applies:
      a. One or more of the Club's Squad List Players' inability to participate is attributable to a failure by the Club or the Player concerned to comply with any medical (or other) protocol issued by the Board in accordance with Rule C.18 (‘Protocol’)
      b. One or more of the Club's Squad List Players’ inability to participate is as a result of the Player being subject to Government-mandated isolation following a return from overseas
      c. The Club was able to utilise a Replacement Player (as defined at paragraph 11, below) but, for whatever reason, failed to do so

5. Further, in respect of any application by a Club to reschedule or postpone a League Match due to concerns regarding insufficient Squad List Players, the Board will also give consideration to:
   i. The number of registered Under 21 Players (and their relevant experience) available to the Club at the relevant time. Clubs will be expected to utilise appropriately experienced Under 21 Players. This will include any Under 21 Player who has made a first team appearance for:
      a. The Club
      b. Another Premier League or EFL club
      c. An overseas club
   ii. The relevant position(s) of the Squad List Player(s) who is/are unavailable (for example, the availability of appropriately experienced goalkeepers)

6. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board believes that it would be extremely difficult to realistically apply and enforce any sort of subjective weighting against the level of a Player who may become unavailable for whatever reason.

Process
7. Any application by a Club for the Board to exercise its discretion to rearrange or postpone a League Match must be:
   i. Made as far in advance of the relevant League Match as reasonably practicable
   ii. Accompanied by all evidence that the Club wishes the Board to consider in support of its application

8. If the Club’s application is turned down by the Board, the Club must complete the fixture.
9. In the event that the Club refuses to complete the fixture, and the Board determines that a Club has:
   i. Failed to use its best endeavours to ensure that a League Match takes place on the scheduled time and date; and/or
   ii. Causes the postponement of a League Match,
   the matter will be dealt with in accordance with Section W (Disciplinary). In the event that the matter is referred to the Chair of the Judicial Panel, who appoints a Commission to hear the complaint, that Commission will have the sanctioning powers set out at Rule W.49.4 (including the power to deduct points to be scored in a League Match).

C. Squad management

10. Following the issue of an Implementation Notice, the provisions of this Section C will apply, subject to the rules and regulations of FIFA and The FA.

11. In the event that a Club loses one or more Players from its Squad List in place prior to the interruption of the Competition, whether due to:
   i. The Player’s contract expiring and the Club and Player being unable to agree a new contract or an appropriate extension
   ii. The Player being on loan and the two Clubs/clubs and Player being unable to agree an appropriate extension
   iii. The Player refusing to train or play due to concerns over COVID-19 or equivalent
   iv. The Player self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 or equivalent
   v. The Player becoming infected with COVID-19 or equivalent or becoming injured due to the increased volume of League Matches,
   the Board will only consent to the replacement of the lost Player(s) in its Squad List with:
   vi. Any player who was registered with (and eligible to play for) the Club prior to the suspension but who was not included in the Squad List
   vii. A Player who is returning to the Club following an expired loan with another club and then only in the circumstances detailed at paragraph 12, below,
   (in either case, a ‘Replacement Player’).

12. Further, in considering whether to grant consent for the Replacement Player to be added to the Squad List outside of a Transfer Window, the Board will be mindful of the following factors:
   i. In accordance with FIFA Regulations, the Player must have been on loan to a club in a league which has been curtailed. If subsequent FIFA Guidance relaxes this restriction that will be reflected accordingly
   ii. Where a Player previously available to the Club has become unavailable due to the expiry of his contract or a loan, what steps the Club has taken to agree an appropriate extension with that Player (and his parent Club/club, as appropriate)
   iii. The availability of ‘appropriately experienced Under 21 Players’ (as referred to at paragraph 5I, above) registered to the Club
   iv. The guidance in respect of goalkeepers set out in the League’s Squad Limits Guidance Note
   v. Whether the Player had previously been on the Club’s Squad List during the relevant season

13. Clubs retain the ability under Rule U.1 to field Under 21 Players without restriction.

D. Full Strength Teams

14. Rule L.19 requires Clubs to field a full-strength team in every League Match.

15. The League’s Squad Limits Guidance Note provides that ‘where a team is drawn exclusively from its Squad List as submitted to the Premier League, then such team will be classed as “full strength” for the purposes of this Rule.’

16. The Rule requiring full strength teams should remain unamended to protect the integrity of the competition and ensure fairness to all.

17. The Board will not consider the Rule to have been breached where a team fielded by a Club (ie, its starting eleven) is comprised solely of Players from its Squad List. However, while all cases will be considered on their merits, where a team fielded by a Club features Players who are not on its Squad List, when other Players from its Squad List are available to play, it may elect to take disciplinary action in accordance with Section W (Disciplinary) of the Rules.
E. Disciplinary approach

18. Following the issue of an Implementation Notice, the following disciplinary and procedural provisions shall apply in respect of breaches of any Protocol.

19. As with all disciplinary matters, ultimately any allegation of a breach of a protocol will be dealt with on its facts, on a case-by-case basis. However, given the critical importance of adherence to Protocols in place following an interruption to a Competition and the unanimous view of Clubs that breaches should be dealt with swiftly and with significant consequences, the Board envisages adopting the following approach:

i. Where an alleged breach of a protocol is reported the Board will consider a range of factors, including those set out in the following non-exhaustive list:
   a. The extent to which the breach has compromised the safety of one or more other Relevant Persons
   b. The extent to which the breach was intended to secure (and/or did secure) a competitive advantage
   c. The state of mind of those committing the breach (eg, inadvertent, negligent or intentional)
   d. The number of individuals involved in the breach
   e. Whether the breach represents a repeated breach of the Protocol by the Club

ii. Having considered these factors, the Board will determine which of the following three categories the breach falls into, and take the disciplinary action set out in the adjacent column:

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20. Where the Board refers a breach to a Commission, Section W of the Rules provides that a prescribed timetable is ordinarily followed, resulting in a period of at least a month before a hearing is convened and an award issued (Clubs have 14 days to respond to a complaint, with the Board having a further 14 days to reply, before a directions hearing is convened to set out a further timetable, again with the parties able to agree abridged timetables). However, all of the relevant timeframes can be abridged either with the consent of the Chair of the Judicial Panel/Commission or the agreement of the parties (see Rule W.28).

21. The Board considers it essential that allegations of breaches of a Protocol are dealt with as expeditiously as possible, given the condensed timeframes in which the remainder of the relevant season will be completed. To that end, it proposes that, in every case where an alleged breach of a Protocol is referred to a Commission:

i. The complaint should be issued by email (rather than recorded delivery post) and is deemed to be received on the same day (rather than three days after posting)

ii. The Chairman of the Judicial Panel should be required to appoint a Commission within 24 hours of the matter being referred to him

iii. Within 24 hours of their appointment, the Commission must convene a directions hearing to determine a timeline for resolving the case and to consider the matters set out at Rule W.35 (rather than such a hearing being convened after submissions have been exchanged)

iv. The presumption will be that all cases should be dealt with within seven days, save that:
   a. either the Board or an affected Club can apply to the Commission at the directions hearing for an extended timetable in exceptional circumstances
   b. where the Board considers that urgent provisional measures are required (for example, where ongoing conduct of a Club is demonstrably risking the safety of one or more individuals), it may apply to the Chairman of the Judicial Panel for these timelines to be abridged further
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Memorandum & Articles of Association
Memorandum of Association

No. 2719699

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
of
THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER LEAGUE LIMITED

1. The name of the Company is “THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER LEAGUE LIMITED”.

2. The registered office of the Company will be situated in England.

3. The objects for which the Company is established are:
   (a) to organise and manage under the jurisdiction of The Football Association a league of association football clubs to be known as “The Football Association Premier League” or such other name as the Company may from time to time adopt (“the Premier League”);
   (b) to make, adopt, vary and publish rules, regulations and conditions for the management of the Premier League and matters relating thereto, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for enforcing such rules, regulations and conditions;
   (c) to promote, provide for, regulate and manage all or any details or arrangements or other things as may be considered necessary or desirable for, or ancillary to, the comfort, conduct, convenience or benefit of football players and of the public or of any other persons concerned or engaged in or associated with the Premier League;
   (d) to enter into television, broadcasting, sponsorship, commercial or other transactions of any kind in connection with the Premier League;
   (e) to co-operate with The Football Association and the International Football Association Board in all matters relating to international competitions or relating to the laws of the game of association football and generally to adhere to and comply with the applicable rules and regulations of The Football Association;
   (f) to carry out operations and to produce or deal with goods and to purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, lease, hold or deal with property, rights or privileges;
   (g) to carry out any other transactions or things as can be advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to the Premier League or as may be calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the property or rights of the Company;
   (h) to invest and deal with the monies of the Company not immediately required in any manner and hold and deal with any investment so made;
   (i) to pay or to provide or to make arrangements for providing gratuities, pensions, benefits, loans and other matters and to establish, support, subsidise and subscribe to any institution, association, club, scheme, fund or trust;
   (j) to raise or borrow money and to give security over the Company’s assets;
   (k) to lend or advance money and to give credit and to enter (whether gratuitously or otherwise) into guarantees or indemnities of all kinds, whether secured or unsecured, and whether in respect of its own obligations or those of some other person or company;
   (l) to pay or agree to pay all or any of the promotion, formation and registration expenses of the Company;
   (m) to contribute to or support any charitable, benevolent or useful object relating to association football, or participants therein;
   (n) to do all other things to further the objects of the Company or as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of such objects or any of them.

