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THE SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to The Football Association of Wales Ltd.)
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President, Deputy President, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary (Finance), Hon. Assistant Secretary (Discipline), Hon. Assistant Secretary (Competitions), Honorary Development Officer.

Additional Committee Members:
Board of Directors – Mrs. M Mitchell, Messer's G Kite, P Sweet, S Holt, Mr. AJE Phillips BEM
Male Football and Cup Competitions- Messer's G Elliott, G Girolami, S Holt, D Sweet, J Jenkins, L Brown, R Williams, P Thomas, P Sweeney, T Lewis

Women's & Girl's
Mrs. G. Powell, Mrs. M Mitchell, Mrs. S Mace

Referees
Mr. M Pedler, Mr. D. Gillingham, Mr. P. Sweet, Mr. G Wallen, Mr. T Lewis, Mr. M Adams

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Rules
Mr. P Sweeney, Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. M Ronan, Mr. D Sweet, Mr. G Girolami

Senior Strategy Advisory Committee
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Disciplinary Commission Chairs
Mrs. M Mitchell, Messer's M Adams, G Elliott, Mr. AJE Phillips BEM

Clubs are kindly requested not to contact Association officials after 9pm on weekdays or at any time on Sundays, except in cases of genuine emergency.

PAST OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President:

COLONEL MORGAN LINDSAY, C.B. (1890-1922)
Mr. GEO. WILLIAMS (1922-1938)
Mr. GEO. MERCER (1938-1944)
Dr. A. BROWNLEE (1945-1951)
Mr. E. J. MORGAN (1951-1960)
Mr. S. TUDBALL (1960-1968)
Mr. T.W. PUGSLEY (1968-1978)
Mr. J. E. BOUGHTON (1978-1984)
Mr. E. M. DANTER (1984-1987)
Mr. A. J. THOMAS (1987-1990)
Mr. B. R. MARTIN (1990-1992)
Mr. G. QUARTLEY (1992-1996)
Mr. W. S. OSGOOD (1996-1999)
Mr. W. J. OWEN (1999-2001)
Mr. J. H. DYER (2001-2004)
Mr. E. MORRIS (2004-2007)
Mr. W. J. OWEN (2007-2008)
Mr. W. E. DAVIES (2008-2011)
Mr. L. SMITH-PHILLIPS (2011-2014)
Mr. A. JONES (2014-2017)
Mr. AJE PHILLIPS BEM (2017-2020)
Mr. R. DAVIES (2020-2023)
Mrs. A. D WILLIAMS (2023- 2026)
Mr. R Williams (2026-)

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. CHAS AXTELL (1890-1907)
Mr. T. E. RUSSELL, FCCS (1936-1960)
Mr. BRYN ASHTON (1960-1962)
Mr. E. M. DANTER (1962-1983)
Mr. D. A. LANGLEY (1983-2006)
Mr. AJE PHILLIPS BEM (2006-2013)
Mr. M. ADAMS (2013-2022)
Mr. G. BUCKINGHAM (2022 -)

Secretary:

Mr. H. HART (1907-36)

Hon. Assistant Secretary - Discipline:

Mr. M. ADAMS (2006-2013)
Mr. G. BUCKINGHAM (2013-2022)
Mr. D.G.KING (2022-)

Hon. Assistant Secretary - Competitions:

Mrs. E. BENNETT (2009-)

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Mr. CHAS AXTELL (1890-1908)
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Mr. T.H. PRICE (1934-1954)
Mr. B. ASHTON (1955-1960)
Mr. E. M. DANTER (1960-1962)
Mr. A. J. THOMAS (1962-1987)
Mr. AJE PHILLIPS BEM (1987-2006)
Mr. P.JENNINGS (2006-2017)

Chair of Council:

1890–1902 Col. Morgan Lindsay CB
1902-1903 Mr. R Edwards-James
1903-1904 Mr. John Sandford
1904-1906 Mr. Geo Mercer
1906-1908 Mr. George Williams
1908-1910 Mr. Hy Williams
1910-1911 Mr. Tom D Jones
1911-1912 Mr. E.J. Morgan
1912-1913 Mr. F E Powell
1913-1914 Mr. J R Stephens
1914-1920 vacant
1920-1921 Mr. S H Nicholls
1921-1922 Mr. W Parrish
1922-1923 Mr. W. Nash
1923-1924 Mr. S Bowen
1924-1925 Mr. T A Rowlands
1925-1926 Rev. E R Davies
1926-1927 Mr. A E Moss
1927-1928 Mr. B Watts-Jones
1928-1929 Mr. P T Sockett
1929-1930 Mr. T G Blainey
1930-1931 Mr. T E Russell
1931-1932 Mr. Griff Jones
1932-1933 Mr. F G Bradley
1933-1934 Mr. T H Price
1934-1935 Mr. J H Jones
1935-1936 Mr. A J Hann
1936-1937 Mr. S D Lewis
1937-1938 Mr. W J Lawrence
1938-1939 Mr. J C Allen
1939-1946 Dr. Alex Brownlee
1946-1947 Mr. H E Pritchard
1947-1948 Mr. T Thomas
1948-1949 Mr. T W Pugsley
1949-1950 Mr. Bryn Ashton
1950-1951
1951-1952 Mr. S Tudball
1952-1953 Mr. J E Boughton
1953-1954 Mr. D Bow
1954-1955 Coun. D M Thomas
1955-1956 Mr. T H Burton
1956-1957 Mr. T J Smith
1957-1958 Mr. T Owen
1958-1959 Mr. T Wilson
1959-1960 Mr. E Bevan
1960-1961 Mr. T Carter
1961-1962 Mr. C C. Edwards
1962-1963 Mr. J V Bevan DFM
1963-1964 Mr. R Brown
1964-1965 Mr. W T John RMPA
1965-1966 Mr. A Parry
1965-1966 Coun. N East JP
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1968-1969 Mr. G Griffiths
1969-1970 Mr. J Adams
1970-1971 Mr. C Musto
1971-1972 Mr. B R Martin
1972-1973 Mr. G Quartley
1973-1974 Mr. W S Osgood
1974-1975 Mr. W J Owen
1975-1976 Mr. R Haincock
1976-1977 Mr. T R Forse
1977-1978 Mr. K J Jones
1978-1979 Mr. R Sullivan
1979-1980 Mr. W D Jones
1980-1981 Mr. J Evans
1981-1982 Mr. J H Dyer
1982-1983 Mr. D A Langley
1983-1984 Mr., E Morris
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1988-1990 Mr. E W J Bryant
1990-1993 Mr. G Quartley
1993- 995 Mr. J G Thomas
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1997-1999 Mr. L Smith-Phillips
1999-2001 Mr. W E Davies
2001-2003 Mr. A Jones
2003-2005 Mr. R D F Gomes
2005-2007 Mrs. C Hosking
2007-2009 Mr. J P Morgan
2009-2011 Mr. D Evans
2011-2014 Mr. R Davies
2014-2017 Mrs. A D Williams
2017-2020 Mr. G Girolami
2020-2022 Mr. D G King
2022-Position disbanded

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED
Company Number 04224343
(Adopted by special resolution 31st day of May 2018)

PRELIMINARY

In these Articles, any reference to a provision of the Companies Act 2006 shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.
The headings used in these Articles are included for the sake of convenience only and shall be ignored in construing the language or meaning of these Articles.
In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, references to nouns in the plural form shall be deemed to include the singular and vice versa.

DEFINED TERMS

In the Articles, unless the context requires otherwise - ''Articles'' means the Company's articles of association;

''bankruptcy'' includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

''business day'' means a day that is not a Saturday or Sunday or any day that is a public holiday in Wales; ''chairman'' has the meaning given in article 17;

''chairman of the general meeting'' has the meaning given in article 30;

''Club Accreditation Programme'' means the FAW accreditation programme in force from time to time relating to matters affecting junior clubs in areas including safeguarding and the qualification of coaches;

''Company'' means The South Wales Football Association Limited;

''Companies Acts'' means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the Company;

''Council'' means the members of the Company;

''director'' means a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;

''document'' includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form; ''electronic form'' has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;

''FAW Rules'' means the rules and regulations of the Football Association of Wales Limited (''FAW'') as amended from time to time and all bylaws, orders, codes, policies, procedures and any other directive or information issued by the FAW from time to time;

''FIFA Rules'' means the statutes of Federation Internationale de Football Association (''FIFA'') as amended from time to time and all rules, regulations, orders and other directives issued by FIFA from time to time;

''Laws of the Game'' means the laws and other rules for playing association football as prescribed by the International Football Association Board from time to time;

''Life Vice-President'' means a former President of the Company as prescribed in the Rules; ''Life Member'' means a life member as prescribed in the Rules;

''member'' means the members of the Company and has the meaning given in section 112 of the Companies Act 2006;

''Officers'' means the President (Chair of the Board of Directors), Deputy President, the honorary general secretary of the Company, the honorary assistant secretary (discipline) of the Company, the honorary assistant secretary (competitions), the Honorary Development Officer of the Company and the honorary treasurer of the Company, all of whom shall be appointed in accordance with the Rules;

''ordinary resolution'' has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006; ''participate'', in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in Article 15; ''President'' means the president of the Company as prescribed in the Rules;
''proxy notice'' has the meaning given in Article 37;

''Qualifying League Representative'' means the representative of each league affiliated to the Company and each league's representative shall be as prescribed in the Rules; ''Rules'' means the rules of the Company as amended from time to time;

''special resolution'' has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006; ''subsidiary'' has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;

''UEFA Rules'' means the statutes of Union des Association Europeannes de Football (''UEFA'') as amended from time to time and all rules, regulations, orders and other directives issued by UEFA from time to time; and

''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.

3. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

3.1 The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for:-

3.1.1 payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member,

3.1.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and

3.1.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

4. OBJECTS

4.1 Throughout south Wales, to improve the game of association football constantly and promote, regulate and control it in accordance with the FAW Rules and in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values.

4.2 Throughout south Wales, to organise competitions, and authorise others to organise competitions, in association football in all its forms at all levels under its authority, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority of its various leagues and other affiliated bodies.

4.3 To draw up all necessary regulations to implement its rights, powers and objectives set out under the FAW Rules and such measures and procedures as may be necessary to ensure their enforcement.

4.4 To protect the interest of its members and the leagues and clubs affiliated to the Company in accordance with the Rules.

4.5 To comply with and prevent any infringement of the FIFA Rules, UEFA Rules and the FAW Rules and all decisions of FIFA, UEFA and the FAW as well as the Laws of the Game and ensure compliance with these by its members and the leagues and clubs affiliated to the Company in accordance with the Rules.

4.6 To support, promote and enforce the FAW's Club Accreditation Programme.

4.7 Throughout south Wales, to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of football matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of association football under its authority.

4.8 To manage the sporting relations of the Company connected with association football in all its forms.

4.9 To be neutral in matters of politics and religion and in discharging its functions, the Company will not discriminate against a private person, or group of people, or other entity, on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics, age or any other reason and will ensure compliance with these obligations by its members and the leagues and clubs affiliated to the Company in accordance with the Rules.

4.10 To promote friendly relations between its members and the leagues and clubs affiliated to the Company in accordance with the Rules and in society for humanitarian objectives.

5. POWERS

in pursuance of the objects set out in Article 4, the Company has the power to:-

5.1 buy, lease or otherwise acquire and deal with any property real or personal and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property real or personal and to improve, manage, develop, construct, repair, sell, lease, mortgage, charge, surrender or dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property and any and all rights of the Company;

5.2 borrow and raise money in such a manner as the directors shall think fit and secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, lien or other security on the Company's property and assets;

5.3 invest and deal with the funds of the Company not immediately required for its operations in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit;

5.4 subscribe for, take, buy or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, deal with and dispose of, place and underwrite shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any government or authority in any part of the world;

5.5 lend and advance money or give credit on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to customers and others, to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds to receive money on deposit or loan upon such terms as the Company may approve and to secure or guarantee the payment of any sums of money or the performance of any obligation by any company, firm or person including any holding company or subsidiary;

5.6 lobby, advertise, publish, educate, examine, research and survey in respect of all matters of law, regulation, economics, accounting, governance, politics and/or other issues and to hold meetings, events and other procedures and co-operate with or assist any other body or organisation in each case in such way or by such means as may, in the opinion of the directors, affect or advance the principal object in any way;

5.7 pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company and to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same;

5.8 enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;

5.9 provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other help;

5.10 open and operate bank accounts and other facilities for banking and draw, accept, endorse, issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques and other instruments;

5.11 incorporate subsidiary companies to carry on any trade; and

5.12 do all such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the pursuit or to the attainment of any of the object set out in Article 4.

6. INCOME

6.1 The income and property of the Company from wherever derived shall be applied solely in promoting the Company's objects.

6.2 No distribution shall be paid or capital otherwise returned to the members in cash or otherwise. Nothing in these Articles shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company of:-

6.2.1 reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company for any services rendered to the Company;

6.2.2 any interest on money lent by any member or any director at a reasonable and proper rate;
6.2.3 reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member or director; or 6.2.4 reasonable out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred by any director.

7. WINDING UP

7.1 In the event of a winding up or other dissolution of the Company, any funds and assets remaining after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities and the costs of any winding up or other dissolution:-

7.1.1 may not be paid or distributed to the members; and

7.1.2 must be transferred to one or more entities (whether incorporated or unincorporated) that:-

7.1.2.1 have the principal purpose of the administration and development of association football in south Wales; and

7.1.2.2 have restrictions on the application of their property (including, without limitation, any dividend, bonus or other distribution of any kind whether as income or capital or in the form of cash or otherwise) at least equivalent to the restrictions applicable under these Articles.

7.2 If that is not possible, they shall be transferred to or applied towards some other purpose or purposes that are charitable in the promotion of sport in south Wales under the law of England and Wales.

8. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

8.1 Subject to the Articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business in accordance with its objects, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

8.2 The directors shall act upon the Rules so far as the same are consistent with these Articles. If any conflict or ambiguity arises between these Articles and the Rules, these Articles shall prevail.

9. MEMBERS' RESERVE POWER

9.1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.

9.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

10. DIRECTORS' MAY DELEGATE

10.1 Subject to the Articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:-

10.1.1 to a committee consisting of no more than 15 people, the majority of whom shall be members of the company. The directors shall have the power to fill any interim vacancy prior to the next meeting of the members, and the directors shall have the power to co-opt additional persons onto the committee with full voting rights provided that the additional persons do not constitute a majority of the membership of the Committee. The quorum for meetings of a committee shall be 3, of which 2 must be members;

10.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);

10.1.3 to such an extent;

10.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and

10.1.5 on such terms and conditions,

PROVIDED THAT such delegation shall not be made without the prior approval of the members.

10.2 If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.

10.3 The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

11. COMMITTEES

11.1 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 the taking of decisions by directors.

11.2 The directors may make rules of procedure for themselves and any person, committee or other body to whom they delegate any of their powers. These Articles shall prevail over such rules of procedure if they are not consistent with these Articles.

12. DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

12.1 The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 13.

12.2 If:-

12.2.1 the Company only has one director for the time being, and

12.2.2 no provision of the Articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the Articles relating to directors' decision-making.

13. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

13.1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this Article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.

13.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.

13.3 References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting.

13.4 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

14. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

14.1 Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving not less than 7 calendar days' notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such a meeting.

14.2 Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate:-

14.2.1 its proposed date and time;

14.2.2 where it is to take place; and

14.2.3 if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

14.3 Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director in writing.

14.4 Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

15. PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

15.1 Subject to the Articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when:-

15.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and

15.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.

15.2 In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other.

15.3 If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

16. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

16.1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

16.2 The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than 2, and unless otherwise fixed it is 5.

16.3 If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision:-

16.3.1 to appoint further directors, or

16.3.2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further directors.

17. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

17.1 The members of the Company shall, in accordance with the Rules, appoint a person to chair meetings of the directors.

17.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.

17.3 If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within 10 minutes of the time at which it was to start, then participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

18. CASTING VOTE

18.1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote but only if such person voted on the initial proposal.

18.2 But this does not apply if, in accordance with the Articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

19.1 If a director of the Company is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company, that director must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other directors.

19.2 In respect of the interest declared, the director shall:-

19.2.1 not be counted in the quorum present at the meeting to consider such matter;
19.2.2 have no vote on such matter; and
19.2.3 leave the room and take no further part in the discussion on such matter.

19.3 The provisions of Article 19.2 shall not apply to:-

19.3.1 any arrangement for giving any director security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him to the Company or to obligations undertaken by him for the benefit of the Company;

19.3.2 any arrangement for the giving by the Company of any security to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company for which the director himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under guarantee or indemnity or by the deposit of a security;

19.3.3 any contract by a director to subscribe for or underwrite shares or debentures of the Company; or

19.3.4 any contract, proposed contract or other matter involving the Company in which such interest arises solely because the director is appointed, nominated or elected a director of the Company as the representative of any league.

19.4 The directors may direct that the provisions of Article 19.2 be suspended or relaxed in respect of a specific matter for any director who has made the necessary declaration in respect of the matter under Article 19.1.

20. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

20.1 The directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

21. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

21.1 The directors of the Company: -

21.1.1 shall be those persons who from time to time pursuant to the Rules are the Officers;

21.1.2 4 other members of the Company who are not Officers and who are appointed by the members of the Company in accordance with the Rules; and

21.1.3 at the discretion of the directors, up to 2 other persons appointed by the directors who need not be members of, or have any other connection with, the Company and the directors shall have the power to fill any vacancy arising in such appointments.

21.1.4 The Company secretary (who shall be appointed in accordance with clause 25.1)

21.2 The appointment of a director shall be for a term of 4 years and at the end of such period (and any subsequent re-election) the director shall be eligible to stand for re-election.

22. TERMINATION OF DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENT

22.1 A person ceases to be a director as soon as:-

22.1.1 that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law;

22.1.2 a bankruptcy order is made against that person;

22.1.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;

22.1.4 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;

22.1.5 notification is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect immediately on the date the notification is received by the Company irrespective of a later date stipulated in the notification unless the directors (in their absolute discretion) agree another date;

22.1.6 that person shall have been absent from three consecutive meetings of the directors without permission of the directors;

22.1.7 that person is suspended from taking part in football and/or football management;

22.1.8 that person becomes a referee on the active list of the Company; or

22.1.9 that person does any act or thing which in the opinion of the directors brings the Company into disrepute.

22.2 An Officer who resigns as a director of the Company automatically ceases to be an Officer and member of the Company.

23. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

23.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.

23.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the members of the Company determine:-

23.2.1 for their services to the Company as directors, and
23.2.2 for any other service which they undertake for the Company.

23.3 Subject to the Articles, a director's remuneration may:-

23.3.1 take any form, and
23.3.2 include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.

23.4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.

23.5 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.

24. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

24.1 The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors (and the secretary) properly incur in connection with their attendance at:-

24.1.1 meetings of directors or committees of directors,
24.1.2 general meetings of the members,
or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

25. SECRETARY

25.1 The members of the Company may appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and from time to time remove such person and, if the directors so decide, appoint a replacement, in each case by a decision of the directors.

26. MEMBERSHIP

26.1 The members of the Company shall be those persons who, from time to time are:-

26.1.1 the Officers;
26.1.2 Life Vice-Presidents of the Company;
26.1.3 Life Members of the Company;
26.1.4 the Qualifying League Representatives;
26.1.5 up to 4 safeguarding officers of the Company appointed by the members of the Company;
26.1.6 a referees' officer of the Company appointed by the members of the Company;
26.1.7 a representative appointed by the South Wales Referees Association;
26.1.8 a representative appointed by the South Wales Youth league;
26.1.9 a representative appointed by the Wales Veterans' Football League;
26.1.10 a representative appointed by the South Wales Disability Football league;
26.1.11 a representative appointed by the Welsh Schools' Football Association;
26.1.12 a representative from (and appointed by) each Junior League created by the Company, and
26.1.13 a representative appointed by the FAW
26.1.14 the Assistant Discipline Secretary (as defined by Board and/or Council)
26.1.15 the Honorary Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Officer for the Association
26.1.16 the Honorary Social Media Officer for the Association

26.2 Meetings of the members of the Company shall be styled as meetings of the Council.

27. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

27.1 A member may withdraw from membership of the Company by giving 7 days' notice to the Company in writing.
27.2 Membership is not transferrable.
27.3 A person's membership terminates when that person dies or ceases to exist.
27.4 An Officer who resigns as a member of the Company automatically ceases to be a director of the Company.
27.5 A person shall cease to be a member of the Company upon a resolution to that effect at a general meeting of the Company passed by at least two-thirds of those members of the Company attending and entitled to vote.
27.6 A person shall cease to be a Member of the Company immediately upon ceasing to hold the office or position by virtue of which they were elected or appointed as a Member.

28. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

28.1 An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year.
28.2 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
28.3 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:-

28.3.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
28.3.2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.

28.4 The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.

28.5 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.

28.6 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) the rights to speak and vote at the meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

29. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

29.1 The quorum of a general meeting may be fixed by the general meeting from time to time, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is 5.

29.2 No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.

30. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS

30.1 The chair of general meetings of the members of the Company shall be the President, or in their absence the Deputy President.

30.2 If the President or Deputy President are unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within 10 minutes of the time at which the meeting was due to start:-

30.2.1 the directors present, or
30.2.2 (if no directors are present), the meeting, must appoint a director or member to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the general meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

30.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as ''the chairman of the general meeting''.

31. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-MEMBERS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

31.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are members of the Company.
31.2 The chairman of the general meeting may permit other persons who are not members of the Company to attend and speak at a general meeting.

32. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETING

32.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the general meeting must adjourn it.

32.2 The chairman of the general meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:-

32.2.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
32.2.2 it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

32.3 The chairman of the general meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

32.4 When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the general meeting must:-

32.4.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
32.4.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

32.5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given):-

32.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given, and
32.5.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.

32.6 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

33. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

33.1 Subject to the Act, at any general meeting every member who is present in person (or by proxy) shall on a show of hands have one vote and every member present in person (or by proxy) shall on a poll have one vote.

33.2 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid. Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the general meeting whose decision is final.
33.3 If the number of votes for and against a resolution at a general meeting are equal, the chairman of the general meeting shall have a casting vote but only if the chairman of the general meeting voted in the initial resolution.

34. POLL VOTES AT GENERAL MEETINGS

34.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:-

34.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
34.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

34.2 A poll may be demanded by:-

34.2.1 the chairman of the general meeting;

34.2.2 the directors;
34.2.3 2 or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
34.2.4 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution.

34.3 A demand for a poll made by a person as proxy for a member is the same as a demand made by the member.

34.4 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:-

34.4.1 the poll has not yet been taken, and
34.4.2 the chairman of the general meeting consents to the withdrawal.

34.5 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the general meeting directs.

35. CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES USED AT GENERAL MEETINGS

35.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a ''proxy notice'') which:-

35.1.1 states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
35.1.2 identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
35.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
35.1.4 is received at an address specified by the Company in the proxy notice not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy appointed pursuant to the proxy notice proposes to vote and in accordance with any other instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

35.2 The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

35.3 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

35.4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:-

35.4.1 allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
35.4.2 appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

36. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES AT GENERAL MEETINGS

36.1 Any proxy notice received at such address as is referred to in Article 37.1.4 less than 48 hours before the time for holding the general meeting or adjourned general meeting shall be invalid.

36.2 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.

36.3 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.

36.4 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

36.5 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

37. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

37.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:-

37.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the general meeting may determine), and

37.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the general meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.

37.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:-

37.2.1 the chairman of the general meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and

37.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.

37.3 If the Chairman of the general meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

38. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

38.1 Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.

38.2 Subject to the Articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.

38.3 A director may agree with the Company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

38.4 A member whose address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices under these Articles may be sent to him/her or an address to which notices may be sent by electronic means is entitled to have notices sent to him/her at that address, but otherwise no such member is entitled to receive any notices from the Company.

38.5 If the Company sends or supplies notices or other documents under these Articles by first class post and the Company proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, prepaid and posted, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 24 hours after posting.

38.6 If the Company sends or supplies notices or other documents under these Articles by electronic means and the Company proves that such notices or other documents were properly addressed, the intended recipient is deemed to have received such notices or other documents 24 hours after they were sent or supplied.

38.7 For the purposes of this Article 38, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a business day.

39. NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS

39.1 Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a member.

40. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

40.1 The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

41. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

41.1 Subject to Article 41.2 but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:-

41.1.1 each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all cost, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer:-

41.1.1.1 in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and

41.1.1.2 in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act), including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) affairs; and

41.1.2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in Article 41.1.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

41.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity to the extent that such indemnity would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law and any such indemnity is limited accordingly.

41.3 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.

41.4 In this Article:-

41.4.1 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and

41.4.2 **a relevant loss** means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company; and

41.4.3 **a relevant officer** means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company (or associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor).

STANDARD RULES OF THE AREA ASSOCIATIONS

Area Association:	any regional football association defined under the FAW Rules.
Association:	*The South Wales Football Association.*
Association Football:	the game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
Business Day:	any day of the week except a Saturday or Sunday or public bank holiday in Wales.
Chief Executive Officer:	the senior employee of The Football Association of Wales Ltd.
Closed Friendly Match:	a game of Association Football (or a modified version of the game) which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) but is not made open for the public to attend.
Club:	any club admitted into membership or associate membership of the Association.
College Team:	a team of a further or higher education establishment (including, but not limited to, university teams) and during any relevant Playing Season only plays Association Football exclusively in matches organised for teams from such further or higher education establishments.
Council:	the supreme executive body of the Association.
Councillor:	each member of the Council.
Disciplinary Notice:	a written notice from the Association stipulating the nature of the alleged Disciplinary Offence.
Disciplinary Offence:	any breach of a Rule or any Regulation.
Disciplinary Panel:	the panel of the Association empowered to hear disciplinary matters and disputes pursuant to these Rules.
FAW:	The Football Association of Wales Limited (company number 00213349) whose registered office is at The Pavilion, Hensol, Vale of Glamorgan, CF72 8JY
FAW Rules:	the Rules and Regulations of the FAW as amended from time to time and all byelaws, orders, codes, policies, procedures and any other directive or instruction issued by the FAW from time to time.
FIFA:	Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
FIFA Rules:	the statutes of FIFA as amended from time to time and all rules, regulations, orders and other directives issued by FIFA from time to time.
Futsal:	a game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.
Futsal Laws of the Game:	the laws and other rules for playing Futsal prescribed by FIFA from time to time.
IFAB:	the International Football Association Board.

Laws of the Game:	the laws and other rules for playing Association Football as prescribed by IFAB from time to time.
League:	any league admitted into membership or associate membership of the Association.
Match Official:	a referee, assistant referee, or fourth official for a match as prescribed in the Laws of the Game or the Futsal Laws of the Game (as applicable).
Member:	a League or Club that has been admitted into membership or associate membership of the Association.
Official Match:	a game of Association Football played within the framework of organised football under the jurisdiction of the Association, in league, cup or other format but not including Open Friendly Matches or Closed Friendly Matches or matches played under the FAW's Mini Football Regulations or Futsal matches or Walking Football.
Open Friendly Match:	a game of Association Football which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) and is made open to the public to attend.
Player:	a player of Association Football registered with the FAW, the Association, an Area Association, League, Club or any other league or club.
Playing Season:	the period in each year when Official Matches may be played in Wales as determined by the FAW.
Regulations:	the regulations, byelaws, orders, codes, policies, procedures and any other directive or instruction issued by the Association from time to time.
Request Fee:	the appropriate sum pursuant to the Rules of the Association.
Request Notice:	a written notice stipulating the nature of the matter complained of and requesting that such matter be referred to the Disciplinary Panel.
Rules:	these rules of the Association as amended from time to time.
Subordinate:	shall mean:- • any director, member, representative, official, employee, all coaching and technical staff and any other playing official of a Club or League; • any Match Official, match observer, match assessor or match delegate; • any Player; • every spectator at a game of Association Football in which a team of a Club plays, or in which a representative team of the Association or League plays, and any person purporting to be a supporter or follower of such League, Club or the Association PROVIDED THAT the provisions of Rules 24.1.3, 24.1.4, 24.1.4(A), 24.1.5(A), 24.1.6, 24.1.8, 24.1.10, 24.1.14, 46 and 47 shall not apply to such spectators, supporters or followers; • all other organisations, clubs, bodies, entities or persons over whomthe Association exercises, or purports to exercise, control; save that this shall not include a committee of the Association.
Sunday Club:	a Club which during any relevant Playing Season only plays Association Football on a Sunday.
Trialist:	a Player who is under assessment and evaluation by a Club as to their ability and fitness to play Association Football for a Club but who is not registered with the Association to play for that Club..

UEFA:	Union des Association Européennes de Football.
UEFA Rules:	the statutes of UEFA as amended from time to time and all rules, regulations, orders and other directives issued by UEFA from time to time.
Veteran Club:	a Club which during any relevant Playing Season only plays Association Football in matches organised exclusively for persons over thirty-five (35) years of age.
Walking Football:	a version of Association Football in which Players of all ages can participate and in which the Players must not run and/or jog and must have one foot on the ground at all times in accordance with the guidelines set by the FAW from time to time.

OBJECTIVES

1. throughout The South Wales Football Association, to improve the game of Association Football constantly and promote, regulate and control it in accordance with the FAW Rules and in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values;

2. throughout The South Wales Football Association, to organise competitions, and authorise others to organise competitions, in Association Football in all its forms at all levels under its authority, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority of its various leagues and other affiliated bodies;

3. to draw up all necessary regulations to implement its rights, powers and objectives set out under the FAW Rules and such measures and procedures as may be necessary to ensure their enforcement;

4. to protect the interest of its Members;

5. to comply with and prevent any infringement of the FIFA Rules, UEFA Rules and the FAW Rules and all decisions of FIFA, UEFA and the FAW as well as the Laws of the Game and ensure compliance with these by its Members;

6. to support, promote and enforce the Football Association of Wales' Club Accreditation Programme.

7. throughout The South Wales Football Association, to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of football matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football under its authority;

8. to manage the sporting relations of The South Wales Football Association connected with Association Football in all its forms;

9. to be neutral in matters of politics and religion and in discharging its functions, the The South Wales Football Association will not discriminate against a private person, or group of people, or other entity, on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics, age or any other reason and will ensure compliance with these obligations by its Members;

10. to promote friendly relations between its Members, Subordinates and in society for humanitarian objectives.

OBLIGATIONS

11. to comply fully with the FIFA Rules, UEFA Rules and the FAW Rules at all times and to ensure that these are also complied with fully by its Members and Subordinates;

12. to ensure fairness in the election of its decision-making bodies;

13. to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by the FAW;

14. to pay its membership subscriptions to the FAW;

15. to respect the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members and Subordinates through

an appropriate provision in its own membership rules;

16. to adopt and enforce an appropriate provision in its own membership rules specifying that any dispute requiring resolution involving itself or one of its Members or Subordinates and relating to its Rules and Regulations or the FAW Rules and any decisions of the Association shall, at the appropriate stage in the dispute, come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Disciplinary Body or the panel under FAW Rule 146, as the case may be;

17. not to make any change or any amendment of its own membership rules without the approval of the FAW;

18. to communicate to its own Members any amendment of its own membership rules and the FAW Rules;

19. not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised by FIFA, UEFA or the FAW or with Members or Subordinates that have been suspended or expelled by the FAW;

20. to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through an appropriate provision in its own membership rules;

21. to keep and update regularly a register of its Members;

22. to comply fully with all other duties arising from the FIFA Rules, UEFA Rules and the FAW Rules, including the recommendations of the 2016 Area Associations Review Group and its Improvement Plan.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS, DISPUTES, APPEALS

PANEL STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION AND JURISDICTION

23. The structure of the Association's mechanisms for dealing with disciplinary proceedings, disputes and appeals is as follows:-

23.1 the Disciplinary Panel

24. For the purpose of this section of the Rules:-

24.1 It shall be a breach of the Rules for any Councillor, Member or any Subordinate to do or permit or assist in the doing or permitting of any of the following whether in connection with the playing of Association Football or Futsal (or, where applicable, in connection with the playing of (a) Open Friendly Matches, (b) Closed Friendly Matches, (c) matches played under the FAW's Mini-Football Regulations, (d) Walking Football matches or (e) matches played by College Teams, Sunday Clubs or Veteran Clubs) or otherwise (where the context so requires):-

24.1.1 violate the Laws of the Game or the Futsal Laws of the Game or the Rules or any Regulation or violate the FIFA Rules, UEFA Rules or FAW Rules;

24.1.2 violate the rules or regulations (in whatever form) of any Member or any competition, sanctioned by a Member or sanctioned by the Association;

24.1.3 play with or against any club suspended by FIFA, UEFA, the FAW, the Association, any Area Association or league or any other national football association recognised by FIFA or appoint or allow to remain in office a director or official who has been suspended by any such body;

24.1.4 bet, to have any financial interest in a Bet, and/or to accept or stand a Bet on:

24.1.4.1 in respect of matches taking place within the jurisdiction of the Association, and/or

24.1.4.2 any match in any competition outside of Wales in which the Member or Subordinate is involved in any capacity, or on any other match in that competition.