It is hereby declared that (except where the context expressly so requires) none of the several paragraphs of this clause, or the objects therein specified, or the powers thereby conferred shall be limited by, or be deemed merely subsidiary or auxiliary to, any other paragraph of this clause, or the objects in such other paragraph specified, or the powers thereby conferred.

4. The liability of the members is limited.

5. The share capital of the Company is £100 divided into 99 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 1 Special Rights Preference Share of £1.

We, the several persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association and we respectively agree to take the number of shares in the capital of the Company set opposite our respective names.
Memorandum of Association

Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers

Rick N. Parry
Chief Executive – F.A. Premier League
14 Dormer Close
Rowton
Chester CH3 7SA

R.H.G. Kelly
Chief Executive – Football Association
16 Lancaster Gate
London W2 3LW
Dated the 22nd day of May 1992

Witness to the above signatures:

I.L. Hewitt
Solicitor
65 Fleet Street
London EC4Y 1HS

Graeme E.C. Sloan
Solicitor
65 Fleet Street
London EC4Y 1HS

Number and class of shares taken by each subscriber

22 Ordinary Shares

1 Special Rights Preference Share

No. 2719699

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of
THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIER LEAGUE LIMITED
(As amended by Special Resolution passed on 29 September 2020)

Interpretation

1. In these Articles:
   “the Act” means the Companies Act 2006 including any statutory modification or reenactment thereof for the time being in force;
   “the Articles” means the Articles of Association of the Company and reference to a number following the word “Article” is a reference to an article so numbered in the Articles;
   “Association Football” means the game of football as played in accordance with the rules and regulations of, or adopted by, the Football Association;
   “Audit and Remuneration Committee” means a committee convened by the Board under Article 51, comprised of three representatives of Clubs and the non-executive Directors in position from time to time;
   “the Board” means the board of directors for the time being of the Company;
   “Chair” means the person appointed as the Chair pursuant to Article 42 or any acting Chair appointed pursuant to Article 57.1;
   “Club” means an Association Football club which is for the time being a Member;
   “the Company” means the The Football Association Premier League Limited;
   “clear days” in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day for which the notice is given or on which it is to take effect but including the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given;
   “Curtailment Resolution” bears the meaning given to it in Rule A.1.56;
   “Director” means a director of the Company;
   “the Football Association” means The Football Association Limited;
“the Football Association Rules” means the rules and regulations for the time being of the Football Association;

“F.A Cup” means the Football Association Challenge Cup competition;

“the Football League” means The Football League Limited;

“Former Companies Acts” has the meaning set out in section 1171 of the Act;

“General Meeting” means any meeting of the Members and shall include for the purpose of the Articles (except where expressly stated) the annual general meeting and a separate class meeting of the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company;

“the League” means the Association Football league managed by the Company and consisting of Association Football clubs which are from time to time Members;

“League Office” means the registered office for the time being of the Company;

“Member” means an Association Football club the name of which is entered in the register of Members as the holder of an Ordinary Share;

“the Memorandum” means the Memorandum of Association of the Company;

“Ordinary Share” means an ordinary share of £1 in the capital of the Company;

“Representative” means any director or the secretary of a Club or any person who has been authorised to act as the representative of a Club as referred to in Article 36.1;

“Resolution” means a resolution of the Company which has been passed at a General Meeting by a majority of Members as specified in Article 27 or a resolution of the Members passed pursuant to the provisions of Article 33;

“the Rules” means the rules of the League as made, adopted or amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions of Article 16;

“the Seal” means the common seal of the Company;

“Secretary” means the secretary of the Company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;

“Special Share” means the one special rights preference share of £1 referred to in Article 3;

“the Special Shareholder” means the holder of the Special Share;

“Successor” means any manager, receiver, administrative receiver or liquidator appointed in any of the circumstances referred to in Article 10.1;

“the United Kingdom” means Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

A reference to a person includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in the Articles bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof not in force when the Articles or the relevant parts thereof are adopted.

Headings

2. The headings in the Articles are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the Articles.

Share Capital

3. The authorised share capital of the Company at the date of adoption of the Articles is £100 divided into 99 Ordinary Shares and one special rights preference share of £1.

4. Subject to Article 12, an Ordinary Share shall only be issued, allotted or transferred to an Association Football club entitled, pursuant to the Articles and the Rules, to be a Member and such club shall, on issue, allotment or transfer to it of an Ordinary Share, become a Member.

5. No person shall be entitled to be a Member unless that person is:
   5.1 a company limited by shares formed and registered in England and Wales under the Act; or
   5.2 a company limited by shares formed and registered in England and Wales under any of the Former Companies Acts; or
   5.3 any other person which the Board may determine, in its discretion, shall be entitled to be a Member.

6. No member shall be entitled to own, or have a beneficial interest in, more than one Ordinary Share.
The Special Share

7.1 The Special Share may only be issued to and held by the Football Association.

7.2 Notwithstanding any provision in the Articles or the Rules to the contrary, each of the following matters shall be deemed to be a variation of the rights attaching to the Special Share and shall accordingly be effective only with the consent in writing of the Special Shareholder and without such consent shall not be done or caused to be done:

7.2.1 the amendment, or removal, or the alteration of the effect of (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be taken to include the ratification of any breach of) all or any of the following:
   (a) the objects of the Company set out in clause 3 of the Memorandum;
   (b) in Article 1 the definition of “Special Share” or “the Special Shareholder”;
   (c) Article 4 (issue of Ordinary Shares);
   (d) this Article 7 (rights attaching to the Special Share);
   (e) Article 42 (number of Directors);
   (f) Article 44 (appointment and re-appointment of Directors);
   (g) Article 80 (adherence to the Football Association Rules); and
   (h) Articles 81 and 82 (winding-up);

7.2.2 any change of the name of the Company;

7.2.3 the variation of any voting rights attaching to any shares in the Company; and

7.2.4 the making and adoption of or any amendment to, removal of or waiver of any of the provisions of the Rules which relate to:
   (a) the name of the League;
   (b) the number of Members and promotion to and relegation from the League;
   (c) the criteria for membership of the League;
   (d) the arranging of fixtures on or prior to specified international match dates and commitment to support the Football Association in relation to international matches;
   (e) the obligation of each Club to enter the F.A. Cup;
   (f) the ownership of more than one club; or
   (g) any rules common to the League and the Football League.

7.3 The Special Shareholder shall have all the rights of a Member in relation to receiving notice of, and attending and speaking at General Meetings and to receiving minutes of General Meetings. The Special Shareholder shall have no right to vote at General Meetings.

7.4 On any distribution of capital on a winding up of the Company, the Special Shareholder shall be entitled to repayment of the capital paid up or treated for the purposes of the Act or the Insolvency Act 1986 as paid up on the Special Share in priority to any repayment of capital to any Member. The Special Share shall carry no other right to participate in the capital, and no right to participate in the profits, of the Company.

Share Certificates

8.1 Every Club, upon being registered as the holder of an Ordinary Share, shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for the Ordinary Share so held. Every certificate shall be executed in accordance with the Act and shall specify the distinguishing number of the Ordinary Share to which it relates and the amount paid up thereon.

8.2 If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in investigating such evidence as the Board may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out of the share certificate) subject to delivery up of the old certificate.

Transfer of Shares

9.1 The instrument of transfer of an Ordinary Share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the Board may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.

9.2 The Board shall refuse to register the transfer of an Ordinary Share to a person who is not entitled, pursuant to the Articles or the Rules, to be a Member.