24.1.4(A) provide any other person with Inside Information which:

28.1.4(A).1 may be used to Bet; and/or

38.1.4(A).2 will or may damage the integrity of any match within the jurisdiction of the Association, or any match involving any Member or Subordinate playing in any match of in a competition outside

Wales, or any competition;

24.1.4(B) affect or attempt to affect the outcome of any event within or in relation to a match under the Association's jurisdiction or any match involving any Member or Subordinate playing in a match in a competition outside Wales for the purposes of any Bet and/or financial gain and/or to advantage an opponent, opposing team or competitor in a league or competition.

24.1.4(C) request that a Member, Associate Member, or Subordinate affect the outcome of any event within a match under the Association's jurisdiction, or any match involving any Member or Subordinate playing in any match in a competition outside Wales for the purposes of any Bet and/or financial gain and/or to advantage an opponent, opposing team or competitor in a league or competition;

24.1.4(D) agree with any other person to commit a breach of Rules 24.1.4(A) to 24.1.4(C);

24.1.4(E) assist any other person to commit a breach of Rules 38.1.4(A) to 24.1.4(C);

24.1.4(F) encourage, incite or request any other person to commit a breach of Rules 24.1.4(A) to 24.1.4(C);

24.1.4(G) fail to report to the Association at the first reasonable opportunity:

24.1.4(G).1 any breach, suspected breach, or anticipated breach known or suspected by a Member, Associate Member, or Subordinate of Rules 38.1.4(A) to 38.1.4(F); and

24.1.4(G).2 any approach, contact or invitation from any person to any Member, Associate Member or Subordinate to commit a breach of Rules 38.1.4(A) to 38.1.4(G);

24.1.5 Not used.

24.1.6 allow a director, official, Match Official, or Player under suspension to act as a Match Official or to perform any duties from the execution of which that person has been suspended, or fail to take all reasonable precautions to prevent such person from entering the ground of any club;

24.1.7 sell or offer for sale, either directly or indirectly, a ticket for any football match in excess of the face value of the ticket;

24.1.8 play a match with or against a club whose ground has been closed by the Association or the FAW on any ground within a radius of twelve (12) miles of the ground closed unless such match is an away fixture for the club whose ground has been so closed and is played at the ground of the home team which is within a radius of twelve (12) miles of the closed ground;

24.1.9 commit any act or make any statement either verbally or in writing , or be responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter likely to bring the game of Association Football or the Association into disrepute including, without limitation, any incident on or around the field of play (including the changing room area) that occurs before, during or after a match;

24.1.10 receive a caution or conviction for any of the offences listed in Schedule 4 Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, its revisions and amendments; or received any caution or conviction for any offences listed in the Sexual Offences Act 2003, its revisions and amendments; or received any caution or conviction for any of the offences listed in Schedule 1 Children and Young Persons Act 1933, its revisions and amendments; or is identified as a person presenting a risk or potential risk to children; or receive any caution or conviction for any offence against a vulnerable adult; or breach the FAW's Safeguarding/Welfare Policies and Procedures and Regulations, or any code of conduct and/or ethics established under any of them;

24.1.11 fail to act in an orderly fashion or fail to refrain from violence, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language () whilst attending or taking part in a match including, ;

24.1.11(A) fail to hold a valid Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice for the supply of any alcohol at a ground where any home matches are played and comply with all conditions of the Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice (including, without limitation, any designation or restriction

on where alcohol may be sold or consumed in the ground);

24.1.11(B) fail to prevent the consumption of alcohol in any outdoor area of a home ground when any form of football is being played or practised other than within an outdoor area designated as an area where alcohol supplied in accordance with Rule 24.1.11(A) may be consumed PROVIDED THAT such outdoor area must not be within three metres of the touchline of the playing area at any point irrespective of any provision to the contrary in any Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice and PROVIDED FURTHER THAT nothing in this Rule 24.1.11(B) shall alter or reduce the obligations on a person or organisation arising under the Sporting Events Act 1985, its revisions and amendments;

24.1.11(C) bring alcohol into a ground (or fail to prevent alcohol being brought into a ground where any home matches are played) other than in respect of use to be made pursuant to any Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice;

24.1.12 encroach on the pitch area, save for authorised persons or for reasons of crowd safety;

24.1.13 whilst attending a match (a) have in their possession at any ground any firework, flare, smoke bomb or other pyrotechnic device or (b) ignite or otherwise set-off any firework, flare, smoke bomb or other pyrotechnic device or (c) throw any firework, flare, smoke bomb, other pyrotechnic device, missile, bottle or other potentially harmful or dangerous object (including, without limitation, at or on to the pitch or at any person on the pitch or elsewhere in the ground);

24.1.14 fail to ensure that a private way is provided for players and officials from the playing ground to the dressing room whenever this is practicable at every ground within the jurisdiction of that Member; or

24.2 Every Member (including, without limitation, a Club) will be responsible for the actions of its Subordinates (including, without limitation, its Players) and the Member will also be in breach of any Rule or any Regulation, if that Rule or Regulation is breached by its Subordinate.

25. The jurisdiction of the Regulations for Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences and of the Judicial Bodies is as follows:-

25.1 any Disciplinary Offence as prescribed by the Regulations for Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences shall be dealt with under such Regulations,

25.2 The Disciplinary Panel will hear the following matters:-

25.2.1 any charge of an alleged Disciplinary Offence brought by the Association against any Councillor, Member or any Subordinate. The Association and the said Councillor, Member or Subordinate will be the relevant "Party" or "Parties" to the proceedings for the purpose of this section of the Rules;

25.2.2 any appeal by a Subordinate or other third party against a decision of a Member, where the said decision was a decision by the Member in the first instance. The Member and the Subordinate or other third party will be the "Party" or "Parties" to the proceedings for the purpose of this section of the Rules;

25.2.3 any appeal by a Subordinate or other third party against a decision of a Member, where the said decision was a decision by the Member acting as an appellate body in hearing an appeal against a decision of a Subordinate. The said Subordinates and/ or other third party (but not the Member which acted as an appellate body) will be the relevant "Party" or "Parties" to the proceedings for the purpose of this section of the Rules;

25.2.4 any dispute or difference between two or more Members (not being an appeal covered by Rule 25.2.2) which one or more of the said Members refers to the Association for resolution. The said Members will be the relevant "Party" or "Parties" to the proceedings for the purpose of this section of the Rules; and

25.2.5 any disputes or differences between a Member and any Subordinate or other third party (not being covered by Rules 25.2.2 or 25.2.3) which one or more of the Member or the Subordinate or other third party refers to the Association for resolution. The Member of the Association and the Subordinate or other third party will be the relevant "Party" or "Parties" to the proceedings

for the purpose of this section of the Rules.

26. The composition of the Disciplinary Panel will be as follows:-

26.1 only the Councillors as defined in these Rules will sit on the Disciplinary Panel. Each Disciplinary Panel will consist of three (3) members, including one from a list of four (4) chairpersons designate nominated by the Council from time to time. On a case by case basis, the General Secretary or the Discipline Secretary will appoint the Disciplinary Panel chairperson from the said list of chairpersons designate and the other two (2) members of the Disciplinary Panel provided that any Party to the proceedings may appeal against any such appointment decision by giving written notice to the Association, and with grounds, no more than three (3) Business Day following receipt of the notice of hearing. On receipt of such notice, the objection will be referred to the appointed Chair of the Panel to determine, except if the objection relates to the Chair, in which case the objection will be referred to one of the other chairpersons to determine.

27. No Member or Subordinate shall commence disciplinary proceedings under its own rules or regulations against a person, club or other entity which is under the jurisdiction of the Member or Subordinate, if (in respect of the relevant facts, circumstances or event) the Association has commenced, or indicated to the Member or Subordinate its intention to commence, disciplinary proceedings under these Rules against the person, club or other entity.

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A PANEL – NOTICES, FEES AND PROCEDURE

28. The following will apply if a Party wishes to refer a matter to the Disciplinary Panel:-

28.1 Where the Association brings a charge of an alleged Disciplinary Offence under Rule 25.2.1:-

28.1.1 the Association will give a Disciplinary Notice to the other Party together with the evidence on which the charge is based.

28.1.2 the Party charged will have seven (7) Business Days after service of the Disciplinary Notice to reply stipulating whether (a) they admit or deny the charge and (b) whether they wish the case to be dealt with by a Disciplinary Panel in their absence on written submissions, or if they wish to attend a private hearing before a Disciplinary Panel. The reply must also include:

28.1.2.1 a clear explanation setting out the details of the Party's admission or denial.

28.1.2.2 a signed written statement of each witness upon whom the Party intends to rely, setting out their evidence in full; and

28.1.2.3 copies of all the relevant evidence and material on which the party intends to rely. This includes material in mitigation where the Party charged admits the charge and requests the case is dealt with in their absence before a Disciplinary Panel.

28.1.3 The Association may provide to the Party and the Disciplinary Panel any further relevant evidence or relevant material on which it intends to rely. The Party charged may provide the Association with such further evidence or relevant material on which they intend to rely in response, no later than three (3) Business Days prior to the hearing.

28.1.3(A) A Disciplinary Chairperson may, in the interests of fairness and at his/her sole discretion, allow a Pary to rely on evidence or material submitted outside the stated timescales. A Disciplinary Chairperson may also require a Party to disclose any other relevant evidence or material outside the stated timescales.

28.1.4 if the Party charged fails to reply to the Disciplinary Notice within seven (7) Business Days, they will be deemed to have denied the charge and to have waived their right to a private hearing before the Disciplinary Panel. In such circumstances the Association will, without further notice to the Party charged, convene a Disciplinary Panel who will consider the alleged Disciplinary Offence in the absence of the Party charged and the provisions of Rules 28.1.5 to 28.1.11 inclusive shall not apply.

28.1.5 if the Party charged has replied to the Disciplinary Notice and requested a private hearing the Association will give the Party charged no less than seven (7) Business Days written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing and the provisions of Rules 28.1.6 to 28.1.11 inclusive shall apply.

28.1.6 where the Party charged is an individual person, they will be required to attend the hearing in

person. Where the Party charged is not an individual person, one or more duly authorised senior representatives of the Party will be required to attend the hearing in person, whether such representative are directors, officers or otherwise.

28.1.7 the Association and the Party charged will be entitled to make opening and closing remarks at the hearing and to call witnesses who will be expected to answer questions in cross-examination. Members of the Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to ask questions of any witness during the hearing. The Party charged will not be obliged to give evidence in person, but the Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to draw such inference as may be reasonably appropriate if the Party charged declines to do so. The chairman of the Disciplinary Panel will warn the Party charged of this fact.

28.1.8 the Disciplinary Panel hearing will proceed in the absence of the Party charged, unless the Party charged has requested an adjournment and the Disciplinary Panel reasonably considers that the Party charged has given an acceptable reason for such request, in which case the hearing may be adjourned. A Disciplinary Panel will also have discretion to adjourn a hearing if, in the reasonable opinion of the Panel, there is good reason to do so;

28.1.9 the Disciplinary Panel will retire to consider its findings in private. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel shall be determined unanimously or by majority. A decision may be announced on the day or reserved to a later date, in which case, the decision will be delivered in writing.

28.1.10 if the Disciplinary Panel finds the Party charged guilty of the Disciplinary Offence at a Disciplinary Panel hearing attended by the Party charged, no penalty or sanction will be imposed until: -

28.1.10.1 the Disciplinary Panel has been informed by the Association of any previous Disciplinary Offences recorded against the guilty Party; and

28.1.10.2 the guilty Party has been given the opportunity to make representations in mitigation of the Disciplinary Offence.

28.1.11 the Association and the Party charged shall be entitled to legal or other representation at the Disciplinary Panel hearing.

28.1.12 where the Party charged has waived the right to a private hearing or is deemed to have waived such right, or where the Party charged does not attend the private hearing, the Disciplinary Panel will consider such information as it considers reasonably necessary to decide the matter including, without limitation, any written representations made for or on behalf of the Party charged and representations (whether written or verbal) made for or on behalf of the Association. The Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to seek such further information or evidence as it deems necessary. If the Disciplinary Panel finds the Party charged guilty of the Disciplinary Offence, the Association will inform the Disciplinary Panel of any other Disciplinary Offences recorded against the guilty Party but the Disciplinary Panel will not be obliged to invite the guilty Party to make further representations in mitigation of the Disciplinary Offence before imposing a penalty;

28.1.13 where the Disciplinary Panel makes a decision on the alleged Disciplinary Offence, the Disciplinary Panel will also have absolute discretion whether to make a cost order for or against the Party charged; and

28.1.14 the Association will send written confirmation of the Disciplinary Panel's findings to the Party charged.

28.2 In the case of any other proceedings pursuant to Rule 25.2 under the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel: -

28.2.1 the Party wishing to commence the proceedings will give a Request Notice to the Association (marked for the attention of the General Secretary of the Association) and the other Party or Parties; and will pay the Request Fee of £50.00 to the Association's nominated bank account by means of bank transfer.

28.2.1(A) in the case of an appeal under Rules 25.2.2 and 25.2.3, the Request Notice, and all evidence and material relied upon by the appellant as part of its case, must be submitted to the Association within the time limits set out in Rule 28.2.2. The Request Notice must:

28.2.1(A).1 identify the specific decision which is being appealed.
28.2.1(A).2 set out the grounds upon which the appeal is based;

28.2.1(B) On receipt of the Request Notice, the respondent to the appeal must submit all evidence and material relied upon as part of its case within 7 Business Days.

28.2.1(C) In the case of requests to the Association for resolution of any dispute or difference set out under Rules 28.2.4 or 28.2.5, the Request Notice should set out the nature of the dispute or difference and the resolution sought. The relevant Request Fee must be paid to the Association before the Association will take any further steps in respect of the Request Notice. The party lodging the request shall disclose to the Association, all evidence and material relied upon in respect of their case within 7 Business Days of lodging the Request Notice. The Party against whom the dispute is lodged shall disclose to the Association , all evidence and material relied upon in response within 14 Business Days of receipt of the Request Notice or supporting evidence, whichever is the later.

28.2.1(D) A Disciplinary Chairperson may, in the interests of fairness and at his/her sole discretion, allow a Party to rely on evidence or material submitted outside the stated timescales. A Disciplinary Chairperson may also require a Party to disclose any other relevant evidence or relevant material outside the stated timescales.

28.2.2 in an appeal under Rules 25.2.2 and 25.2.3 against a decision of a Member, the Request Notice and Request Fee must be submitted to the Association in accordance with the following time limits:

28.2.2.1 not more than three (3) Business Days in the case of an appeal arising out of a decision relating to a cup or play-off match; and
28.2.2.2 not more than seven (7) Business Days in the case of an appeal arising out of a decision relating to anything other than a cup or play-off match

These time limits run from the date of receipt of written notification of the decision being appealed against. In determining the date of receipt of the written notification of the decision, the provisions of the Football Association of Wales Rule 144 (as to the services or notices etc) shall apply to the said written notification issued by the Member.

28.2.3 Any Request Notice and/or Request Fee lodged outside of the specified time limit will be rejected unless the Party lodging the same can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Association that it was not reasonably practicable to lodge the Request Notice and/or pay the Request Fee within the time limit.

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28.2.5 Wherever possible, the Association will within twenty (20) Business Days of actual receipt of the Request Notice send a written notice to the Parties confirming the date, time and place of the Disciplinary Panel hearing. In the case of an appeal under Rules 25.2.2 or 25.2.3, the Disciplinary Panel proceedings will be a re-hearing of the case and the Disciplinary Panel will decide the matter on the basis of the evidence produced to them. At any time prior to the Disciplinary Panel hearing, any Party will have the right to waive their right to a private hearing, but a hearing will take place unless all Parties agree in writing to waive their right to a private hearing.

28.2.6 where the Party involved is an individual person, they will be required to attend a hearing in person. Where the Party involved is not an individual person, one or more duly authorised senior representatives of the Party will be required to attend the hearing in person, whether such representatives are directors, officers or otherwise.

28.2.7 the Parties will be entitled to make opening and closing remarks at the hearing and to call witnesses who will be expected to answer questions in cross examination. Members of the Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to ask questions of any witnesses during the hearing. No Party will be obliged to give evidence in person, but the Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to draw such inference as may be reasonably appropriate if the Party declines to do so. The chairman of the Disciplinary Panel will warn the Party concerned of this fact.