9.3 The Board may also refuse to register the transfer of an Ordinary Share unless:

9.3.1 the instrument of transfer relating thereto is lodged at the League Office or at such other place as the Board may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the Ordinary Share to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer; and

9.3.2 it is in respect of only one Ordinary Share.
10.1 If a Member

10.1.1 enters into a Company Voluntary Arrangement pursuant to Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (“the 1986 Act” which expression shall include any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) or a compromise or arrangement with its creditors under Part 26 of the Act, or it enters into any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole; or

10.1.2 lodges, or its shareholders or directors lodge, a Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator or a Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at the Court in accordance with paragraphs 26 and 29 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act or it or its shareholders or directors make an application to the Court for an Administration Order under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act or where an Administrator is appointed or an Administration Order is made in respect of it (“Administrator” and “Administration Order” having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act); or

10.1.3 has an Administrative Receiver (as defined by section 251 of the 1986 Act) or a Law of Property Act Receiver (appointed under section 109 of the Law of Property Act 1925) or any Receiver appointed by the Court under the Senior Courts Act 1981 or any court appointed Receiver or any other Receiver appointed over any of its assets which, in the opinion of the Board, are material to the Club’s ability to fulfill its obligations as a Member; or

10.1.4 has its shareholders pass a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the 1986 Act to voluntarily wind it up; or

10.1.5 has a meeting of its creditors convened pursuant to section 95 or section 98 of the 1986 Act; or

10.1.6 has a winding up order made against it by the Court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed over it under section 135 of the 1986 Act; or

10.1.7 has a winding up order made against it by the Court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed over it under section 135 of the 1986 Act; or

10.1.8 enters into or is placed into any insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales which is analogous with the insolvency regimes detailed in Articles 10.1.1 to Articles 10.1.6 hereof;

then the Board may at any time thereafter by notice in writing call upon the relevant Successor to transfer the Ordinary Share held by such Member to such person as the Board shall direct at a price of £1 and on receipt of such notice the Member shall thereupon cease to be entitled to be a Member of the League.

10.2 If any Member shall cease to be entitled to be a member of the League pursuant to the provisions of the Rules, then that Member, shall, on receiving notice in writing from the Board to that effect, transfer its Ordinary Share to such person as the Board shall direct at a price of £1.

10.3 Any Member ceasing to be entitled to be a member of the League as referred to in Article 10.1 or 10.2 shall, as from the date of receiving the notice therein referred to, have no rights in relation to the Ordinary Share held by it save in relation to Articles 81 and 82.

10.4 If any Member or its Successor (as the case may be) shall fail to transfer such Member’s Ordinary Share in accordance with and within seven days of the notice in writing by the Board calling for the transfer of the same, the Board may authorise any Director to execute a transfer thereof in favour of a person entitled to be a member of the League and a transfer so executed shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been executed by the Member or its Successor (as the case may be) and the transferee shall be entered into the register of Members as the holder of such Ordinary Share accordingly.

10.5 On registration of the transfer of an Ordinary Share held by a Member, executed by such Member, its Successor or any Director (as the case may be) pursuant to the provisions of this Article 10, the Member shall cease to be a Member.

11.1 No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any Ordinary Share.

11.2 If the Board refuses to register a transfer of an Ordinary Share, the Board shall, within two months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged with the Company, send to the transferee notice of the refusal.

11.3 The Company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the Board refuses to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

Excess Shares

12.1 In the event that the maximum number of Association Football clubs entitled to be members of the League in accordance with the Articles or the Rules is less than the number of Ordinary Shares then in issue then, unless the excess of such Ordinary Shares shall be purchased by the Company or otherwise redeemed in accordance...
with the provisions of the Act, such excess Ordinary Shares shall be transferred
to and be registered in the name of the Secretary and, whilst so registered, such
Ordinary Shares shall carry no voting, dividend or other rights, including on any
winding up of the Company.

12.2 On any change of the Secretary, any Ordinary Shares so registered in the name of
the Secretary shall forthwith be transferred into the name of the person holding
such office following such change and in the event that such shares shall not be
so transferred within fourteen days of the change of the Secretary, the Board
may authorise any Director to execute a transfer of such shares in favour of the
Secretary for the time being of the Company and a transfer so executed shall be as
valid and effective as if the same had been executed by the holder of such shares
and the transferee Secretary shall be entered in the register as the holder of such
Ordinary Shares accordingly.

Alteration of Share Capital

13. The Company may by Resolution cancel Ordinary Shares which, at the date of the
passing of the Resolution, have not been issued and allotted or agreed to be issued
and allotted to any Association Football club entitled thereto and diminish the
amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

14. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by special resolution reduce
its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account.

Purchase of Own Shares

15. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may purchase its own shares
(including any redeemable shares) and make a payment in respect of the
redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of distributable
profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

Rules

16.1 The Company may by Resolution make and adopt and from time to time amend
the Rules for the purpose of regulating all matters affecting the organisation and
management of the League to the extent not provided for in, and so far as the
same do not conflict with, the provisions of the Articles.

16.2 Unless otherwise stated in the Articles or the Rules, the provisions of the Articles
shall prevail in the event of any conflict with any of the provisions of the Rules.

General Meetings

17.1 A General Meeting may be convened by the Board at any time.

17.2 If there are at any time less than two Directors then a continuing Director or the
Secretary may convene a General Meeting for the purposes referred to in Article 57.1.

17.3 The Board shall convene each year at approximately quarterly intervals not less
than four General Meetings (to include an annual general meeting) to be held at
such time and at such place as the Board shall determine.

17.4 The Board (and if there are less than two Directors, a continuing Director or the
Secretary) shall on receipt by the Company of the requisition to that effect from
two or more Members forthwith proceed to convene a General Meeting (other than
an annual general meeting) for a date not later than:

17.4.1 twenty eight clear days after the receipt of such requisition if it is signed by
less than two thirds in number of the Members; or

17.4.2 fourteen clear days after the receipt of such requisition if it is signed by
two thirds or more in number of the Members; or

17.4.3 twenty one clear days after receipt of such requisition if the meeting is for
any of the purposes referred to in Articles 18.1.2, 18.1.3, or 18.1.4.

Notice of General Meetings – End of Season 2019/20 and Season 2020/21

17A.1 This Article 17A shall apply in replacement of Article 18 for the period beginning
from its date of adoption and expiring on the date of the first annual general
meeting convened following the conclusion of Season 2020/21. On its expiry, it
shall automatically cease to apply and be deemed deleted from the Articles.
Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may propose an Ordinary Resolution to
amend the expiry date should it deem it necessary to do so.

17A.2 At least twenty-one clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for:

17A.2.1 any annual general meeting;

17A.2.2 any meeting at which it is proposed to pass a special resolution or an
elective resolution; and

17A.2.3 any meeting at which it is proposed to pass a Resolution appointing a
person as a Director.

17A.3 At least five clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for any meeting at which
it is proposed to make, amend or adopt a Rule.
20. Notice of any General Meeting shall be given to the Special Shareholder, all the Members, any Successor of a Member and to each Director and the auditors.

21. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any member or person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Proceedings at General Meetings

22. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, two thirds in number of the Members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

23. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Board may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be, and the meeting shall be, cancelled.

24. The Chair, or, in his or her absence, a Director shall preside as chair of the meeting. If none is willing to act as chair, or if not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall elect another Director or one of the Representatives of a Member who is present to be the chair of the meeting.

25. Notwithstanding that he is not a Member, a Director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting.

26. The chair of the meeting may, with the consent of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall, if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more notice shall be given in accordance with Article 18 specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.

1A.4 No fewer than two clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for any General Meeting at which the Board intends to table a Curtailment Resolution. For the avoidance of doubt, no Member (or group of Members) may table a Curtailment Resolution at any time.

1A.5 At least fourteen clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for any General Meeting not otherwise covered by Articles 1A.2 or 1A.4.

Notice of General Meetings

18.1 At least twenty one clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for:
18.1.1 any annual general meeting;
18.1.2 any meeting at which it is proposed to pass a special resolution or an elective resolution;
18.1.3 any meeting at which it is proposed to pass a Resolution appointing a person as a Director; and
18.1.4 any meeting at which it is proposed to make, adopt or amend the Rules.

18.2 No fewer than two clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for any General Meeting at which the Board intends to table a Curtailment Resolution. For the avoidance of doubt, no Member (or group of Members) may table a Curtailment Resolution at any time.

18.3 At least fourteen clear days’ notice in writing shall be given for any other General Meeting.

19. The notice of a General Meeting shall specify the time and place of the meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted and shall include a statement that a Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or two proxies to attend and vote instead of that Member and that a proxy need not also be a Member and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such.

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2 By elective resolution passed at a General Meeting of Shareholders held on 3rd December 1998 it was resolved that the provisions of Section 369(4) and Section 378(3) of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended by the Companies Act 1989) are to have effect in relation to the Company as if, for the references, in those sections, to 95%, there were substituted references to 90%.

Accordingly any agreement of the members to the calling of a general meeting on short notice (Section 369) or to consider a special resolution at a General Meeting on short notice, requires the agreement of a majority of 90% (rather than 95%) in number of the members having the right to attend and vote at a meeting.
27. Except where the Act specifies that a particular resolution of the Company requires a greater majority, two-thirds of such Members who are present and who vote by their Representative or by proxy at a General Meeting of which notice has been duly given shall be required for the passing of all resolutions of the Company.

28. A resolution put to the vote of a General Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands, a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:
28.1 by the chair of the meeting; or
28.2 by at least two Members, and a demand by a person as Representative of or proxy for a Member shall be the same as a demand by the Member.

29. Unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the General Meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

30. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn, but only with the consent of the chair of the meeting and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

31. A poll shall be taken as the chair of the meeting directs and he or she may fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

32.1 A poll demanded on the election of a chair of the meeting or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chair of the meeting directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.