28.2.8 the Disciplinary Panel hearing will proceed in the absence of either Party, unless the Disciplinary Panel reasonably considers that the absent Party has given an acceptable reason for such non-attendance, in which case the hearing may be adjourned. A Disciplinary Panel will also have discretion to adjourn a hearing if, in the reasonable opinion of the Panel, there is good reason to do so;

28.2.9 the Disciplinary Panel will retire to consider its findings in private. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel shall be determined unanimously or by majority. A decision may be announced on the day or reserved to a later date in which case the decision will be delivered in writing.

28.2.10 the Parties will be entitled, at their own cost, to legal or other representation at the Disciplinary Panel hearing.

28.2.11 where the Parties to the appeal have all waived their rights to a private hearing, the Disciplinary Panel will consider such information as it considers reasonably necessary to decide the matter including, without limitation, any written representations made for or on behalf of the Parties. The Disciplinary Panel will be entitled to seek such further information or evidence as it deems necessary.

28.2.12 where the Disciplinary Panel makes a decision on the matter, the Disciplinary Panel will also have absolute discretion whether to make a cost order for or against a Party to the proceeding; and

28.2.13 the Association will send written confirmation of the Disciplinary Panel's findings to the Parties.

29. Subject to 29(A), a Party has a right of appeal to the Football Association of Wales against a decision or any part of a decision of a Disciplinary Panel made under any part of Rule 25.2. The Association will only have the right to appeal against the penalty or sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Panel made under Rule 25.2.1 and not against a finding of not guilty, save that the Association's right of appeal shall not be limited in respect of the following offences:-

29.1 any offence under the FAW Discrimination Regulations

29.2 any offence under the FAW Regulations Governing Assaults on Match Officials;

29.3 any offence under Rules 24.1.4 to 24.1.4(G) inclusive .

29(A) In circumstances where a Party:

(i) has failed to respond to a Disciplinary Notice issued; or
(ii) has admitted a charge

an appeal to the Football Association of Wales may only be lodged in respect of a penalty or sanction imposed, and not against the charge being found proven; save that a Disciplinary Chairperson may, in exceptional circumstances, permit an appeal against a charge being found proven where it would otherwise be unjust not to do so;

30. The Party wishing to appeal will give a Request Notice to the Football Association of Wales, sent as an attachment to an email to the FAW's discipline department (discipline@FAW.co.uk),; and will pay the relevant Request Fee to the FAW, as set out under FAW Rule 43.2.3, payable to the FAW's nominated bank account, by means of a bank transfer.

30.1 The Request Notice and relevant Request Fee must be submitted to the FAW in accordance with the following time limits:

30.1.1 not more than three (3) Business Days in the case of an appeal arising out of a decision relating to a cup or play-off match.

30.1.2 not more than seven (7) Business Days in the case of an appeal arising out of a decision relating to anything other than a cup or play-off match.

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A Business Day is any day of the week except a Saturday or Sunday or public bank holiday in Wales.

30.2 The Request Notice must:

30.2.1 identify the specific decision which is being appealed; and
30.2.2 set out the grounds upon which the appeal is based;

30.3 Within the same time limit as set out at 30.1, the Party submitting the appeal must also submit to the FAW all evidence and material relied upon as part of their case.

PENALTIES AND OTHER POWERS

31. Where: -

31.1 under any provision of Rule 25.2.1 the Disciplinary Panel finds the Party charged guilty of a Disciplinary Offence, the Disciplinary Panel shall apply the following penalties against the Party charged (or two or more concurrently): -

31.1.1 suspension from, or any involvement in Association Football either permanently or for an indefinite period or for a specific and stated period in accordance with the Football Association of Wales's Categories of Suspension Regulations;
31.1.2 a fine;
31.1.3 a censure;
31.1.4 the closure of a football ground either permanently or for an indefinite period or for a specific and stated period;
31.1.5 the guilty Party, if a club, to forfeit points awarded in one or more competitions;
31.1.6 the guilty Party, if a club, to be disqualified from playing in one or more competitions;
31.1.7 such other penalty as the Disciplinary Panel shall reasonably deem fit including, without limitation, (a) the forfeit of any trophy or other award under the jurisdiction of this Association or (b) a written undertaking from the guilty Party as to their future conduct;
31.1.8 the guilty Party, if a club, to make such publication in its match day programme, website or other publication medium as the Disciplinary Panel may direct;
31.1.9 a transfer embargo preventing the guilty Party, if a club, from signing new Players during such period as the Association shall stipulate; or
31.1.10 the guilty Party, if a Club, to be relegated to the league and/or division stipulated by the Disciplinary Panel,

and the Disciplinary Panel may apply any such penalty under Rules 31.1.5 and 31.1.6 to the current, next or previous Playing Season and under Rule 31.1.7(a) to the current or any previous Playing Season (in each case, as deemed appropriate).

31.2 under Rules 25.2.2 or 25.2.3 the Disciplinary Panel hears an appeal by a Subordinate or other third party against a decision of a Member, the Disciplinary Panel will have the power to grant or deny the appeal (in whole or in part) and the power to increase or decrease the penalty or sanction (if any) imposed by the Member or substitute such other penalty or sanction as the Disciplinary Panel shall deem fit; and

31.3 in the case of any other proceedings under the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel pursuant to Rules 25.2.4 or 25.2.5, the Disciplinary Panel will have the power to make such order or ruling as it deems reasonable to resolve the dispute or difference,

Subject to any minimum penalty or sanction specified elsewhere in these Rules
or in the relevant Regulations.

31.4 where a Party has been sanctioned by way of a sine die suspension, any request for review of the suspension, on completion of the relevant stated period, must be made to the Football Association of Wales to be heard in accordance with FAW Rule 39.3.8 & 44.5.

32. If a Party fails to pay or carry out any penalty, sanction, order or ruling made under the Reduced Penalty Regulations, where applicable, the Regulations for Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences or by the Disciplinary Panel, within thirty-one (31) calendar days of notification of the penalty, sanction, order or ruling, or within such other time period as ordered by the Disciplinary Panel:

32.1 the Party will automatically be suspended in relation to both Association Football and Futsal from all football related activity under the jurisdiction of the ***South Wales Football Association*** as defined in the Football Association of Wales's Categories of Suspension Regulations, which for the purpose of this Rule 32 shall be read as applying to any person or other legal entity, until the penalty, sanction, order or ruling has been paid or complied with in full; and

32.2 the Association shall have the right to refer the non-compliance back to the Disciplinary Panel which made the relevant decision (or in the case of non-compliance with a penalty imposed under the Regulations for Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences, to the Disciplinary Panel) and that Panel shall have the power to impose further penalties, sanctions, orders or rulings as a result of a non-compliance.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. The law governing the Reduced Penalty Regulations, Regulations for Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences and any proceedings before the Disciplinary Panel shall be the law of England and Wales. The standard of proof applied shall be the balance of probabilities, except that under Rule 24.1.4(B) to 24.1.4(G) inclusive the standard of proof applied shall be whether the Disciplinary Offence has been established to the comfortable satisfaction of the Disciplinary Panel.

34. The rules of service set out in the Football Association of Wales Rule 144 shall apply to all notices and any other communications whatsoever sent in connection with the proceedings of a Disciplinary Panel.

35. These Rules are sufficient to enable the Association, Members and Subordinates to resolve all Disciplinary Offences and disputes or differences. The Parties must exhaust all procedures and processes of appeal in these Rules and the FAW Rules before taking legal proceedings in a court of law and then only as a last resort.

36. Notwithstanding any rule or regulation (in whatever form) of any Member or Subordinate to the contrary, it shall be a condition of the Association sanctioning any competition organised by the Member or any Subordinate that any appellant may lodge an appeal with the Disciplinary Panel (under Rules 25.2.2 or 25.2.3) against any decision of the Member or a Subordinate.

37. Subject to an appeal lodged with the FAW by any of the Parties, any decision of the Disciplinary Panel shall be a decision of the Association and all Members will comply with the same and will ensure that all Subordinates comply with the same.

38. The Association shall be permitted (but not obliged) to publish summaries of the decisions of its Disciplinary Panel in whatever form and forum it considers appropriate from time to time.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

39. The registration and transfer of players shall be in accordance with the current Rules (Section H) and Regulations of the Football Association of Wales (as amended from time to time).

LEAGUES AND OTHER COMPETITIONS

40. All Official Matches in all leagues or competitions of any description and at any level (including, without limitation, a charity or benefit league or competition) must be sanctioned by the FAW.

41. The sanction for each league or competition must be renewed annually by the FAW.

42. Subject to Rule 45, no league or competition will be sanctioned by the FAW unless each team taking part in such league or competition fields a side consisting of eleven (11) players, from which number there shall be no deviation, unless it be occasioned through injury or some such other and proper cause during the course of any game in such league or competition.

43. Application for sanction of a league or competition shall be made, and thereafter renewed annually, with the FAW on or before 20th July immediately preceding the Playing Season during which Playing Season the league or competition is

intended to be played. Such application must be made in every case using the systems and procedures set out by the FAW from time to time. Every such application must be accompanied by two copies of the rules of the league or competition concerned. Every such application must also be accompanied by a list of the names of all the clubs which have consented to join and take part in the league or competition. All such leagues or competitions shall observe the Rules and Regulations of the FAW. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

44. All applications for sanction under Rule 40 shall be made direct to the FAW. All other applications for annual renewal of the sanction under Rule 41 shall, in the first instance, be lodged with the Association. The Association will vet the application for renewal, and the supporting documents referred to in Rule 43, and will forward the application to the FAW with its recommendation for acceptance or rejection but the final decision on the application will rest solely with the FAW.

45. Notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 42 or in any other Rule, the FAW may give permission for small-sided leagues or competitions (including, without limitation, Futsal) to be played, provided that:-

45.1 the league or competition has been sanctioned by the FAW in accordance with the requirements of Rules 40 or 41. Clubs seeking affiliation to this Association in order to participate in a small side league or competition must pay the Association an affiliation fee;

45.2 in the case of single matches, and one-day competitions (e.g. garden fetes or work's sports' days), they must be sanctioned by the FAW in accordance with the requirements of Rule 40;

45.3 the rules governing the eligibility and conduct of the players in the sanctioned match or competition shall be administered by the management committee of the sanctioned game or competition subject always to the authority of the Association and shall be in conformity with the FAW Rules and Regulations;

45.4 the playing of non-sanctioned matches arranged by private individuals for speculative purposes shall not be permitted;

45.5 for small side leagues or competitions played for charitable objectives a statement of accounts of the event shall be supplied to the Association (and other Area Association(s) if the league or competition falls within the geographical area of more than one Area Association) within twenty-one days (21) of the last match in the event; and

45.6 the laws applicable to the playing of small-side games shall be as set by the FAW from time to time.

46. No Subordinate or club under the jurisdiction of the Association, nor player, nor Match Official or any other body or individual in any way within the jurisdiction of this Association, shall play in or take part in any league or competition (including, without limitation, charity or benefit league or competition) within the boundaries of Wales unless such league or competition has been sanctioned by the FAW.

47. No Subordinate or club under the jurisdiction of the Association, nor player, nor Match Official or any other body or individual in any way within the jurisdiction of this Association, shall play, or take part in any league or competition (including, without limitation, charity or benefit league or competition) outside the boundaries of Wales unless such participation shall have first been sanctioned by the FAW. The application for such sanction shall be made, and renewed annually, on or before 1st April immediately preceding the Playing Season in which the said applicant wishes to participate in the said league or competition. Such application must be made in every case using the systems and procedures set out by the FAW from time to time.

48. Any league or competition of whatever kind within the jurisdiction of this Association shall only be played within a geographical area approved and sanctioned by the FAW.

49. Any club which is within the jurisdiction of the FAW and which has received sanction from the FAW to compete in a league or competition outside the boundaries of Wales, shall carry out in full its obligations to those Welsh Association Football competitions of which it may be expected reasonably to take part, as defined by the FAW from time to time.

50. The name of any sponsor or the donor of a cup or trophy or any other person may form part of the title of a league or competition subject to the prior written approval of the FAW.

51. All kits must comply with the Football Association of Wales's Kit Regulations.

52. Subject to Rule 53 and subject to any special sanction granted by the FAW in accordance with FAW Rule 106, no league or

competition which has been played during the Playing Season shall be allowed extended time outside the Playing Season to play all matches in the league or competition, including, without limitation, any league or competition played for charitable purposes. The FAW may specially sanction a match to be played after the end of the Playing Season if the match is arranged between two distinct clubs, or leagues, or Area Associations or between any two of them. In granting any such sanction, the FAW shall be entitled to stipulate to whom the whole or any part of the income generated from any such match is to be paid including, without limitation, payment to a registered charity nominated by the FAW.

53. Notwithstanding anything contained in the FAW Rules:-

53.1 semi-final or final matches of cup competitions of the FAW or this Association may be played not later than Saturday or Sunday following the end of the Playing Season in any year;

53.2 small sided leagues or competitions as specified in Rule 45 may be played at any time, including outside the Playing Season; and

53.3 matches may be played for charity, or some other object approved by the FAW, not later than the Saturday or Sunday following the end of the Playing Season and application for permission to play any such match must be made in writing and be forwarded to the FAW's Chief Executive Officer not later than the 1st April in the year concerned.

PRACTICE MATCHES

54. Subject at all times to the overriding responsibility of all Clubs to fulfil their obligations to participate in Official Matches, Clubs shall be permitted to play Closed Friendly Matches at any time, whether inside or outside the Playing Season.

55. Clubs shall not require permission to play Closed Friendly Matches; there shall be no requirement to play the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game or for the match to be officiated by a qualified and registered Match Official and the Association's Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences Regulations shall not apply to Closed Friendly Matches. The result or outcome of the Closed Friendly Match shall not be published by the Clubs.

56. Subject at all times to the overriding responsibility of all Clubs to fulfil their obligations to participate in Official Matches, Clubs shall be permitted to play Open Friendly Matches at any time, whether inside or outside the Playing Season. If the Open Friendly Match is to be played during the Playing Season, it shall be subject to the prior permission of the FAW or the Association (as the case may be). If the Open Friendly Match is to be played outside of the Playing Season, it shall only be subject to the prior notice to the FAW or the Association (as the case may be) unless otherwise required by the FAW. For the avoidance of doubt, the prior permission of the FAW or relevant Area Association (as the case may be) must be obtained where a Club wishes to play such an Open Friendly Match as an away game at a club not under the jurisdiction of the FAW.

57. Where the proposed Open Friendly Match is to be played at a Club under the jurisdiction of the FAW, that Club shall make the application for permission to play or give prior notice of the Open Friendly Match at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed date of the Open Friendly Match, unless a shorter period is accepted by the FAW in its absolute discretion. The application or notice must state whether a match-agent or other third party or Football Agent has had, or will have, any involvement in the organisation of the match. Qualifying Clubs shall apply to the FAW for permission or give notice to the FAW, using the systems and procedures as set by the Association from time to time. All other Clubs shall apply or give notice to the Association. Any such application or notice by a Club to the Association which involves playing a team from another national football association shall be vetted by the Association and forwarded to the FAW and the FAW shall have absolute discretion to decide whether its permission is required and, if so, whether to grant permission.

58. An Open Friendly Match must be officiated by a qualified and registered Match Official and the Association's Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences Regulations shall apply to Open Friendly Matches. The result of an Open Friendly Match shall be published by the Clubs.

58(A) Tours outside Wales: -

112(A).1 No Member or other person or entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Association shall take Players on tour to England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, or to any country outside the United Kingdom under a designation that expressly or impliedly suggests such Players are representing the Association or the FAW in any way.

112(A).2 All intended tours of Players outside Wales must first receive the written permission of the FAW. All applications for such permission by clubs, leagues or Area Associations shall be made direct to the FAW.

All other applications for permission shall, in the first instance, be lodged with the Association in which the organiser is situated and in these cases the Association will vet the application and will forward the application to the FAW with its recommendation for acceptance or rejection but the final decision on the application will rest solely with the FAW.

REFEREES AND OTHER MATCH OFFICIALS

59. On the field of play, any decision by the Match Official in charge of any match on questions of fact or the interpretation of the Laws of the Game shall be final and conclusive. The Association's Disciplinary Procedures Concerning Field Offences Regulations shall stipulate the penalties automatically imposed on Players and team officials in consequence of any offence committed during a match, as reported by the Match Official of that match. The said Regulations shall also specify any rights of appeal which may be permitted by the Association from time to time against any such automatically imposed penalty. In addition, the Association shall always have the right to bring a charge of a Disciplinary Offence against a Player or team official where it receives evidence of misconduct during a match where the Match Official of the match confirms to the Association that he/she did not witness the said event.