32.2 No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days’ notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

33. In accordance with the Act, a resolution in writing signed on behalf of two thirds of the Members by a Representative of each of them shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a General Meeting duly convened by notice appropriate thereto and held, except where the Act specifies that a particular resolution of the Company requires a greater majority, in which case a resolution in writing signed on behalf of such greater majority of the Members by a Representative of each of them shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a General Meeting duly convened by notice appropriate thereto and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in the like form each signed on behalf of one or more of the Members by a Representative of each of them.

Votes of Members

34. Every Member present at a General Meeting by a Representative or proxy shall have one vote whether on a show of hands or on a poll.

35. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any Representative or proxy except at the General Meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chair of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

Representatives

36.1 Any director or the secretary of a Club shall be entitled to act as the Representative of the Club at, and for all the purposes of business at, any General Meeting. A Club may separately or additionally, by resolution of its directors, authorise any of its employees as it thinks fit (not being a director or the secretary as aforesaid) to act as the Representative of the Club at any General Meeting. The Board may require reasonable evidence of any such authorisation.

36.2 A Representative shall be entitled to exercise all the powers of a Member for whom he acts as Representative.
Each Club shall, on becoming a Member, or when so requested by the Secretary, give notice to the Secretary, setting out, in such order or priority as the Club shall determine, details of each of its directors, secretary and any employee who has been authorised by the Club to act as its Representative at General Meetings and shall from time to time send to the Secretary details of any changes in such persons.

A Representative shall be entitled to attend and where appropriate vote at a General Meeting notwithstanding that the member of which he is the Representative has appointed a proxy to attend the same.

An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, signed on behalf of the Member by one of its directors or its secretary or any of the Member’s employees authorised by the Member to sign the same and shall be in the usual common form or in such form as the Board shall approve.

Unless otherwise indicated on the instrument appointing the proxy, the proxy may vote or abstain from voting as such proxy shall think fit.

The instrument appointing a proxy and (where such instrument is not signed by a director or the secretary of a Member) a copy of the authority under which it is signed shall be in writing and shall:

1. Be deposited at the League Office or with the Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to the time appointed for the commencement of the General Meeting which the person or persons named in the instrument propose to attend unless otherwise specified in the notice convening such General Meeting; or
2. In the case of a poll taken more than forty eight hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
3. Where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than forty eight hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the General Meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chair of the meeting or to the Secretary.

The chair of the meeting may in his or her discretion permit the appointment of a proxy other than as provided herein if the circumstances arise which prevent a Member attending a General Meeting.

A maximum of two Representatives or proxies of a Club shall be entitled to attend General Meetings but, in the event that more than one of such Representatives or proxies shall attend then, whilst such Representatives or proxies shall be entitled to speak, only the Representative present who is senior in order of priority in the notice referred to in Article 36.3 or, (if no Representative but more than one proxy is present), only the first named proxy shall be entitled to vote at such General Meeting on behalf of the Club.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Board or by a majority of the Members present at any General Meeting, no other Representative, proxy or any other person representing a Club shall be entitled to attend General Meetings and in any event such person, shall not be entitled to speak thereat unless invited to do so by the chair of the meeting.

A vote given or poll demanded by the Representative or proxy of a Member shall be valid notwithstanding the previous termination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of such termination was received by the Company at the League Office (or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited) before the commencement of the General Meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the General Meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

The Board shall consist of not less than two Directors one of whom shall be the Chair and one of whom shall be the chief executive.

A Director need not hold any shares of the Company to qualify him as a Director but he shall be entitled to attend and speak at all General Meetings.

No person shall be appointed or re-appointed as Chair or as a Director except pursuant to a Resolution and unless:

1. Such person is proposed by the Board and notice of intention to propose such person is included in the notice of the General Meeting at which the Resolution is to be proposed; or
44.2 where the General Meeting has already been convened, not less than fourteen and, where the General Meeting has not already been convened, not less than twenty two and, in any case not, more than thirty five clear days before the date appointed for a General Meeting, a notice signed by a Member has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or re-appointment; and

44.3 in each case, appointment or re-appointment has been or is endorsed by the Special Shareholder (such endorsement not to be unreasonably withheld, refused or delayed).

45. The terms and conditions relating to the appointment or re-appointment of (including the remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of) the Chair or any other Director, shall be determined by the Audit and Remuneration Committee.

46. Subject to the requirements of the Act, and without prejudice to any claim or rights in respect of any breach of contract between the Company and such person, the Directors may by Resolution terminate the appointment of the Chair or of any Director (as the case may be).

Powers of the Board

47. Subject to the Memorandum and the Articles the affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Board subject always to any directions from time to time given and any policy resolved upon by the Members in General Meeting.

48. The Board shall:

48.1 manage the affairs of the Company including the operation of the League and the operation and implementation of the Rules;

48.2 exercise all powers of the Company but subject always to such powers of supervision and policy direction as the Members in General Meeting may from time to time exercise or give;

48.3 take such executive steps as it considers necessary to give effect to any policy resolved upon by the Members in General Meeting;

48.4 make such recommendations to the Members on such matters of importance to the Company as it considers appropriate; and

48.5 subject to the provisions of the Articles and the Act, determine any and all matters of procedure to be followed by the Company.

49. The Board shall not in relation to any dealings relating to television, broadcasting, sponsorship or like transactions or other matters materially affecting the commercial interests of the Members enter into any contract or agreement or conduct themselves in any way as would bind the Company to any contract or agreement without the prior authority or approval by Resolution of the Members.

50. No alteration of the Memorandum or the Articles nor any direction of the Members shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given.

Delegation of the Board’s Powers

51. Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles and which are not specifically reserved to the Directors only:

51.1 to such person or committee;

51.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);

51.3 to such an extent;

51.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and

51.5 on such terms and conditions, as they think fit.

52. If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors’ powers by any person to whom they are delegated. The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

53. Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern decision making by Directors.

54. Subject always to Article 53, the Directors may make rules solely in relation to procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules of procedure derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

Borrowing Powers

55. The Board may with the prior approval or authority of a Resolution exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money and to mortgage or charge its assets and, subject to Section 80 of the Act, to issue debenture stock and other debt securities as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
Disqualification and Removal of Directors

56. The office of a Director shall be vacated upon the happening of any of the following events:
   56.1 if he resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand to the Secretary sent to or left at the League Office;
   56.2 if he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
   56.3 if he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
      56.3.1 he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984; or
      56.3.2 an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs;
   56.4 if he dies;
   56.5 if he ceases for any cause to hold office as Chair or chief executive; or
   56.6 if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act or becomes prohibited bylaw from being a director.

57.1 In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board, the continuing Director(s) shall forthwith convene a General Meeting for the purpose of appointing a Director to fill that vacancy and may appoint as a Director a person who is willing to act including as acting Chair. An acting Director so appointed shall hold office until the General Meeting convened as aforesaid shall be held and if not reappointed thereat shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof.

57.2 Pending such General Meeting an acting Chair or other Director (as the case may be) appointed as aforesaid shall be treated as and shall have all the powers and duties of the Chair or Director (as the case may be) for all the purposes of the Articles.

Directors’ Expenses

58. A Director and any person appointed by the Board under Article 51 may be paid all reasonable travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Board or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

Directors’ Interests

59. Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided that he has disclosed to the Members the nature and extent of any material interest which he has, and obtained the consent of the Members by Resolution, a Director notwithstanding his office:
   59.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
   59.2 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested; and
   59.3 shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

60. For the purpose of Article 59:
   60.1 a general notice given to the Members that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and
   60.2 an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

Proceedings of the Board

61. Subject to the provisions of the Articles and the Rules, the Board may regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit. A Director may, and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall, call a meeting of the Board. Any question arising at a meeting of the Board on which the Directors are not unanimous shall be referred to the Members at the next General Meeting.
62. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the Board shall be whichever number is required for a majority of Directors to be in attendance.

63. If the number of Directors is less than two, the continuing Director may act only for the purpose of calling a General Meeting or for the purposes referred to in Article 57.1.

64. The Chair shall be the chair of all meetings of the Board or in his or her absence one of the Directors present.

65. All acts done by a meeting of the Board, or by a person acting as a Director (as provided by the Articles) shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of the Director or such other person or that any of them was disqualified from holding office, or if a Director, had vacated office, or was not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and, if a Director, had continued to be a Director and had been entitled to vote.

66. A resolution in writing signed by the Directors shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one of the Directors.

67. Without prejudice to Article 66, a meeting of the Board may consist of a conference between the Directors who are not in one place, but where each is able (directly or by telephonic communication) to speak to the other, and to be heard by the other simultaneously. A Director taking part in such a conference shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in a quorum accordingly. In relation to any meeting of the Board reference to the word “meeting” in the Articles shall be construed accordingly.

68. Unless authorised by a Resolution to do so, a Director shall not vote at any meeting of the Board or on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company but shall nevertheless be counted in the quorum of Directors present at that meeting.

69. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Secretary shall be appointed by the Board subject to ratification by the Members in General Meeting for such term, at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board or by Resolution of the Members.

70. The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose of all proceedings at General Meetings, of all Resolutions passed by the Members and of all meetings of the Board, including the names of the Directors present at each of such Board meetings. The Board shall cause all such minutes to be circulated to Members within fourteen days of the date of any such meeting.

71. The Seal shall only be used pursuant to the authority of the Board. The Board may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the Seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by the two Directors or one Director and the Secretary. Any document signed by two Directors or one Director and the Secretary or one Director in the presence of a witness who attests the signature and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the Company has the same effect as if executed under the Seal.

72.1 No dividend shall be declared or paid in respect of any share except pursuant to a Resolution in General Meeting.

72.2 For the avoidance of doubt, Article 72.1 shall not affect the provisions relating to payments to Members in respect of broadcasting or sponsorship or other income received by the Company which shall be as laid down from time to time in the Rules and which shall be implemented by the Board in accordance with the Rules.

73. No member or other person has any right to inspect any accounting record or book or document of the Company unless:
73.1 he is entitled by law;
73.2 he is authorised to do so by the Board; or
73.3 he is authorised to do so by a Resolution.
74.1 A notice calling a meeting of the Board need not be in writing.

74.2 Any other notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles shall be in writing.

75. Any notice or other document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member or any Director either personally, or by sending it by post addressed to the Member or Director at his registered address or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail or other instantaneous means of transmission to the number or other transmission address or identification provided by the Member or the Director for this purpose, or by leaving it at its registered address addressed to the Member or the Director, or by any other means authorised in writing by the Member or Director concerned.

76. Any notice or other document, which is sent by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered twenty four hours after posting and, in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, stamped and put in the post. Any notice or other document left at a registered address otherwise than by post, or sent by facsimile transmission or electronic mail or other instantaneous means of transmission, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered when it was left or sent.

77. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 76 relating to service or delivery of any notice or document any notice or document not posted or delivered personally shall also be confirmed by sending or delivering a copy thereof by post or personally as provided in Article 75 but so that, in any such case, the accidental omission to so post or serve the same or non receipt of the same shall not invalidate the due service or delivery of the notice or other document in question.

78. A Member present, either by Representative or by proxy, at any General Meeting shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

79. A notice may be given by the Company to a Successor of a Member in consequence of the insolvency, administration or receivership of a Member, by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the Articles for the giving of notice to a Member, addressed to the Member by name or to the Successor at the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the Successor. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the insolvency, administration or receivership had not occurred.

80. The Company shall adhere to and comply with the Football Association Rules.

Winding Up

81. On the winding-up of the Company the surplus assets shall be applied first, in repaying to the Members the amount paid on their shares respectively and, if such assets shall be insufficient to repay the said amount in full, they shall be applied rateably.

82. If the surplus assets shall be more than sufficient to pay to the Members the whole amount paid upon their shares, the balance shall be paid over to The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object connected with Association Football as shall be determined by Resolution at or before the time of winding-up and approved by The Football Association.

Indemnity

83. Subject to the provisions of the Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Director may otherwise be entitled, every Director or other officer or auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company.
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Points Based System
Governing Body Endorsement Requirements for Players
2020/2021 Season

Introduction
The purpose of this document is to explain how football clubs in England and Welsh clubs with membership of the Premier League or English Football League seek to obtain Governing Body Endorsements (where necessary) from The FA for individual players under Tiers 2 (Sportsperson) and 5 (Temporary Worker – Creative and Sporting) of the Home Office Points Based System ("PBS") for the 2020/2021 season.

Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms are given the meanings set out in the Glossary.

Consultation
The criteria set out in this document have been agreed by the Home Office following consultation between the Stakeholders.

Duration
The criteria set out in this document will apply for part of the 2020/2021 season and will be effective from 1 May 2020 through to 31 December 2020 when the transition period between the United Kingdom and the EU will come to an end. The criteria are subject to an ongoing review in order that revised criteria may be issued by 31 December 2020 to operate for the remainder of the 2020/2021 season.

Please note that, based on the current transition timetable between the United Kingdom and the EU, The FA expects Exceptions Panels and the ability to request them, to be removed as of the winter transfer window of the 2020/21 season. This will be kept under review and reflected, as appropriate, in the revised criteria.

Glossary

Aggregated FIFA World Rankings means the aggregated rankings list for senior men’s international teams over the Reference Period that are published by The FA on a monthly basis following publication of the FIFA World Rankings. This list is available on www.thefa.com.

Available Continental Minutes means the total number of minutes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any injury time or added time) played by the player’s club in the last twelve months in a Continental Cup Competition. Any periods where the player was Unavailable for Selection due to injury or suspension must be evidenced and will be deducted from the calculation accordingly.

Available Minutes means the total number of minutes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any injury time or added time) played by the player’s club in its domestic league competition for which the applicant player was available for selection. Any periods where the player was Unavailable for Selection due to injury or suspension must be evidenced and will be deducted from the calculation accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, all minutes played by a club in competitions other than its domestic league competition are to be excluded.

Certificate of Sponsorship means a certificate assigned to a non-EU/EEA player by a club following the granting of a GBE for that player by The FA. Such a certificate will quote a unique reference number that links to information held by the Home Office about the individual’s job and personal details.

Competitive International Match means any match played in the following tournaments:
• FIFA World Cup Finals;
• FIFA World Cup Qualifying Groups;
• FIFA Confederations Cup; and
• Continental Cup Qualifiers and Finals, including but not limited to:
  – UEFA European Championships and Qualifiers;
  – UEFA Nations League;
  – CAF African Cup of Nations and Qualifiers;
  – AFC Asia Nations Cup and Qualifiers;
  – CONCACAF Gold Cup;
  – CONCACAF Copa Caribe;
  – UNCAF Nations Cup;
  – CONMEBOL Copa América; and
  – OFC Nations Cup.

Continental Competition means any of the following tournaments:
• the UEFA Champions League;
• the UEFA Europa League; and
• the Copa Libertadores de América.

Cumulative Total Score means the cumulative total of any points that a player may score under the Part A objective criteria added to the points that a player may score under the Part B objective criteria (as set out in Appendix 1). For the avoidance of doubt, Cumulative Total Score shall not include any points that have been duplicated across Part A and Part B.

FIFA means the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
FIFA World Rankings means the rankings for senior international men’s teams published on the FIFA website (these rankings can currently be found at http://www.fifa.com/fifa-world-ranking/ranking-table/men/).

Friendlies means any match between two National Associations affiliated to FIFA that is not a Competitive International Match.

Governing Body Endorsement or GBE means an endorsement issued by The FA to a club for a non-EU/EEA elite player who is internationally established at the highest level, whose employment will make a significant contribution to the development of football at the highest level in England.

Home Associations means The Scottish Football Association, the Football Association of Wales and The Irish Football Association.

Home Office means the department of the UK government responsible for immigration, counter-terrorism, police, drugs policy, and related science and research.

National Association means a football association that is a member of and recognised by FIFA.

Qualifying Transfers means all transfers to Premier League clubs in the previous season in respect of players submitted on Premier League squad lists. The Qualifying Transfers value will be provided by The FA directly to The Premier League and The English Football League prior to each season and will remain in force until 31 December 2020.

Qualifying Wages means the basic wages paid to the top 30 earners in each Premier League club at the end of the season prior to the date of the application. The value of Qualifying Wages will be provided by The FA directly to The Premier League and The English Football League prior to each season and will remain in force until 31 December 2020.

Reference Period means the twenty four (24) month period immediately preceding the date of the application for a Governing Body Endorsement unless the player is twenty one (21) or under at the time of the application for a Governing Body Endorsement when the reference period is reduced to the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period.

Relevant Interested Parties means an appropriate representative of the either The Premier League or The English Football League (depending on the league in which the player plays) and the Professional Footballers’ Association.

Required Percentage means:
- for National Associations ranked between 1 and 10 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 30% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 11 and 20 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 45% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 21 and 30 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 60% and above; and
- for National Associations ranked between 31 and 50 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 75% and above.

Secondary League means:
- the 2 European leagues which are not Top Leagues but provide the next most players to the top twenty (20) squads in the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings at the relevant point in time; and
- the Central and South American league which is not a Top League but which provides the third most players to the top twenty (20) squads in the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings at the relevant point in time.

A list setting out the Secondary Leagues will be published on The FA website prior to each season and this list will remain in force until 31 December 2020.

Secondary Percentage means:
- for National Associations ranked between 1 and 10 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 25% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 11 and 15 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 30% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 16 and 20 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 40% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 21 and 25 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 45% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 26 and 30 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 55% and above;
- for National Associations ranked between 31 and 50 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 60% and above; and
- for National Associations ranked between 51 and 60 of the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings, 75% and above.