60. When a Match Official is appointed for any match by the FAW, this Association or the organisers of a competition sanctioned by the FAW, the Match Official shall using the systems and procedures set by the FAW or the Association (as the case may be) from time to time, within three (3) days of receipt by him/her of the notice of appointment, inform such appointing body whether he/she accepts or declines the appointment. Unless directed by the FAW, having accepted an appointment to officiate a match, the Match Official shall not cancel such engagement in order to officiate in some other match.

61. It shall be a breach of these Rules, if any Match Official fails to report any instance of misconduct during or relating to a match which comes to his/her notice, and if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Association that such instance of misconduct was of a nature that required reporting.

62. The promotion and demotion of Match Officials to and from leagues under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be at the discretion of the Association.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

63. At any meeting held by the Council or any sub-committee of the Council to discuss a matter relating to any club or league, Councillors having an interest in such club or league shall declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other Councillors and shall: -

    63.1 not be counted in the quorum present at the meeting to consider the matter;

    63.2 have no vote on such matter; and

    63.3 leave the room and take no further part in the discussion on such matter.

64. The provisions of Rule 64 shall not apply to a conflict of interest which arises solely because the Councillor is appointed, nominated or elected a Councillor as the representative of any league.

65. At any meeting held by the Council or any sub-committee of the Council at which a declaration of interest under Rule 64 is made, the other Councillors at that meeting may direct that the provisions of Rule 64 be suspended or relaxed in respect of that specific matter for any Councillor who has made the necessary declaration of a conflict of interest.

66. Each Member and every Subordinate of that Member shall respond promptly to any request for information (including, without limitation, a request for the production of documentation) reasonably made by the Association from time to time.

MISCELLANEOUS

67. Members and Subordinates shall use such systems and procedures set by the FAW from time to time to comply with any provision of the FAW Rules or the FAW Regulations.

68. The Association shall be entitled to publish in the public press, or in any other manner which to it shall seem fit, the reports of its proceedings, act or resolutions or any part thereof, without having any regard as to whether such publication shall or shall not reflect upon the character or conduct of any Member or any other party involved at the time in question within the jurisdiction of the Association. Every such party shall be deemed hereby to have assented to any such said publication.

AREA ASSOCIATION ADULT (SENIOR & RESERVE)/YOUTH/JUNIOR FOOTBALL

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES CONCERNING FIELD OFFENCES IN MATCHES FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

For Players and Team Officials associated with Clubs playing in Senior & Reserve, Youth and Junior League and Cup Competitions under the jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association

SEASON 2026/2027

1. REPORTING OF OFFENCES BY MATCH OFFICIALS

(a) Caution Offences

Referees must submit to the South Wales Football Association within 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, stating the offence(s) and giving a description of the incident(s) using the procedures set by the Association from time to time.

(b) Sending-off Offences

Referees must submit a report to the South Wales Football Association within 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, stating the offence(s) and giving a description of the incident(s) using the procedures set by the Association from time to time.

(c) If a referee omits to show the appropriate card when taking action against a player or team official, or if the report is submitted more than 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, this will not nullify the caution or sending-off offence. However, the attention of the referee will be drawn to the correct procedure.

(d) Referees should submit any additional misconduct report to the South Wales Football Association within 48 hours of completion of the match, If the report is submitted after this time, this will not in any way restrict the Association's powers to action the report. However, the attention of the Referee will be drawn to the correct procedure.

2. CAUTION OFFENCES

A player or team official who has been cautioned in any match will be notified through their club by this Association using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time of:-

(a) the offence reported by the Referee;

(b) the total number of cautions recorded against the player or team official under these procedures during the current Season; and

(c) any punishment resulting from the accumulation of these cautions. Accumulation of cautions for a player will include any caution for which a player was subject to a temporary dismissal. Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of it from this Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures and clubs must therefore maintain their own records.

An administration fee of £12.00 will be charged to the player or team official through the club for the cost of processing each report. The fee for players in junior competitions will be £4.00.

3. SENDING-OFF OFFENCES

A player or team official who has been sent-off in a match under the provisions of Law 12 will be notified through their club by this Association using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time of:-

(a) the offence reported by the referee;

(b) That the player or team official will be subject to the agreed standard punishment (see Section 6 for players and Section 7 for team officials). Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of

it from this Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures and clubs must therefore maintain their own records.

An administration fee of £12.00 will be charged to the player or team official through the club for the cost of processing each report. The fee for players in junior competitions will be £4.00.

4. CLAIMS OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

(a) In the case of a claim of alleged mistaken identity concerning a player or team official cautioned or sent-off in a match, the club, on behalf of the individual, must:-

(i) By 2.00pm of the next Business Day following the day of the match submit in writing via r e-mail discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to the South Wales Football Association their intention to submit a claim and the particulars upon which the claim is founded.

(ii) By 2.00pm on the second Business Day following the day of the match, submit to the South Wales Football Association written statements and evidence (including video/DVD where available) in support of the claim together with the relevant fee as set out in Appendix 1. A signed statement by the player or team official reported by the referee that they were not responsible for the offence reported and identifying specifically the name of the person responsible must be included. Where possible a written statement from the player or team official responsible for the offence should also be supplied.

(b) Should a club have two matches with no, or insufficient Business Days in between, a Claim of Mistaken Identity shall be notified and lodged with the South Wales Football Association in accordance with the following procedure:-

(i) Where there are no Business Days between two matches, written notification of the club's intent to make a claim must be e-mailed discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to South Wales Football Association prior to the commencement of the second match.

(ii) Where there is just one Business Day between two matches, the timetable for notification as set out in 4(a)(i) hereabove, will still apply.

(iii) The submission of statements, evidence and the applicable fee must be lodged with the South Wales Football Association by 2.00pm on the second Business Day as set out in 4(a)(ii) hereabove.

In respect of these specific circumstances, a player or team official will be eligible to play and/or participate in the second match, if, and only if, notification as set out in 4(b)(i) or 4(b)(ii) hereabove is appropriately submitted. A club will not be permitted to withdraw a claim once written notice to do so has been sent via e-mail to the South Wales Football Association and therefore attention should be paid to 4(d)(ii) herebelow, in respect of claims which are believed to be frivolous or an abuse of process.

(c) Should a player or team official play and/or participate in a match without the appropriate notification having being lodged as set out hereabove, the South Wales Football Association will prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the club and player or team official concerned for playing and/or participating whilst under suspension.

(d) The decisions available to the Disciplinary Panel considering a Claim of Mistaken Identity are as follows:-

(i) The claim is rejected - the player or team official reported by the referee serves the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(ii) The claim is rejected and considered frivolous and/or an abuse of process - the Disciplinary Panel will have the discretion to increase the match suspension to up to twice that of the standard punishment.

(iii) The claim is successful - the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum is transferred from the record of the player or team official reported by the referee to the appropriate identified offender.

(e) Irrespective of the decision reached, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the discretion to either retain or return the fee submitted and if considered appropriate, make an order of costs against the claimant(s).

(f) A club failing to lodge a claim for mistaken identity may be charged with misconduct by the South Wales Football Association if there is evidence that the club sought to gain an advantage by remaining silent on the matter.

(g) It is important to note that the time limits set out above are strict. Only complete claims submitted before the relevant deadlines will be considered by the South Wales Football Association.

(h) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to a Claim of Mistaken Identity is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

5. CLAIMS OF WRONGFUL DISMISSAL

(a) A player or team official and their club may seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of the dismissal of a player or team official from the Field-of-Play by demonstrating to this Association that the dismissal was wrongful.

(b) A Claim of Wrongful Dismissal may be lodged only for on-field offences which result in a sending-off, except for two cautions leading to a dismissal.

(c) The club, on behalf of the player or team official, must:-

(i) By 2.00pm of the next Business Day following the day of the match submit in writing via e-mail discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to the South Wales Football Association their intention to submit a claim and the particulars upon which the claim is founded.

(ii) By 2.00pm of the second Business Day following the day of the match submit written statements and evidence (including a video/DVD of the incident where available) in support of the claim together with the relevant fee as set out in Appendix 1.

(d) A Disciplinary Panel will be convened as soon as is practically possible to decide the matter on any relevant documentary and video/DVD evidence submitted. The Disciplinary Panel considering a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal is concerned with only the question of whether any sanction of a suspension from play is one which should be imposed in view of the facts of the case. A claim will only be successful if the Panel is satisfied that the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the player or team official. It must be noted that in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the match referee's decision is final and the player's or team official's dismissal from the field of play will remain on the record of the player or team official and the club. The offence will remain the subject of the administration fee and the club will accrue the appropriate number of penalty points for the sending-off. Consequently, the club, player or team official and match official(s) will not attend the meeting of the Disciplinary Panel when the matter is considered.

(e) Should a club have two matches with no, or insufficient Business Days in between, a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal shall be notified and lodged with the South Wales Football Association in accordance with the following procedure:-

(i) Where there are no Business Days between two matches, written notification of the club's intent to make a claim must be e-mailed discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk email address to the South Wales Football Association prior to the commencement of the second match.

(ii) Where there is just one Business Day between two matches, the timetable for notification as set out in 5(c)(i) hereabove, will still apply.

(iii) The submission of statements, evidence and the applicable fee must be lodged with the South Wales Football Association by 2.00pm on the second Business Day as set out in 5(c)(ii) hereabove.

In respect of these specific circumstances, a player or team official will be eligible to play in the second match, if, and only if, notification as set out in 5(e)(i) or 5(e)(ii) hereabove is appropriately submitted. A club will not be permitted to withdraw a claim once written notice to do so has been sent via e-mail to the South Wales Football Association and therefore attention should be paid to 5(g)(ii) herebelow, in respect of claims which are believed to be frivolous or an abuse of process.

(f) Should a player or team official play and/or participate in a match without the appropriate notification having being lodged as set out hereabove, the South Wales Football Association will prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the club and player or team official concerned for playing and/or participating whilst under suspension.

(g) The decisions available to a Disciplinary Panel when considering a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal are as follows:-

(i) The claim is rejected - the player or team official serves the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(ii) The claim is rejected and considered frivolous and/or an abuse of process – the Panel will have the discretion to increase the match suspension beyond the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(iii) The claim is successful - the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum is withdrawn and Section 6(d) or Section 7(d), as the case may be, will not be invoked in relation to this dismissal if the player or team official is sent-off again following the offence.

(h) Irrespective of the decision reached, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the discretion to either retain or return the fee submitted and if considered appropriate, make an order for costs against the claimant(s).

(i) It is important to note that the time limits set out above are strict. Only complete claims submitted before the relevant deadlines will be considered by the South Wales Football Association.

(j) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

6. PUNISHMENTS FOR PLAYERS

(a) <u>Caution Offences – League Matches</u>

(i) If a player accumulates five (5) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a player accumulates ten (10) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association anytime during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next TWO (2) recognised matches in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a player accumulates fifteen (15) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next THREE (3) recognised matches in the same League Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The player shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further five (5) cautions recorded against a player.

(iv) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(v) The player must serve the suspension with the club at which the player holds a valid registration.

(vi) Any player found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under the Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine. .

(vii) Where a player is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the player's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(viii) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(b) Caution Offences – Cup Matches

(i) If a player accumulates two (2) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a player accumulates four (4) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a player accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iv) If a player accumulates eight (8) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The player shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further two (2) cautions recorded against a player.

(v) After the completion of the Preliminary Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all players being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any player who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Preliminary Round will be suspended for the same Cup Competition in the First Round proper; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution will need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 6(m) of these Procedures).

(vi) After the completion of the Quarter Final Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all players being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any player who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Quarter Final match will be suspended for the same Cup Competitions Semi-Final; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution will need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 6(m) of these Procedures).

(vii) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(viii) The player must serve the suspension with the club at which the player holds a valid registration.

(ix) Any player found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine. .

(x) Where a player is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the player's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(xi) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(c) Sending-Off Offences

(i) A player who is dismissed from the field of play will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from all Area Association and FAW League and Cup competitions, and Open Friendlies, within the same age category as the competition where the sending-off occurred. The suspension will apply until such time as the player has missed the required number of matches, played by the team where the sending off occurred, in an Area Association and/or FAW Approved Competition.

(ii) The relevant automatic suspension arising from the sending-off offence is set out in Appendix 3.

(iii) The terms of a suspension from a sending-off offence will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(iv) A player must serve the suspension with the club at which they hold a valid registration.

(v) As set out in Law 10 of the IFAB Laws of the Game, if a player receives a second caution during kicks from the penalty mark to determine the outcome of the match, the player will not be dismissed from the field of play as the caution count from the match is reset before the shootout commences. For clarity, both cautions shall count towards the number of cautions that the player has accumulated in the league competition. The player will also be liable for the second administration fee as set out in Section 2.

(vi) If the player receives two (2) cautions during the kicks from the penalty mark, they will be dismissed and suspended automatically with immediate effect. The procedure as set out in 6(c) shall apply for the suspension and how it must be served. For the avoidance of doubt, the administration fee from the caution received during the match and the administration fee for the sending off in the kicks from the penalty mark will both be payable.

(vii) Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offence remains outstanding at the end of a season it will be carried over to be served in the next season. In these circumstances, a player will be permitted to take part in any Open Friendly prior to the commencement of their team's first competitive match in the new season, at which point the suspension will recommence.

(viii) A club or player may make a written request to the South Wales Football Association to transfer a player's suspension to be served by the competitive matches of another team within their Club, other than where the sending-off occurred. If it can be demonstrated that more than 50% of the player's matches have been played for that other team during the same season, the South Wales Football Association will transfer the suspension. The number of matches played will be solely determined by Comet match reports. For the avoidance of doubt, the player must have played in those matches and not have been an unused substitute. The suspension, once transferred, cannot be transferred further.

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(e) Additional Sendings-off

Players dismissed from the field of play for a second time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved competition of the same age category, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the offence, will be suspended for one extra match.

A player dismissed for a third time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved Competition of the same age category will be suspended for an extra two matches, and so on.

(f) Measurement of Suspension

The length of suspension is to be measured against the Team with which the player committed the offence. If a club has more than one Team that participates within League Competitions listed in Appendix 2, then the suspension will be measured against the Team with which the player committed the offence, subject 6(c)(viii) above.

Any player serving a suspension from a sending off will be suspended from **all** Area Association and FAW Approved Competitions, and Open Friendlies, within the same age category as that where they received their suspension, subject to 6(c)(vii).

Any player serving a suspension from an accumulation of cautions (as set out in section 6(a) & 6(b) of these Procedures) will only be suspended from playing in the same League Division or Cup Competition in which they received their accumulated cautions.

Where a player receives a suspension (as set out in these Procedures) from an Open Friendly match (see section 10), this must be measured by the team's next match(es) in Area Association or FAW Approved Competitions within the same age category as that where the suspension was imposed.

(g) Outstanding Suspensions

Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offence remains outstanding at the end of a season, it will be carried over to be served in the next season with the club at which the player is registered and measured by the player's team's matches in Area Association or FAW Approved Competitions in the same age category as that where the suspension was imposed.

Should a player no longer be eligible, due to age restriction, to participate in competitions in the age category in which the suspension was imposed, the suspension will be transferred to be served in the relevant age category where the player is now eligible.

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(j) Rule 24

In special cases where:-

(i) a match official's report indicates a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, or

(ii) a player commits an act of misconduct and/or a sending-off offence under Law 12 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of the Laws of the Game whilst on the field of play which is not seen by the match officials but caught on video;

the South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the player in accordance with one or more of the provisions under Rule 24.

When dealing with a case under 6(j)(i) hereabove, the Disciplinary Panel may take into account any automatic punishment imposed under the Procedures.

When dealing with a case under 6(j)(ii) hereabove, confirmation by the match officials that they did not see the incident in question shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

(k) Clubs Imposing Fines

Clubs may fine players in Senior & Reserve and Youth Football for on-field offences but must notify the South Wales Football Association, without delay, the details of the fine in each case.

(l) Re-Arranged Matches

A Disciplinary Panel shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion

of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling the player to complete their suspension and thus qualify them to play in a specific match. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to re-arranged matches is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(m) Collection of Administration Fees

It will be the responsibility of the club to collect the administration fees from the players concerned. Clubs will have 31 calendar days to make the payment for each player's £12.00/£4.00 administration fee as and from the date of the match. Should the club fail to make the payment of the £12.00/£4.00 administration fee within 31 calendar days, then the player will become ineligible from playing in all Association Football and Futsal matches until payment is received. The administration fee must be paid on the COMET system, or any other system as prescribed by the Association from time to time.

Any club experiencing difficulties in obtaining monies owed by players of the club may refer such matters to the South Wales Football Association.