Sponsor means a Premier League or English Football League club which has satisfied the Home Office criteria to assign Certificates of Sponsorship.

The English Football League means The English Football League Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 00080612 and whose registered office is at 10 – 12 West Cliff, Preston, PR1 8HU.

The FA means The Football Association Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 00077797 and whose registered office is at Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS, designated for these purposes as the “recognised governing body” which shall be represented by the Head of Player Status and Competitions or their nominee.

The Premier League means The Football Association Premier League Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 02719699 and whose registered office is at 30 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8PL.

The Professional Footballers’ Association means The PFA, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 01088411 and whose registered office is at 20 Oxford Court, Manchester M2 3WQ.

Top League means:
- the six (6) European leagues which provide the most players to the top 20 squads in the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings at the relevant point in time; and
- the two (2) Central and South American leagues which provide the most players to the top twenty (20) squads in the Aggregated FIFA World Rankings at the relevant point in time.

A list setting out the Top Leagues will be published on The FA website www.thefa.com prior to each season and this list will remain in force until 31 December 2020.

Transfer Fee means the fixed, guaranteed element of a transfer fee (if applicable) and is taken from the transfer fee submitted by the club to The FA. For the avoidance of doubt, free transfers, players for whom the transfer fee consists of only training compensation and swap or multi-player deals are to be disregarded when calculating the transfer fee.

Unavailable for Selection means the player was not available to play due to injury or suspension and written evidence supporting this, setting out the games missed and the reason(s), has been provided by the player’s National Association or club doctor (as applicable) to The FA. For the avoidance of doubt, a player may not be classed as injured (and therefore Unavailable for Selection) if he was listed as a substitute in a match and was not used. Such matches may not be eligible for exclusion when calculating the Required Percentage or Available Minutes (as applicable).

Virtual Transfer Fee means a virtual transfer fee ascribed to a player when no Transfer Fee is payable at the time the application for a GBE is made. The Virtual Transfer Fee will be ascribed on such basis and in such amount as the Exceptions Panel deems to be appropriate in its absolute discretion. However, a Virtual Transfer Fee cannot be ascribed to (i) a player transferring to a club on loan or (ii) a player who has been registered for a club, has been sent out on loan and is returning to their parent club (regardless of whether a transfer fee was paid when the player first registered for the club).

Wages means the fixed, guaranteed element of the wages payable to the player and the figure is taken from (i) the contract entered into between the applicant club and the player (if the player is already registered with The FA for the applicant club) or (ii) the draft contract submitted by the applicant club to The FA (if the player is not registered with The FA for the applicant club). In the case of loan players, only the player’s wages for which the applicant club is liable will be assessed. Any element of the player’s full contractual wage which is to be met by his parent club is to be disregarded.

1. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1.1. Eligibility to become a Sponsor

In order to apply for a Governing Body Endorsement from The FA, an applicant club must hold a Sponsor’s licence under Tier 2 and/or Tier 5 of the PBS and thereby be eligible to assign Certificates of Sponsorship.

To be eligible to become a Sponsor and assign Certificates of Sponsorship, a club must be a member of The Premier League or The English Football League. A Sponsor’s licence issued under Tier 2 or Tier 5 is valid for a period of 4 years, after which time it may be renewed. Clubs should note that a Sponsor’s licence may be revoked by the Home Office at any time if the Sponsor is seen to be failing in its compliance with its duties. Where a Sponsor’s licence is revoked, a player’s leave may be curtailed. This means that a player must make a change of employment application if he wishes to remain in the UK.

1.2. Certificates of Sponsorship

A Certificate of Sponsorship will be assigned to a player by the club once The FA has confirmed that the application on behalf of the player has satisfied the requirements for a GBE. Any Certificate of Sponsorship assigned to a player must be submitted to The FA by the applicant club.

1.3. Length of Season

For the purposes of the PBS, the playing season for this sport is from August to May. This may vary slightly from season to season depending on the arrangement of the first and last matches.
1.4. **Time for making an application**
A club can apply for a Governing Body Endorsement at any time during the season and any application will be considered against the criteria set out below. Clubs should take into consideration the fact that a Governing Body Endorsement for a player, once issued, must be presented to the Home Office as part of an application for entry clearance or leave within three months of a Certificate of Sponsorship being assigned to a player. A new Governing Body Endorsement will be required if the previous Governing Body Endorsement has expired.

2. **OBTAINING A GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT UNDER THE PBS**

2.1. **Criteria under which a Governing Body Endorsement will automatically be granted**
The FA will automatically grant a player a GBE under either Tier 2 or Tier 5 if the applicant club is able to show that that player has participated in the Required Percentage of senior Competitive International Matches played by that player’s National Association during the Reference Period.

2.2. **Discretionary criteria under which a Governing Body Endorsement may be granted**
If a player does not meet the automatic criteria set out above, an applicant club can request that an Exceptions Panel consider the player’s experience and value in order to determine whether a Governing Body Endorsement should nevertheless be granted.

The applicant club must make the request for an Exceptions Panel to the Player Status Department at The FA which will then appoint an Exceptions Panel in accordance with the below. Clubs should ensure that all evidence that they want to be considered in respect of the player is submitted in writing ahead of the determination by the Exceptions Panel.

2.2.1. The Exceptions Panel will be made up of three (3) members who will be appointed by The FA.

2.2.2. The three (3) member Exceptions Panel will be constituted as follows:

- 2.2.2.1. an independent, legally qualified Chair (“Chair”); and
- 2.2.2.2. two (2) additional independent panel members having relevant experience at the top level of the game

(*Independent Members*), (who shall together be referred to as the “Panel Members”).

2.2.3. No individual who would objectively be considered to have a current association with the applicant club will be appointed to the Exceptions Panel.

2.2.4. In the event that a Panel Member(s) considers there to be an actual or perceived conflict of interest (whether or not an objection is raised by the applicant club) on the part of a Panel Member(s) (which for the avoidance of doubt can include themselves) where:

- 2.2.4.1. this relates to an Independent Member(s), the Panel Member(s) must declare this to the Chair; and
- 2.2.4.2. this relates to the Chair, this must be declared to The FA.

In either case, this must be declared at the earliest opportunity and, in any event, in advance of determination of the case.

2.2.5. The applicant club will be informed of the membership of the Exceptions Panel at the earliest opportunity in advance of the Exceptions Panel sitting to decide the case. An applicant club may challenge the appointment of any Panel Member if circumstances exist which give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest on the part of that Panel Member. If a club intends to challenge the appointment of a Panel Member, the club must declare this at the earliest opportunity and, in any event, before the Exceptions Panel sits to determine the player’s application.

2.2.6. Where the actual or perceived conflict under either 2.2.4 or 2.2.5 above relates to an Independent Member(s), the Chair will determine in his absolute discretion whether the relevant Independent Member(s) should be excluded from participating in the panel hearing and voting on the application. If the Chair decides in his absolute discretion that the Independent Member(s) cannot participate, the Chair will notify The FA of this and The FA will appoint a replacement Independent Member(s) who may also be challenged if there is a perceived or actual conflict of interest.

2.2.7. Where the actual or perceived conflict under either 2.2.4 or 2.2.5 above relates to the Chair, The FA will determine whether the Chair is eligible to participate and vote. If The FA determines that the Chair cannot participate, The FA will appoint a replacement Chair.
2.3 Establishing that a player has participated in a certain percentage of Competitive International Matches
Where a club is required to show, for the purposes of satisfying the automatic or objective criteria set out in this document, that a player has participated in a certain percentage of Competitive International Matches, the following shall apply:

2.3.1 The applicant club must provide written confirmation setting out all matches (including Competitive International Matches, friendlies and any other international matches that the player was involved in) in which the player:
• took part;
• was Unavailable for Selection; and
• did not take part but was not Unavailable for Selection.

An applicant club should obtain such confirmation from the player’s National Association. If the relevant National Association is not able to confirm this, this fact should be confirmed by the applicant club to The FA. The responsibility lies with the applicant club to provide this information where it is able to do so. The FA will then seek to independently verify this information through its own sources. A decision will not be made until this process has been completed and any relevant supporting evidence is submitted.

2.3.2 In calculating the Required Percentage, Secondary Percentage (or other relevant percentage), any Competitive International Matches for which the player was Unavailable for Selection are to be excluded.

2.3.3 If less than 30% of a National Association’s matches during the Reference Period are Competitive International Matches, friendly matches will be included in the calculation.

2.4 Other requirements of the PBS
In order to secure leave to remain under Tiers 2 and 5 of the PBS, in addition to securing a GBE and being assigned with a Certificate of Sponsorship, an individual will also have to meet any other criteria as set by the Home Office. For example, applications under Tier 2 will have to be supported by evidence that the player has met the English language requirement set by the Home Office.
3. CONSIDERATIONS ONCE A GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT HAS BEEN GRANTED

3.1 Length of issue

Governing Body Endorsements can only be issued for the following periods:

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|                       | If the initial application was granted for less than twelve (12) months, an in-country extension can be granted to top up the period to twelve (12) months in total. For example, a player granted a six (6) month approval can apply for an extension in country of up to another six (6) months. If a club wishes to employ a player for a period of longer than twelve (12) months, the player has to return overseas to make a new application and obtain entry clearance for a further twelve (12) month period under Tier 5.