(n) Abandoned Matches

(i) any caution or sending-off issued in a match which is subsequently abandoned will remain on the record of the player/official irrespective of whether the match is replayed.

(ii) Abandoned matches will not count towards clearing a player/official of a suspension. All matches must be completed for a match to count down the suspension.

(o) Team(s) Withdrawal from the League

(i) Where a team withdraws from the League before completing all of its matches for the season, all disciplinary sanctions imposed upon any player of either side in the matches in that team's matches will remain on the record of the player sanctioned.

(ii) Where a player has served a suspension, any part of which has been counted down by a match against a Club who subsequently withdraw from the League, the match will still count for the purpose of serving the suspension.

7. PUNISHMENTS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

(a) Caution Offences – League Matches

(i) If a team official accumulates three (3) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a team official accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next TWO (2) recognised matches in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a team official accumulates nine (9) recorded cautions in the same League Division Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next THREE (3) recognised matches in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iv) If a team official accumulates twelve (12) recorded cautions in the same League Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next FOUR (4) recognised matches in the same League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The team official shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further three (3) cautions recorded against a team official.

(v) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(vi) The team official must serve the suspension with the club at which the team official holds a valid registration.

(vii) Where a team official is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the team official's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(viii) Any team official found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine.

(ix) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(b) <u>Caution Offences – Cup Matches</u>

(i) If a team official accumulates two (2) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a team official accumulates four (4) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a team official accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iv) If a team official accumulates eight (8) recorded cautions in the same Cup Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The team official shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further two (2) cautions recorded against a team official.

(v) After the completion of the Preliminary Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all team officials being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any team official who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Preliminary Round **will** be suspended for the same Cup Competition in the First Round proper; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution **will** need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 7(m) of these Procedures).

(vi) After the completion of the Quarter Final Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all team officials being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any team official who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Quarter Final match **will** be suspended for the same Cup Competitions Semi-Final; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution **will** need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 7(m) of these Procedures).

(vii) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(viii) The team official must serve the suspension with the club at which the team official holds a valid registration.

(ix) Where a team official is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the team official's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(x) Any team official found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine.

(xi) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(c) Sending -Off Offences

(i) A team official who is dismissed from the technical area will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from all League and Cup competitions and Open Friendlies, within the same age category as the competition where the sending- off occurred. The suspension will apply until such time as the team official has missed the required number of matches, played by the team where the sending-off occurred, in an Area Association and/or FAW Approved Competition(s).

(ii) The relevant automatic suspension arising from the sending-off offence is set out in Appendix 4.

(iii) The terms of the suspension arising from a sending-off offence will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(iv) A team official must serve the suspension with the club at which they hold a valid registration.

(v) As set out in Law 10 of the IFAB Laws of the Game, if a team official receives a second caution during kicks from the penalty mark to determine the outcome of the match, the team official will not be dismissed from the field of play as the caution count from the match is reset before the shootout commences. Both cautions shall count towards the number of cautions that the team official has accumulated in the league competition. The team official will also be liable for the second administration fee of £12.00.

(vi) If the team official receives two (2) cautions during the kicks from the penalty mark, they will be dismissed and suspended automatically with immediate effect. The procedure as set out in 7(c) shall apply for the suspension and how it must be served. For the avoidance of doubt, the administration fee of £12.00 from the caution received during the match and the administration fee of £12.00 for the sending off in the kicks from the penalty mark will both be payable.

(vii) Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offences remains outstanding at the end of a season it will be carried over to be served in the next season. In these circumstances, a team official will be permitted to take part in any Open Friendly prior to the commencement of their team's first competitive match in the new season, at which point the suspension will recommence.

(d) Sending's Off not detailed

(i) Where a team official is dismissed from the Technical Area for a reason not set out in Appendix 4 , in addition to the specified one (1) match suspension, the dismissal will be subject for review by a Disciplinary Panel of South Wales Football Association.

(ii) The Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to determine:

(a) A one Match Suspension shall suffice and there should be no further suspension; or

(b) That the standard one Match Suspension and the Panel will have the power to increase the Match Suspension.

(iii) The club or team official will not be permitted to submit any evidence for the Disciplinary Panel's considerations and the matter will be considered solely on the match official(s) sending off report. Should a club require a Disciplinary Panel to consider the validity of the suspension resulting from the sending off, then they must submit a Claim of Mistaken Identity and/or a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal as set out in Sections 4 and 5. In this procedure set out in 7(d), the Disciplinary Panel will only confine themselves to the level of sanction imposed from the dismissal.

(iv) Should a club lodge a Claim of Mistaken Identity then the same Disciplinary Panel will consider the sanction.

(v) Should a club lodge a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal and the claim is rejected as set out under section 5(g)(i) & (ii) and the sending off is subject to section 7(d), then the same Disciplinary Panel will consider the sanction.

(vi) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to this procedure is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(e) Additional Sendings-off

Team officials dismissed from the Technical Area for a second time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved Competition of the same age category, , in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the offence, will be suspended for one extra match.

A team official dismissed for a third time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved Competition of the same age category, will be suspended for an extra two matches, and so on.

(f) Measurement of Suspension

The length of suspension is to be measured against the Team with which the team official committed the offence. If a club has more than one Team that participates within Competitions listed in Appendix 2, then the suspension will be measured against the Team with which the team official committed the offence.

Any team official serving a suspension from a sending off will be suspended from **all** Area Association and FAW Approved Competitions, and Open Friendlies, within the same age category as that where the suspension was imposed, subject to 7(c)(vii). . Any team official serving a suspension from an accumulation of cautions (as set out in section 7(a) & 7(b) of these Procedures) will only be suspended from participating in the same League Division or Cup Competition in which they received their accumulated cautions.

Where a team official receives a suspension (as set out in these Procedures) from an Open Friendly match (see section 10), this must be measured by the teams next match(es) in League or Cup Competitions (whichever comes first) within the same age category as that where the suspension was imposed.

(g) Outstanding Suspensions

Any period of suspension, or part thereof, arising from a sending-off offence which remains outstanding at the end of a season must be served at the commencement of the next following season with the club at which the

team official is registered and measured by the team official's matches in Area Association and FAW Approved Competitions in the same age category as that where the suspension was imposed.

Any period of suspension, or part thereof, arising from an accumulation of cautions which remains outstanding at the end of a season will not be carried over to the next season.

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(j) Rule 24

In special cases where:-

(i) a match official's report indicates a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, or

(ii) a team official commits an act of misconduct and/or a sending-off offence as set out in the Laws of the Game whilst on the field of play and/or in the Technical Area which is not seen by the match officials but caught on video;

The South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the team official in accordance with one or more of the provisions under Rule 24.

When dealing with a case under 7(j)(i) hereabove, the Disciplinary Panel may take into account any automatic punishment imposed under the Procedures.

When dealing with a case under 7(j)(ii) hereabove, confirmation by the match officials that they did not see the incident in question shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

(k) Clubs Imposing Fines

Clubs may fine team officials for on-field offences but must notify the South Wales Football Association, without delay, the details of the fine in each case.

(l) Re-Arranged Matches

A South Wales Football Association Disciplinary Panel shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling the team official to complete their suspension and thus qualify them to participate in a specific match. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to re-arranged matches is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(m) Collection of Administration Fees

It will be the responsibility of the club to collect the £12.00 administration fee from the team officials concerned. Clubs will have 31 calendar days to make the payment for each team official's £12.00 administration fee as and from the date of the match. Should the club fail to make the payment of the £12.00 administration fee within 31 calendar days, then the team official will become ineligible from participating in **any** Association Football and Futsal match until payment is received. The administration fee must be paid on the COMET system, or any other system as prescribed by the Association from time to time.

Any club experiencing difficulties in obtaining monies owed by team officials of the club may refer such matters to the South Wales Football Association.

(n) Abandoned Matches

(i) any caution or sending-off issued in a match which is subsequently abandoned will remain on the record of the official irrespective of whether the match is replayed.

(ii) Abandoned matches will not count towards clearing an official of a suspension. All matches must be completed

for a match to count down the suspension.

(o) Team(s) Withdrawal from the League

(i) Where a team withdraws from the League before completing all of its matches for the season, all disciplinary sanctions imposed upon an official of either side in the matches in that team's matches will remain on the record of the official sanctioned.

(ii) Where a player/team official has served a suspension, any part of which has been counted down by a match against a Club who subsequently withdraw from the League, the match will still count for the purpose of serving the suspension.

8. DISCIPLINARY ACTION ON CLUBS FOR MISCONDUCT BY THEIR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

(a) Any club whose players or team officials accumulate a total number of Penalty Points during a season, and that total is considered to be appreciably above the average number of points in the same league, may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Panel and shall be liable to be warned and/or fined for having permitted its players or team officials to violate the Laws of the Game in contravention of Rule [24.1.1]. In addition, the Panel shall be entitled to make an order as to costs against the club. Any action taken by the club to discipline its players will be taken into consideration by the Panel in its findings.

In so far as this Regulation shall apply, the following Penalty Points will be recorded against a club:-

For all recorded cautions - 4 Points

For Sending-off for players under Law 12 (4) (5) & (7) and team officials resulting in a one match suspension - 10 Points

For Sending-off for players under Law 12 (1) (2) (3) & (6) and team officials resulting in a two or three match suspension - 12 Points

(b) A club required to appear before a Disciplinary Panel shall be represented by at least one of its Directors/Officials and the Manager.

(c) The South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer a charge against a club at any time during the season arising from field offences committed by players and team officials of the club.

9. SUSPENSIONS IMPOSED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS

(a) Unless otherwise ordered by an South Wales Football Association, or a Judicial Body of the FAW. the terms of the suspensions imposed under these entire regulations will be as set out under the category of a Match Suspension (see section 10). The only exception is where a team official receives a suspension for an accumulation of cautions. In this instance, the category of suspension will be a Touchline Suspension (see section 10).

(b) Any suspension imposed on a player may only be served whilst the player holds a registration with a football club. Should a player transfer or register for a new club prior to the commencement of the suspension or during the period of the suspension, the player will not be eligible to play for their new club until such time as the new club with which the player has transferred to has completed the required number of matches in Approved Competitions.

(c) Any suspension imposed on a team official may only be served whilst the team official holds a registration with a football club. Should a team official transfer or register for a new club prior to the commencement of the suspension or during the period of the suspension, the team official will not be eligible to participate for their new club until such time as the club with which the team official committed the offence has completed the required number of matches in Approved Competitions.

10. DEFINITIONS

i. BUSINESS DAY

Any day of the week except a Saturday or Sunday or public bank holiday in Wales

ii. CLOSED FRIENDLY MATCH

A game of Association Football which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) but is not made open for the public to attend.

iii. MATCH SUSPENSION

A Match Suspension is a ban on taking part in a match and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field-of-play. A Match Suspension may be imposed on a player or an official.

The area immediately surrounding the field-of-play includes:-

1. The field-of-play.
2. The dressing rooms and their immediate area.
3. The tunnel and/or private way leading from the dressing rooms to the field-of play.
4. The dugouts, benches and technical areas.
5. The prohibited area in the vicinity of the touchline and goal lines.

The player or official under a Match Suspension is prohibited from contact with match officials, players and club officials, as well as giving any media interviews, before, during and after the match.

A Match Suspension does not prohibit a player or official from attending or taking part in a Closed Friendly Match or a club organised private training session. However, a player or official is prohibited from attending or taking part in an Open Friendly Match.

A club who permits a player or an official to attend any ground whilst serving a Match Suspension will be responsible for ensuring the terms of the suspension are adhered to.

iv. OPEN FRIENDLY MATCH

A game of Association Football which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) and is made open to the public to attend.

v. TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION

A Touchline Suspension is a ban from any immediate contact with players, club officials and match officials participating in a match for the duration of the match. A Touchline Suspension may be imposed on a player and an official. A Touchline Suspension prohibits an individual from:-

1. Attending the dugouts and technical areas before, during and after the match.

2. Entering the field-of-play and the prohibited area in the vicinity of the touchline and goal lines.

3. Coaching or issuing instructions for the duration of the game.

4. Engaging the match officials whilst they are on the field-of-play or in the tunnel and/or private way leading from the dressing rooms to the field-of-play.

The player or official under a Touchline Suspension is permitted to attend the team changing room pre-match, at half-time and post-match. Furthermore, the individual is permitted to approach the match officials pre-match or post-match whilst they are in their dressing room and provided the match officials are agreeable to the approach.

The FAW is aware that due to the nature of many grounds, the individual under a Touchline Suspension may stand behind the perimeter barrier surrounding the field-of-play but still remain sufficiently close enough to the field-of-play to allow them to continue coaching or issue instructions to the coaching / technical staff. This will be considered as a breach of the Touchline Suspension and will result in the Football Association of Wales preferring charges of misconduct against the club and player or

official who is under the suspension.

Where a stand exists within the ground, the Football Association of Wales requires the player or official to sit in the stand away from the field-of-play.

For the duration of the game, a player or official under a Touchline Suspension is NOT PERMITTED to communicate with the coaching / technical staff via radio or other electronic communication and is prohibited from having personal contact with any such persons.

APPENDIX 1

Fees applicable when making a Claim of Mistaken Identity or a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal

For teams playing in:-	£ Fee payable
Aberdare Valley Association Football League	£50.00
Bridgend & District Football League	£50.00
Bridgend Port Talbot Junior League	£50.00
Cardiff & District Football League	£50.00
Cardiff Combination League	£50.00
Cynon Rhondda Merthyr Junior Football League	£50.00
Merthyr Tydfil Football League	£50.00
Port Talbot & District Football League	£50.00
Rhondda & District League	£50.00
South Wales Premier League	£50.00
South Wales Women's & Girls' Football League	£50.00
South Wales Youth League	£50.00
Taff Ely & Rhymney Valley League	£50.00
Vale of Glamorgan League	£50.00
Boys and Girls Clubs Of Wales	£50.00

APPENDIX 2

All cups played under the following Leagues

For teams playing in:-	£ Fee payable
Aberdare Valley Association Football League	£50.00
Bridgend & District Football League	£50.00
Bridgend Port Talbot Junior League	£50.00
Cardiff & District Football League	£50.00
Cardiff Combination League	£50.00
Cynon Rhondda Merthyr Junior Football League	£50.00
Merthyr Tydfil Football League	£50.00
Port Talbot & District Football League	£50.00
Rhondda & District League	£50.00
South Wales Premier League	£50.00
South Wales Women's & Girls' Football League	£50.00
South Wales Youth League	£50.00
Taff Ely & Rhymney Valley League	£50.00
Vale of Glamorgan League	£50.00
Boys and Girls Clubs Of Wales	£50.00

APPENDIX 3 – SENDINGS-OFF – PLAYERS

SENDING-OFF OFFENCE	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	COMPETITION SENDING OFF OCCURRED IN	COMPETITIONS SUSPENDED FROM

Receiving a second caution in the same match.*	1 Match		
Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal or by handling the ball	1 Match	a. Any Senior/Reserve League or Cup match	a. All Senior & Reserve League and Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies
Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures (not towards a Match Official)	2 Matches	b. Any Youth League or Cup match	b. All Youth League & Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies
Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures towards a Match Official	3 Matches		
Violent Conduct Serious Foul Play Spitting at an opponent	3 Matches	c. Any Junior League or Cup match	c. All Junior League & Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies

APPENDIX 4 – SENDINGS-OFF – TEAM OFFICIALS

Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension	COMPETITION SENDING OFF OCCURRED IN	SUSPENDED FROM
• Receiving a second caution in the same match* • Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team • Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as a result of using such equipment	1 Match	a. Any Senior/Reserve League or Cup match	a. All Senior & Reserve League and Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies
• Deliberately leaving the technical area to: i. show dissent towards or remonstrate with a match official ii. act in a provocative or inflammatory manner iii. enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner • Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches		

• Entering the video operation room (VOR) • Entering the field of play to interfere with play, an opposing player or match official • Entering the field of play to confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)		b. Any Youth League or Cup match	b. All Youth League & Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies
• Deliberately throwing/kicking an object on to the field of play • Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person • Violent conduct	3 Matches	c. Any Junior League or Cup match	c. All Junior League & Cup matches in Area Association & FAW Approved Competitions and Open Friendlies
Any reason not detailed above	1 match (subject to section 7(d) above)		

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES RELATING TO TEMPORARY DISMISSALS (SIN BINS)
AREA ASSOCIATION ADULT (SENIOR & RESERVE) & YOUTH FOOTBALL
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES RELATING TO TEMPORARY DISMISSALS (SIN BINS)

1. Subject to paragraph 12 below, referees will no longer issue a simple yellow card to players for "dissent by word or action (C2)". Instead, they will indicate a temporary dismissal (sin bin) by showing a yellow card and then clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area (usually the player's technical area).

2. All other cautionable offences are punished by a yellow card but no temporary dismissal applies.

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

4. Temporary Dismissals apply to all players, but not to substitutes or substituted players.

5. Any player who receives a caution for dissent by word or action(C2) during a match will be subject to a temporary dismissal for 10 minutes, if the match is 90-minutes in duration, or 8 minutes for all other match durations.

6. The temporary dismissal period begins when play restarts after the player has left the field of play. The referee should include in the sin bin dismissal period any time 'lost' for a stoppage for which 'additional time' will be allowed at the end of the half (e.g. substitution, injury, goal celebration etc...).

7. Once the temporary dismissal period has been completed, the player can return from the touchline with the referee's permission, when the ball is next out of play. The referee has the final decision as to when the player can return.

8. A player subject to a temporary dismissal cannot be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period (but not if the team has used all its permitted substitutes and/or substitution opportunities).

9. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the first half the remaining period is served from the start of the second half; this also applies in extra time

10. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the second half when extra time is to be played, the remaining period is served from the start of extra time.

11. A player who is still serving a temporary dismissal period at the end of the match is permitted to take part in any penalty shoot-out, as temporary dismissals are not used during penalties.

12. A player who receives a caution for dissent (C2) during a penalty shoot-out will be issued with a standard yellow card and will not be subject to a temporary dismissal

13. A player who receives two cautions in the same match is sent off (RC), even if one caution is/both cautions are, for a temporary dismissal offence. However, in such circumstances, those cautions will not count towards a player's accumulation of cautions.

14. For the avoidance of doubt, accumulation of cautions by a player shall include those punished by a temporary dismissal in the same Competition.

15. Yellow cards resulting in a temporary dismissal shall be subject to the same administration fee of £12.00 as for all other yellow cards.

TEMPORARY DISMISSAL OFFENCES – APPLICABLE ONLY TO JUNIOR LEAGUES UNDERTAKING TEMPORARY DISMISSAL TRIALS

1. Subject to paragraph 12 below, referees will no longer issue a simple yellow card to players for "dissent by word or action (C2). Instead, they will indicate a temporary dismissal (sin bin) by showing a yellow card and then clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area (usually the player's technical area).

2. All other cautionable offences are punished by a yellow card but no temporary dismissal.

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

4. Temporary Dismissals apply to all players, but not to substitutes or substituted players.

5. Any player who receives a caution for dissent by word or action (C2) during a match will be subject to a temporary dismissal for 8 minutes, if the match is 80 minutes in duration, or 7 minutes for all other match durations.

6. The temporary dismissal period begins when play restarts after the player has left the field of play. The referee should include in the sin bin dismissal period any time 'lost' for a stoppage for which 'additional time' will be allowed at the end of the half (e.g. substitution, injury, goal celebration etc…).
7. Once the temporary dismissal period has been completed, the player can return from the touchline with the referee's permission, when the ball is next out of play. The referee has the final decision as to when the player can return.

8. A player subject to a temporary dismissal cannot be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period (but not if the team has used all its permitted substitutes and/or substitution opportunities).

9. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the first half, the remaining period is served from the start of the second half; this also applies in extra time.

10. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the second half when extra time is to be played, the remaining period is served from the start of extra time.

11. A player who is still serving a temporary dismissal period at the end of the match is permitted to take part in any penalty shoot-out, as temporary dismissals are not used during penalties.

12. A player who receives a caution for dissent (C2) during a penalty shoot-out will be issued with a standard yellow card and will not be subject to a temporary dismissal.

13. A player who receives two cautions in the same match is sent off (RC), even if one caution is/both cautions are for a temporary dismissal offence.

14. For the avoidance of doubt, accumulations of cautions by a player shall include those punished by a temporary dismissal in the same Competition.

15. Yellow cards resulting in a temporary dismissal shall be subject to the same administration fee of £4.00 as for all other yellow cards.

SUNDAY & VETERANS FOOTBALL
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES CONCERNING FIELD OFFENCES IN MATCHES FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS
For Players and Team Officials associated with Clubs playing in Sunday or Veterans Leagues under the jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association

SEASON 2026/2027

1. REPORTING OF OFFENCES BY MATCH OFFICIALS

(a) Caution Offences

Referees must submit to the South Wales Football Association within 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, stating the offence(s) and giving a description of the incident(s) using the procedures set by the Association from time to time.

(b) Sending-off Offences

Referees must submit a report to the South Wales Football Association within 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, stating the offence(s) and giving a description of the incident(s) using the procedures set by the Association from time to time.

(c) If a referee omits to show the appropriate card when taking action against a player or team official, or if the report is submitted more than 2 (two) hours after the completion of the match, this will not nullify the caution or sending-off offence. However, the attention of the referee will be drawn to the correct procedure.

(d) Referees should submit any additional misconduct report to the South Wales Football Association within 48 hours of completion of the match, If the report is submitted after this time, this will not in any way restrict the Association's powers to action the report. However, the attention of the Referee will be drawn to the correct procedure.

2. CAUTION OFFENCES

A player or team official who has been cautioned in any match will be notified through their club by this Association using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time of:-

(a) the offence reported by the Referee;

(b) the total number of cautions recorded against the player or team official under these procedures during the current Season; and

(c) any punishment resulting from the accumulation of these cautions. Accumulation of cautions for a player will include any caution for which a player was subject to a temporary dismissal. Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of it from this Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures and clubs must therefore maintain their own records.

An administration fee of £12.00 will be charged to the player or team official through the club for the cost of processing each report.

3. SENDING-OFF OFFENCES

A player or team official who has been sent-off in a match under the provisions of Law 12 will be notified through their club by this Association using the systems and procedures set by the Association from time to time of:-

(c) the offence reported by the referee;

(d) That the player or team official will be subject to the agreed standard punishment (see Section 6 for players and Section 7 for team officials). Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of it from this Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures and clubs must therefore maintain their own records.

An administration fee of £12.00 will be charged to the player or team official through the club for the cost of processing

each report. The fee for players in junior competitions will be £4.00.

4. CLAIMS OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

(a) In the case of a claim of alleged mistaken identity concerning a player or team official cautioned or sent-off in a match, the club, on behalf of the individual, must:-

(i) By 2.00pm of the next Business Day following the day of the match submit in writing via r e-mail discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to the South Wales Football Association their intention to submit a claim and the particulars upon which the claim is founded.

(ii) By 2.00pm on the second Business Day following the day of the match, submit to the South Wales Football Association written statements and evidence (including video/DVD where available) in support of the claim together with the relevant fee as set out in Appendix 1. A signed statement by the player or team official reported by the referee that they were not responsible for the offence reported and identifying specifically the name of the person responsible must be included. Where possible a written statement from the player or team official responsible for the offence should also be supplied.

(b) Should a club have two matches with no, or insufficient Business Days in between, a Claim of Mistaken Identity shall be notified and lodged with the South Wales Football Association in accordance with the following procedure:-

(i) Where there are no Business Days between two matches, written notification of the club's intent to make a claim must be e-mailed discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to South Wales Football Association prior to the commencement of the second match.

(ii) Where there is just one Business Day between two matches, the timetable for notification as set out in 4(a)(i) hereabove, will still apply.

(iii) The submission of statements, evidence and the applicable fee must be lodged with the South Wales Football Association by 2.00pm on the second Business Day as set out in 4(a)(ii) hereabove.

In respect of these specific circumstances, a player or team official will be eligible to play and/or participate in the second match, if, and only if, notification as set out in 4(b)(i) or 4(b)(ii) hereabove is appropriately submitted. A club will not be permitted to withdraw a claim once written notice to do so has been sent via e-mail to the South Wales Football Association and therefore attention should be paid to 4(d)(ii) herebelow, in respect of claims which are believed to be frivolous or an abuse of process.

(c) Should a player or team official play and/or participate in a match without the appropriate notification having being lodged as set out hereabove, the South Wales Football Association will prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the club and player or team official concerned for playing and/or participating whilst under suspension.

(d) The decisions available to the Disciplinary Panel considering a Claim of Mistaken Identity are as follows:-

(i) The claim is rejected - the player or team official reported by the referee serves the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(ii) The claim is rejected and considered frivolous and/or an abuse of process - the Disciplinary Panel will have the discretion to increase the match suspension to up to twice that of the standard punishment.

(iii) The claim is successful - the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum is transferred from the record of the player or team official reported by the referee to the appropriate identified offender.

(e) Irrespective of the decision reached, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the discretion to either retain or return the fee submitted and if considered appropriate, make an order of costs against the claimant(s).

(f) A club failing to lodge a claim for mistaken identity may be charged with misconduct by the South Wales Football Association if there is evidence that the club sought to gain an advantage by remaining silent on the matter.

(g) It is important to note that the time limits set out above are strict. Only complete claims submitted before the relevant deadlines will be considered by the South Wales Football Association.

(h) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to a Claim of Mistaken Identity is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

5. CLAIMS OF WRONGFUL DISMISSAL

(d) A player or team official and their club may seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of the dismissal of a player or team official from the Field-of-Play by demonstrating to this Association that the dismissal was wrongful.

(e) A Claim of Wrongful Dismissal may be lodged only for on-field offences which result in a sending-off, except for two cautions leading to a dismissal.

(f) The club, on behalf of the player or team official, must:-

(ii) By 2.00pm of the next Business Day following the day of the match submit in writing via e-mail discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk South Wales Football Association their intention to submit a claim and the particulars upon which the claim is founded.

(ii) By 2.00pm of the second Business Day following the day of the match submit written statements and evidence (including a video/DVD of the incident where available) in support of the claim together with the relevant fee as set out in Appendix 1.

(d) A Disciplinary Panel will be convened as soon as is practically possible to decide the matter on any relevant documentary and video/DVD evidence submitted. The Disciplinary Panel considering a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal is concerned with only the question of whether any sanction of a suspension from play is one which should be imposed in view of the facts of the case. A claim will only be successful if the Panel is satisfied that the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the player or team official. It must be noted that in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the match referee's decision is final and the player's or team official's dismissal from the field of play will remain on the record of the player or team official and the club. The offence will remain the subject of the administration fee and the club will accrue the appropriate number of penalty points for the sending-off. Consequently, the club, player or team official and match official(s) will not attend the meeting of the Disciplinary Panel when the matter is considered.

(e) Should a club have two matches with no, or insufficient Business Days in between, a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal shall be notified and lodged with the South Wales Football Association in accordance with the following procedure:-

(i) Where there are no Business Days between two matches, written notification of the club's intent to make a claim must be e-mailed discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk to the South Wales Football Association prior to the commencement of the second match.

(ii) Where there is just one Business Day between two matches, the timetable for notification as set out in 5(c)(i) hereabove, will still apply.

(iii) The submission of statements, evidence and the applicable fee must be lodged with the South Wales Football Association by 2.00pm on the second Business Day as set out in 5(c)(ii) hereabove.

In respect of these specific circumstances, a player or team official will be eligible to play in the second match, if, and only if, notification as set out in 5(e)(i) or 5(e)(ii) hereabove is appropriately submitted. A club will not be permitted to withdraw a claim once written notice to do so has been sent via e-mail to the South Wales Football Association and therefore attention should be paid to 5(g)(ii) herebelow, in respect of claims which are believed to be frivolous or an abuse of process.

(f) Should a player or team official play and/or participate in a match without the appropriate notification having being lodged as set out hereabove, the South Wales Football Association will prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the club and player or team official concerned for playing and/or participating whilst under suspension.

(g) The decisions available to a Disciplinary Panel when considering a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal are as follows:-

(i) The claim is rejected - the player or team official serves the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(ii) The claim is rejected and considered frivolous and/or an abuse of process – the Panel will have the discretion to increase the match suspension beyond the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum.

(iii) The claim is successful - the standard punishment as set out in this Memorandum is withdrawn and Section 6(d) or Section 7(d), as the case may be, will not be invoked in relation to this dismissal if the player or team official is sent-off again following the offence.

(h) Irrespective of the decision reached, the Disciplinary Panel shall have the discretion to either retain or return the fee submitted and if considered appropriate, make an order for costs against the claimant(s).

(i) It is important to note that the time limits set out above are strict. Only complete claims submitted before the relevant deadlines will be considered by the South Wales Football Association.

(j) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

6. PUNISHMENTS FOR PLAYERS

(a) <u>Caution Offences – League Matches</u>

(i) If a player accumulates five (5) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a player accumulates ten (10) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next TWO (2) recognised matches in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a player accumulates fifteen (15) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next THREE (3) recognised matches in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The player shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further five (5) cautions recorded against a player.

(iv) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(v) The player must serve the suspension with the club at which the player holds a valid registration.

(vi) Any player found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under the Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine. .

(vii) Where a player is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the player's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(viii) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(b) Caution Offences – Cup Matches

(i) If a player accumulates two (2) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a player accumulates four (4) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a player accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iv) If a player accumulates eight (8) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the player will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the player has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The player shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further two (2) cautions recorded against a player.

(v) After the completion of the Preliminary Round in all Sunday or Veterans Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all players being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any player who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Preliminary Round will be suspended for the same Cup Competition in the First Round proper; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution will need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 6(m) of these Procedures).

(vi) After the completion of the Quarter Final Round in all Sunday or Veterans Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all players being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any player who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Quarter Final match will be suspended for the same Cup Competitions Semi-Final; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution will need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 6(m) of these Procedures).

(vii) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a

MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(viii) The player must serve the suspension with the club at which the player holds a valid registration.

(ix) Any player found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine. .

(x) Where a player is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the player's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(xi) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(c) Sending-Off Offences

(i) A player who is dismissed from the field of play will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from all Sunday or Veterans league and cup matches and Open Friendly matches, under the jurisdiction of this Association until such time as the player has missed the required number of matches, played by the team where the sending off occurred, in Sunday or Veterans Football competitions (see Appendix 2).

(ii) The relevant automatic suspension arising from the sending-off offence is set out in Appendix 3.

(iii) The terms of a suspension from a sending-off offence will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(iv) A player must serve the suspension with the club at which they hold a valid registration.

(v) As set out in Law 10 of the IFAB Laws of the Game, if a player receives a second caution during kicks from the penalty mark to determine the outcome of the match, the player will not be dismissed from the field of play as the caution count from the match is reset before the shootout commences. For clarity, both cautions shall count towards the number of cautions that the player has accumulated in the league competition. The player will also be liable for the second administration fee as set out in Section 2.

(vi) If the player receives two (2) cautions during the kicks from the penalty mark, they will be dismissed and suspended automatically with immediate effect. The procedure as set out in 6(c) shall apply for the suspension and how it must be served. For the avoidance of doubt, the administration fee from the caution received during the match and the administration fee for the sending off in the kicks from the penalty mark will both be payable.

(vii) Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offence remains outstanding at the end of a season it will be carried over to be served in the next season with the club at which the player is registered. In these circumstances, a player will be permitted to take part in any Open Friendly prior to the commencement of their team's first competitive match in the new season, at which point the suspension will recommence.

(viii) A club or player may make a written request to the South Wales Football Association to transfer a player's suspension to be served by the competitive matches of another team within their Club, other than where the sending-off occurred. If it can be demonstrated that more than 50% of the player's matches have been played for that other team during the same season, the South Wales Football Association will transfer the suspension. The number of matches played will be solely determined by Comet match reports. For the avoidance of doubt, the player must have played in those matches and not have been an unused substitute. The suspension, once transferred, cannot be transferred further.

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(e) Additional Sendings-off

Players dismissed from the field of play for a second time in the same Season in a Sunday or Veterans League or Cup competition, in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the offence, will be suspended for one extra match in a Sunday or Veterans League competition, as applicable.

A player dismissed for a third time in the same Season in a Sunday or Veterans League or Cup competitions will be suspended for an extra two matches in a Sunday or Veterans League competition, as applicable, and so on.

(f) Measurement of Suspension

The length of suspension is to be measured against the Team with which the player committed the offence. If a club has more than one Team that participates within League Competitions listed in Appendix 2, then the suspension will be measured against the Team with which the player committed the offence, subject to 6(c)(viii).

Any player serving a suspension from a sending off will be suspended from **all** Sunday or Veterans League and Cup competitions, subject to 6(c)(viii).

Any player serving a suspension from an accumulation of cautions (as set out in section 6(a) & 6(b) of these Procedures) will only be suspended from playing in the same League Division or Cup Competition in which they received their accumulated cautions.

Where a player receives a suspension (as set out in these Procedures) from an Open Friendly match (see section 10), in Sunday or Veterans Football this must be measured by the team's next competitive match(es) in Sunday or Veterans Football.