3.2 Extension Applications

If a club wishes to retain the services of a player beyond the period of his GBE, the club must submit a new application before the player’s leave to remain expires. If the player satisfies the automatic criteria for endorsement (as set out at 2.1 above), a GBE will be granted. If the automatic criteria (at 2.1) are not satisfied, the process set out in 3.10 shall apply.

3.3 Switching from Tier 5 to Tier 2 of the PBS

A player can enter under Tier 5 (if he is unable to meet the English language requirement set by the Home Office) and then apply in-country (provided this is within the first 12 months) to switch to Tier 2 once he has passed the English language test. To do this, the club will need to submit a new application for a GBE so that a new Certificate of Sponsorship under Tier 2 can be assigned by the club. The new application will need to be supported by a notification of pass or pass certificate at the agreed level from an accredited English Language Test Centre.

Where a player wishes to switch from Tier 5 to Tier 2 and satisfies the automatic criteria for endorsement (as set out at 2.1 above) at the time at which the application to switch is made, a GBE will be granted. Where the player does not meet the automatic criteria (at 2.1), the process set out in 3.10 shall apply.

3.4 Change of club

A club wishing to sign a player who has been granted a Governing Body Endorsement through another club must submit a new application for a GBE to The FA. If the player meets the automatic criteria (as set out at 2.1 above), a GBE will be granted. Where the player does not meet the automatic criteria (at 2.1), the process set out in 3.10 shall apply.

3.5 Temporary transfer of player’s registration (loans)

For the purpose of a Governing Body Endorsement, loans are defined as temporary transfers which do not extend beyond the end of the season in which the registration is temporarily transferred. Loans are only permissible within the player’s current period of approval and should not be used to avoid making extension or change of employment applications.

3.5.1 Temporary transfer to another club

If a player on a Certificate of Sponsorship is moving to another club either in the UK or abroad on a loan basis, the player’s parent club must notify the Home Office of the temporary transfer and change of location via the Sponsor Management System.

For the duration of the loan period, the loaning club retains overall responsibility for the player as his employer and Sponsor and the player is granted permission to move temporarily under the provisions of his current leave, provided that the Certificate of Sponsorship assigned by the loaning club is valid for the duration of the loan period. This means that where the loan is to another club within England, neither the parent club nor the loanee club has to submit a new application for a GBE to The FA. Where the loan is to a club within another Home Association, the player will have to satisfy that Home Association’s governing body endorsement process.

When the player returns to his parent club after the loan period, the player does not need to be assessed again against the entry criteria and may simply resume his employment with his original club (provided that his Governing Body Endorsement remains valid beyond the date of his return), on the basis that the player has an existing Certificate of Sponsorship and has already met the entry requirements at the beginning of his employment with that club.
3.8 Ceasing the employment of a player
If a club prematurely ceases to employ a player who has a Certificate of Sponsorship, the club must inform the Home Office.

3.9 Trial arrangements
Governing Body Endorsements will not be issued to clubs for the purpose of having players to trial with them. Clubs may wish to approach the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) contact centre on 0300 123 2241 for further information should they wish to consider taking a non-European Economic Area (EEA) player on trial.

3.10 Process if the automatic criteria are not met
If paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 or 3.7 above apply and the player does not meet the automatic criteria (at 2.1), the club must submit a summary of the player’s domestic club appearances over the previous 12 months as well as any other information which the club deems to be relevant to its application.

The FA will then consult with the Relevant Interested Parties by email and in doing so will provide any details put forward by the club in support of the application. When considering the application and deciding whether the application should be granted, the FA and the Relevant Interested Parties shall consider the information put forward by the club as well as any other information which they deem to be relevant in their absolute discretion which indicates whether the player remains of sufficient quality to be awarded a GBE. The FA and the Relevant Interested Parties shall make a decision by simple majority and if a majority of The FA and the Relevant Interested Parties recommend that a GBE should be granted, a GBE will be issued. If a majority recommendation for approval is not given, a GBE will not be granted and the club will have no further recourse to an Exceptions Panel under the discretionary criteria (at 2.2 above).

4. FEES
An administration fee of £500 plus VAT will be charged for each application for a GBE. The cost of referring an application to an Exceptions Panel will be £5,000 plus VAT to cover the costs of the Exceptions Panel. Payment of any sums due to The FA in connection with a GBE application must be made no later than 14 days after the date on which a decision is communicated to the club. Each club is to meet its own costs.
5. STATUS OF GUIDANCE

This guidance should be used in conjunction with the relevant advice issued by the Home Office. The FA is not registered to give advice on immigration routes or processes or to advise on an individual's immigration status. Information on aspects of immigration policy and law can be found on the Home Office website at www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration or you may wish to seek advice from an Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) registered advisor or someone who is otherwise exempt from such a registration requirement, for example, a qualified solicitor.

Clubs are advised to allow sufficient time for entry clearance or leave to remain to be granted. The time taken may vary depending upon where the player is making his application from. A guide to visa processing times is available on the Home Office website at: www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times. Please note that an individual’s personal and immigration history may be taken into account when their application is being considered.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

This guidance is available on The FA website at the following link: http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/more/player-registrations.

7. CONTACTS

For any queries regarding the Governing Body Endorsement criteria or to discuss the application process for football, please contact:

Freddie Carter  
Player Status Department  
The Football Association  
Wembley Stadium  
PO Box 1966  
London  
SW1P 9EQ  
Tel: 0844 980 8200 # 4818  
Mob: 07777 316 6606  
Email: Freddie.Carter@thefa.com

Please note that if your query extends beyond football and into immigration, you will be directed to the Home Office.

8. HOME OFFICE HELP

If you are an employer or Sponsor and have a general query about the Sponsor application process or for specific enquiries regarding individual applications or about the migrant application process, please contact UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) on 0300 123 2241.

For any technical problems with the Sponsor Management System (SMS), please call the SMS helpline on 0114 207 2900.
Appendix 1: Exceptions Panel Procedures

1. INTRODUCTION

The Exceptions Panel will review the information submitted in respect of the player by the club to The FA and any other information which it considers to be relevant in its absolute discretion in accordance with the below review criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, the Exceptions Panel is under no obligation (in any circumstances, including cases where the points threshold is exceeded) to recommend that a Governing Body Endorsement be issued. The Exceptions Panel may take into account any circumstances or facts which it determines, in its absolute discretion, are relevant to its decision in respect of whether to recommend that a GBE is granted. The final decision regarding whether to recommend that a GBE be granted rests with the Exceptions Panel.

2. REVIEW PROCESS

In determining whether a GBE should be awarded, the Exceptions Panel will carry out a mixed objective and subjective review in accordance with the below review process.

Other than in exceptional cases, the Exceptions Panel will consider each application on the basis of the papers presented to it. An applicant club is permitted to request that the Exceptions Panel hear oral submissions but the Exceptions Panel is under no obligation to do so. Clubs should be aware that the Exceptions Panel is likely to grant an application for an oral hearing in only the most exceptional circumstances and for those cases in respect of which it is persuaded are complex and which rely on elements falling for consideration at the subjective review stage (Appendix 1, Section 4).

The review process to be undertaken by the Exceptions Panel is as follows:

1. The player is considered against the objective criteria set out at Part A below.

2. If the player scores 4 points or more against the objective Part A criteria, the Exceptions Panel shall immediately move on to conduct a subjective review of the information presented by the club and any other information which it considers to be relevant in its absolute discretion in respect of the player.

3. If the player scores fewer than 4 points against the objective Part A criteria, the Exceptions Panel shall consider the player against the objective criteria set out at Part B below.

3. OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

If a player meets any of the criteria set out in the first column, he will be awarded the number of points set out in the second column. Points will only be awarded in the circumstances identified and the Exceptions Panel will not duplicate points across Part A and Part B. For example, a player who scores points in respect of his Transfer Fee at Part A will be not be permitted to also score points in respect of his Transfer Fee at Part B (if necessary).

### Part A Objective Criteria

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<td>The player’s current club is in a Top League and the player has played in 30% or more of the Available Minutes.</td>
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¹ Qualifying Transfers and Wages are defined in the context of the transfer market and wage levels in order to establish a benchmark for comparison.
• The reasons why the automatic criteria (as set out under paragraph 2.1 (Criteria under which a Governing Body Endorsement will automatically be granted) above) were not met.
• Against which objective criteria (whether Part A or Part B objective criteria) points have been scored and how many points have been scored.
• The extent to which the player exceeds either the Part A or Part B objective criteria that he has met or falls short of either the Part A or Part B objective criteria he does not meet.

4. SUBJECTIVE REVIEW

4.1 Where a player scores 4 points or more by reference to the Part A objective criteria; or following any consideration of a club’s application under the Part B objective criteria (regardless of points scored), the Exceptions Panel will then conduct a subjective review of the information presented by the club and any other information which it considers to be relevant in its absolute discretion in respect of the player in order to determine whether the player is of sufficient quality to justify it recommending that a GBE be awarded.

4.2 Where a player scores fewer than 4 points by reference to the Part A objective criteria and a Cumulative Total Score of fewer than 5 points under the Part A and Part B objective criteria (regardless of points scored), the Exceptions Panel will then conduct a subjective review of the information presented by the club and any other information which it considers to be relevant in its absolute discretion in respect of the player in order to determine whether the player is internationally established at the highest level and that his employment will make a significant contribution to the development of football at the highest level in England.

Examples of matters which the Exceptions Panel may take into account when conducting the subjective review include but are not limited to:

• If applicable, the fact that the player satisfies or partially satisfies some of the automatic criteria for a Governing Body Endorsement (as set out under 2.1 (Criteria under which a Governing Body Endorsement will automatically be granted)), as well as the extent to which the player exceeds or falls short of these criteria.

4.3 The Panel is entitled to consider, as part of its subjective review, any other circumstances or facts which it deems to be relevant in its absolute discretion in deciding whether to recommend that a GBE is awarded.

4.4 As has been set out above at paragraph 2.2, clubs should ensure that all evidence that they want to be considered in respect of the player is submitted in writing ahead of the subjective review by the Exceptions Panel in accordance with paragraphs 4.1 or 4.2.

5. OUTCOME

If a player scores 4 points or more by reference to the Part A objective criteria or a Cumulative Total Score of 5 points of more under the Part A and Part B objective criteria, the Exceptions Panel may grant a GBE, but is under no obligation to do so.

If a player scores fewer than 4 points by reference to the Part A objective criteria and a Cumulative Total Score of fewer than 5 points under the Part A and Part B objective criteria, the Exceptions Panel is guided to refuse a GBE unless it is satisfied, following its subjective review, that the player is internationally established at the highest level and that his employment will make a significant contribution to the development of football at the highest level in England.
Appendix 2:
Form in which decision summaries will be provided to Stakeholders

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Constitution of The Professional Football Negotiating and Consultative Committee (England and Wales)

1. **Title**
   The committee shall be called the Professional Football Negotiating and Consultative Committee (PFNCC).

2. **Membership**
   The PFNCC shall consist of:
   a) Four representatives from the Professional Footballers’ Association (the PFA);
   b) Two representatives from The Football League Limited (the EFL);
   c) Two representatives from The FA Premier League Limited (the PL);
   d) One representative from The Football Association Limited (the FA);
   e) The Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent) of each of the four bodies listed above, or their respective nominees, (and the PFA, EFL, PL and FA are together the Members and each a Member).

3. **Terms of Reference**
   a) The PFNCC shall be the forum in which the Members consider matters relating to the employment of, and any associated rules and regulations relating to, those professional football players (Players) employed by clubs in membership of EFL and the PL (the Leagues), including (but not limited to):
      i) standard terms and conditions for contracts of employment of Players (including contractual obligations, minimum pay, pension provision, treatment of benefits in kind and holidays);
      ii) matters relating to health & safety of Players, and appropriate insurance arrangements;
      iii) a code of practice for clubs and Players to abide by;
      iv) minimum standards for the resolution of disputes between clubs and Players;
      v) the effects of any applicable legislation.
   b) No major changes in the regulations of the Leagues affecting a Player’s terms and conditions of employment shall take place without full discussion and agreement in the PFNCC.
   c) The PFNCC can be used to facilitate consultation on any matter relating to professional football upon which any of the Members considers that the view of the PFNCC would be desirable to help further the best interests of the game.
4. Chair
   a) The PFNCC shall appoint an independent chair.
   b) In the event of the unavoidable absence of the independent chair, a meeting may be chaired by a Member of the PFNCC by agreement of all four Members.
   c) The independent chair shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and no individual may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.
   d) The independent chair shall retire at the July meeting next following their 75th birthday.
   e) Clauses (c) and (d) shall not apply to the independent chair in post at the date of adoption of this revised constitution (the Current Chair). The Current Chair shall continue to hold office until 30th June 2019, whereupon he shall retire from office.
   f) Any independent chair to be appointed after 30th June 2019 shall be permitted to attend meetings of the PFNCC prior to their appointment.

5. Secretary
   a) The Chief Executive Officer of the EFL and the Chief Executive of the PFA shall act as joint secretaries of the PFNCC.
   b) The administration and secretarial services to be provided by the EFL.

6. Executive Officers
   A senior executive officer of each of the Members shall meet as and when necessary and in any event shall meet before any meeting of the PFNCC in order to give preliminary consideration to items which are to appear on the agenda for the next PFNCC meeting.

7. Meetings
   a) There shall be four ordinary meetings of the PFNCC each Season. They shall ordinarily take place in July, October and April, and in January. An ordinary meeting shall be called on not less than 14 days’ notice.
   b) Special meetings may be called (in addition to the ordinary meetings set out in paragraph 7(a)) at the discretion of the Chair at the request of any Member. At least seven days’ notice of such meetings shall be given and the business of the meeting shall be stated in the notice.
   c) Other parties may be invited to attend any meeting of the PFNCC at the request of any Member and at the Chair’s discretion. The Chair shall also be empowered to invite third parties to any meeting following consultation with the Members.
   d) The EFL and PL shall communicate with those clubs employing any Player nominated by the PFA as a representative in accordance with Clause 2(a), and request that such representatives and deputies are given reasonable facilities to attend meetings of the PFNCC.

8. Minutes
   Full minutes of all meetings shall be drafted by the secretary provided by the EFL in accordance with Clause 5(b). The draft minutes shall not be circulated until approved by the Chair. Draft minutes should normally be circulated within 4 weeks of the meeting to which they relate. Minutes will be subject to approval of the PFNCC at the next meeting.

9. Resolution of Differences
   a) It shall be the duty of the Members of the PFNCC to take all reasonable steps to ensure the acceptance of agreements reached. Where appropriate, any Member may seek the assistance of the Chair in expounding and explaining agreements reached.
   b) Where the Members are unable to reach agreement they may by agreement seek the advice of the Chair on any matters before the PFNCC.
   c) If the Members are unable to reach agreement following the processes outlined above they may by agreement seek independent arbitration by the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service or any other agreed independent arbitrator.

10. Sub-Committees
    a) The PFNCC shall have the power to set up such sub-committees or joint working parties not restricted to Members of the PFNCC as it considers necessary.
    b) Each sub-committee or joint working party shall agree terms of reference which shall be subject to the approval of the PFNCC.
    c) Full minutes of sub-committee and/or joint working party meetings shall be kept and appended to minutes of meetings of the PFNCC for distribution to Members.
Constitution of The Professional Football Negotiating and Consultative Committee (England and Wales)

11. Finance
   a) Each Member shall be responsible for meeting the expenses of its representative(s) for attending meetings.
   b) Any fees and/or expenses of the Chair shall be shared equally by the Members.
   c) Any other expense shall be shared equally by the Members.

12. Amendment of Constitution
   Any proposed amendments to the constitution of the PFNCC shall only be considered at a meeting called specifically for that purpose and notice of any proposed amendment shall be given in writing 28 days previous to such meeting. Any amendment to the constitution shall only take effect after approval to it has been given by each of the Members.

13. Status of Constitution
   The constitution shall be subject to the approval of each of the Members. If approved by each of them it shall be regarded as an agreement binding on each and all of them and shall be appended to the rules of each League and published in their respective handbooks.
Statistics
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- **W**: Wins.
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| P | 38 | 28 | 6 | 4 | 68 | 24 | 44 | 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W | 28 | 25 | 11 | 2 | 77 | 27 | 50 | 86 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D | 6 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 68 | 24 | 44 | 83 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 68 | 24 | 44 | 83 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| GA | 24 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| GD | 44 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| PTS | 90 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 |

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#### Premier League 2010/11

|  | Manchester United |  | Chelsea |  | Manchester City |  | Arsenal |  | Tottenham Hotspur |  | Liverpool |  | Everton |  | Fulham |  | Aston Villa |  | Queens Park Rangers |  | Bolton Wanderers |  | Blackburn Rovers |  | West Ham United |  | Wolverhampton Wanderers |  |
| P | 38 | 28 | 6 | 4 | 68 | 24 | 44 | 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W | 28 | 21 | 8 | 9 | 69 | 33 | 36 | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D | 6 | 21 | 8 | 9 | 69 | 33 | 36 | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 68 | 24 | 44 | 83 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| GA | 44 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| GD | 90 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 |
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| P | 38 | 27 | 5 | 6 | 103 | 32 | 71 | 86 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| GA | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### Premier League 2011/12

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| P | 38 | 28 | 5 | 5 | 93 | 32 | 71 | 86 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| GA | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GD | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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