(g) Outstanding Suspensions

Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offence in Sunday or Veterans Football remains outstanding at the end of a season, it will be carried over to be served in the next season with the club at which the player is registered and measured by the player's team's matches Sunday or Veterans Football, as applicable. Any period of suspension, or part thereof, arising from an accumulation of cautions which remains outstanding at the end of a season will not be carried over to the next season.

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(j) Rule 24

In special cases where:-

(i) a match official's report indicates a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, or

(ii) a player commits an act of misconduct and/or a sending-off offence under Law 12 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of the Laws of the Game whilst on the field of play which is not seen by the match officials but caught on video;

the South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the player in accordance with one or more of the provisions under Rule 24.

When dealing with a case under 6(j)(i) hereabove, the Disciplinary Panel may take into account any automatic punishment imposed under the Procedures.

When dealing with a case under 6(j)(ii) hereabove, confirmation by the match officials that they did not see the incident in question shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

(k) Clubs Imposing Fines

Clubs may fine players in Senior & Reserve and Youth Football for on-field offences but must notify the South Wales Football Association, without delay, the details of the fine in each case.

(l) Re-Arranged Matches

A Disciplinary Panel shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling the player to

complete their suspension and thus qualify them to play in a specific match. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to re-arranged matches is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(m) Collection of Administration Fees

It will be the responsibility of the club to collect the administration fees from the players concerned. Clubs will have 31 calendar days to make the payment for each player's administration fee as and from the date of the match. Should the club fail to make the payment of the administration fee within 31 calendar days, then the player will become ineligible from playing in all Sunday or Veterans Football matches until payment is received. The administration fee must be paid on the COMET system, or any other system as prescribed by the Association from time to time.

Any club experiencing difficulties in obtaining monies owed by players of the club may refer such matters to the South Wales Football Association.

(n) Abandoned Matches

(i) any caution or sending-off issued in a match which is subsequently abandoned will remain on the record of the player/official irrespective of whether the match is replayed.

(ii) Abandoned matches will not count towards clearing a player/official of a suspension. All matches must be completed for a match to count down the suspension.

(o) Team(s) Withdrawal from the League

(i) Where a team withdraws from the League before completing all of its matches for the season, all disciplinary sanctions imposed upon any player of either side in the matches in that team's matches will remain on the record of the player sanctioned.

(ii) Where a player has served a suspension, any part of which has been counted down by a match against a Club who subsequently withdraw from the League, the match will still count for the purpose of serving the suspension.

7. PUNISHMENTS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

(b) Caution Offences – League Matches

(i) If a team official accumulates three (3) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season

(ii) If a team official accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next TWO (2) recognised matches in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season

(iii) If a team official accumulates nine (9) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next THREE (3) recognised matches in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season

(iv) If a team official accumulates twelve (12) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association at any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same League Division Competition in Sunday or Veterans league matches, as applicable, and Sunday or Veterans Open Friendly matches, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next FOUR (4) recognised matches in the same Sunday or Veterans League Division Competition under the direct jurisdiction of the South Wales Football Association (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match and final match of the 2026/2027 Season. The team official shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further three (3) cautions recorded against a team official.

(v) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(vi) The team official must serve the suspension with the club at which the team official holds a valid registration.

(vii) Where a team official is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the team official's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(viii) Any team official found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine.

(ix) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(b) Caution Offences – Cup Matches

(i) If a team official accumulates two (2) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(ii) If a team official accumulates four (4) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iii) If a team official accumulates six (6) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season.

(iv) If a accumulates eight (8) recorded cautions in the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) which is under the direct disciplinary jurisdiction of this Association any time during the season, the team official will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from the same Sunday or Veterans Cup Competition only, until such time as the team official has missed his/her club's next ONE (1) recognised match in the same Cup Competition (see Appendix 2) during the period covered by its opening match in the Cup Competition and final match in the same Cup Competition of the 2026/2027 Season. The team official shall also be required to attend a meeting of a Disciplinary Panel to consider any additional sanctions. The same procedure will apply for every further two (2) cautions recorded against a team official.

(v) After the completion of the Preliminary Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall

be reset with all team officials being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any team official who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Preliminary Round **will** be suspended for the same Cup Competition in the First Round proper; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution **will** need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 7(m) of these Procedures).

(vi) After the completion of the Quarter Final Round in all Cup Competitions listed in Appendix 2, the caution count shall be reset with all team officials being regarded as having zero (0) cautions attributed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, the following will still apply:

- any team official who receives a suspension resulting from an accumulation of cautions in the Quarter Final match **will** be suspended for the same Cup Competitions Semi-Final; and
- any administration fee accumulated in previous rounds for any caution **will** need to be paid within 31 days of the match (as set out in 7(m) of these Procedures).

(vii) The terms of a suspension resulting from the accumulation of cautions will be as set out under the category of a TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(viii) The team official must serve the suspension with the club at which the team official holds a valid registration.

(ix) Where a team official is sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, such cautions shall not be recorded against the team official's accumulation of cautionable offences.

(x) Any team official found to have intentionally received a caution in a way to manipulate the commencement of any suspension will be charged under Standard Rule 24.1.9 and be suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches and be subject to a fine.

(xi) Any period of suspension arising from an accumulation of cautions which is outstanding at the end of the season will not be carried over to the next season.

(c) <u>Sending -Off Offences</u>

(i) A team official who is dismissed from the field of play will be suspended automatically with immediate effect from all Sunday or Veterans league and cup matches and Open Friendly matches, under the jurisdiction of this Association until such time as the team official has missed the required number of matches, played by the team where the sending off occurred, in Sunday or Veterans Football competitions. (see Appendix 2).

(ii) The relevant automatic suspension arising from the sending-off offence is set out in Appendix 4.

(iii) The terms of the suspension arising from a sending-off offence will be as set out under the category of a MATCH SUSPENSION (see Section 10).

(iv) A team official must serve the suspension with the club at which they hold a valid registration.

(v) As set out in Law 10 of the IFAB Laws of the Game, if a team official receives a second caution during kicks from the penalty mark to determine the outcome of the match, the team official will not be dismissed from the field of play as the caution count from the match is reset before the shootout commences. Both cautions shall count towards the number of cautions that the team official has accumulated in the league competition. The team official will also be liable for the second administration fee of £12.00.

(vi) If the team official receives two (2) cautions during the kicks from the penalty mark, they will be dismissed and suspended automatically with immediate effect. The procedure as set out in 7(c) shall apply for the suspension and how it must be served. For the avoidance of doubt, the administration fee of £12.00 from the caution received during the match and the administration fee of £12.00 for the sending off in the kicks from the penalty mark will both be payable.

(vii) Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offences remains outstanding at the end of a season it will be carried over to be served in the next season. In these circumstances, a team official will be permitted to take part in any Open Friendly prior to the commencement of their team's first competitive match in the new season, at which point the suspension will recommence.

(d) Sending's Off not detailed

(vii) Where a team official is dismissed from the Technical Area for a reason not set out in Appendix 4 , in addition to the specified one (1) match suspension, the dismissal will be subject for review by a Disciplinary Panel of South Wales Football Association.

(viii) The Disciplinary Panel shall have the power to determine:

(c) A one Match Suspension shall suffice and there should be no further suspension; or

(d) That the standard one Match Suspension and the Panel will have the power to increase the Match Suspension.

(ix) The club or team official will not be permitted to submit any evidence for the Disciplinary Panel's considerations and the matter will be considered solely on the match official(s) sending off report. Should a club require a Disciplinary Panel to consider the validity of the suspension resulting from the sending off, then they must submit a Claim of Mistaken Identity and/or a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal as set out in Sections 4 and 5. In this procedure set out in 7(d), the Disciplinary Panel will only confine themselves to the level of sanction imposed from the dismissal.

(x) Should a club lodge a Claim of Mistaken Identity then the same Disciplinary Panel will consider the sanction.

(xi) Should a club lodge a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal and the claim is rejected as set out under section 5(g)(i) & (ii) and the sending off is subject to section 7(d), then the same Disciplinary Panel will consider the sanction.

(xii) The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to this procedure is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(e) Additional Sendings-off

Team officials dismissed from the Technical Area for a second time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved Competition of the same age category, , in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the offence, will be suspended for one extra match.

A team official dismissed for a third time in the same Season in an Area Association or FAW Approved Competition of the same age category, will be suspended for an extra two matches, and so on.

(f) Measurement of Suspension

The length of suspension is to be measured against the Team with which the team official committed the offence. If a club has more than one Team that participates within League Competitions listed in Appendix 2, then the suspension will be measured against the Team with which the team official committed the offence.

Any team official serving a suspension from a sending off will be suspended from **all** Sunday or Veterans League and Cup competitions, and Open Friendlies, subject to 7(c)(vii).

Any team official serving a suspension from an accumulation of cautions (as set out in section 6(a) & 6(b) of these Procedures) will only be suspended from playing in the same League Division or Cup Competition in which they received their accumulated cautions.

Where a team official receives a suspension (as set out in these Procedures) from an Open Friendly match (see

section 10), in Sunday or Veterans Football this must be measured by the team's next competitive match(es) in Sunday or Veterans Football.

(g) Outstanding Suspensions

Where an automatic suspension arising from a sending-off offence in Sunday or Veterans Football remains outstanding at the end of a season, it will be carried over to be served in the next season with the club at which the team official is registered and measured by the team official's team's matches Sunday or Veterans Football, as applicable.

Any period of suspension, or part thereof, arising from an accumulation of cautions which remains outstanding at the end of a season will not be carried over to the next season.

(h) Deliberately left blank

(i) Deliberately left blank

(j) Rule 24

In special cases where:-

(i) a match official's report indicates a serious breach of the Laws of the Game, or

(ii) a team official commits an act of misconduct and/or a sending-off offence as set out in the Laws of the Game whilst on the field of play and/or in the Technical Area which is not seen by the match officials but caught on video;

The South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer an appropriate charge of misconduct against the team official in accordance with one or more of the provisions under Rule 24.

When dealing with a case under 7(j)(i) hereabove, the Disciplinary Panel may take into account any automatic punishment imposed under the Procedures.

When dealing with a case under 7(j)(ii) hereabove, confirmation by the match officials that they did not see the incident in question shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

(k) Clubs Imposing Fines

Clubs may fine team officials for on-field offences but must notify the South Wales Football Association, without delay, the details of the fine in each case.

(l) Re-Arranged Matches

A South Wales Football Association Disciplinary Panel shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling the team official to complete their suspension and thus qualify them to participate in a specific match. The decision of the Disciplinary Panel in relation to re-arranged matches is final and binding on all parties and not subject to appeal.

(m) Collection of Administration Fees

It will be the responsibility of the club to collect the administration fee from the team officials concerned. Clubs will have 31 calendar days to make the payment for each team official's administration fee as and from the date of the match. Should the club fail to make the payment of the administration fee within 31 calendar days, then the team official will become ineligible from participating in **any** Association Football and Futsal match until payment is received. The administration fee must be paid on the COMET system, or any other system as prescribed by the Association from time to time.

Any club experiencing difficulties in obtaining monies owed by team officials of the club may refer such matters to

the South Wales Football Association.

(n) Abandoned Matches

(i) any caution or sending-off issued in a match which is subsequently abandoned will remain on the record of the official irrespective of whether the match is replayed.

(ii) Abandoned matches will not count towards clearing an official of a suspension. All matches must be completed for a match to count down the suspension.

(o) Team(s) Withdrawal from the League

(i) Where a team withdraws from the League before completing all of its matches for the season, all disciplinary sanctions imposed upon an official of either side in the matches in that team's matches will remain on the record of the official sanctioned.

(ii) Where a player/team official has served a suspension, any part of which has been counted down by a match against a Club who subsequently withdraw from the League, the match will still count for the purpose of serving the suspension.

8. DISCIPLINARY ACTION ON CLUBS FOR MISCONDUCT BY THEIR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

(b) Any club whose players or team officials accumulate a total number of Penalty Points during a season, and that total is considered to be appreciably above the average number of points in the same league, may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Panel and shall be liable to be warned and/or fined for having permitted its players or team officials to violate the Laws of the Game in contravention of Rule [24.1.1]. In addition, the Panel shall be entitled to make an order as to costs against the club. Any action taken by the club to discipline its players will be taken into consideration by the Panel in its findings.

In so far as this Regulation shall apply, the following Penalty Points will be recorded against a club:-

For all recorded cautions - 4 Points

For Sending-off for players under Law 12 (4) (5) & (7) and team officials resulting in a one match suspension - 10 Points

For Sending-off for players under Law 12 (1) (2) (3) & (6) and team officials resulting in a two or three match suspension - 12 Points

(b) A club required to appear before a Disciplinary Panel shall be represented by at least one of its Directors/Officials and the Manager.

(c) The South Wales Football Association reserves the right to prefer a charge against a club at any time during the season arising from field offences committed by players and team officials of the club.

9. SUSPENSIONS IMPOSED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS

(d) Unless otherwise ordered by an South Wales Football Association, or a Judicial Body of the FAW. the terms of the suspensions imposed under these entire regulations will be as set out under the category of a Match Suspension (see section 10). The only exception is where a team official receives a suspension for an accumulation of cautions. In this instance, the category of suspension will be a Touchline Suspension (see section 10).

(e) Any suspension imposed on a player may only be served whilst the player holds a registration with a football club. Should a player transfer or register for a new club prior to the commencement of the suspension or during the period of the suspension, the player will not be eligible to play for their new club until such time as the new club with which the player has transferred to has completed the required number of matches in Approved Competitions.

(f) Any suspension imposed on a team official may only be served whilst the team official holds a registration with a football club. Should a team official transfer or register for a new club prior to the commencement of the

suspension or during the period of the suspension, the team official will not be eligible to participate for their new club until such time as the club with which the team official committed the offence has completed the required number of matches in Approved Competitions.

10. DEFINITIONS

i. BUSINESS DAY

Any day of the week except a Saturday or Sunday or public bank holiday in Wales

ii. CLOSED FRIENDLY MATCH

A game of Association Football which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) but is not made open for the public to attend.

iii. MATCH SUSPENSION

A Match Suspension is a ban on taking part in a match and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field-of-play. A Match Suspension may be imposed on a player or an official.

The area immediately surrounding the field-of-play includes:-

1. The field-of-play.
2. The dressing rooms and their immediate area.
3. The tunnel and/or private way leading from the dressing rooms to the field-ofplay.
4. The dugouts, benches and technical areas.
5. The prohibited area in the vicinity of the touchline and goal lines.

The player or official under a Match Suspension is prohibited from contact with match officials, players and club officials, as well as giving any media interviews, before, during and after the match.

A Match Suspension does not prohibit a player or official from attending or taking part in a Closed Friendly Match or a club organised private training session. However, a player or official is prohibited from attending or taking part in an Open Friendly Match.

A club who permits a player or an official to attend any ground whilst serving a Match Suspension will be responsible for ensuring the terms of the suspension are adhered to.

iv. OPEN FRIENDLY MATCH

A game of Association Football which is not an Official Match which is played between two (2) teams (whether or not from different Clubs) and is made open to the public to attend.

v. TOUCHLINE SUSPENSION

A Touchline Suspension is a ban from any immediate contact with players, club officials and match officials participating in a match for the duration of the match. A Touchline Suspension may be imposed on a player and an official. A Touchline Suspension prohibits an individual from:-

1. Attending the dugouts and technical areas before, during and after the match.

2. Entering the field-of-play and the prohibited area in the vicinity of the touchline and goal lines.

3. Coaching or issuing instructions for the duration of the game.

4. Engaging the match officials whilst they are on the field-of-play or in the tunnel and/or private way leading from the dressing rooms to the field-of-play.

The player or official under a Touchline Suspension is permitted to attend the team changing room pre-match, at half-time and post-match. Furthermore, the individual is permitted to approach the match officials pre-match or post-match whilst they are in their dressing room and provided the match officials are agreeable to the approach.

The FAW is aware that due to the nature of many grounds, the individual under a Touchline Suspension may stand behind the perimeter barrier surrounding the field-of-play but still remain sufficiently close enough to the field-of-play to allow them to continue coaching or issue instructions to the coaching / technical staff. This will be considered as a breach of the Touchline Suspension and will result in the Football Association of Wales preferring charges of misconduct against the club and player or official who is under the suspension.

Where a stand exists within the ground, the Football Association of Wales requires the player or official to sit in the stand away from the field-of-play.

For the duration of the game, a player or official under a Touchline Suspension is NOT PERMITTED to communicate with the coaching / technical staff via radio or other electronic communication and is prohibited from having personal contact with any such persons.

APPENDIX 1

Fees applicable when making a Claim of Mistaken Identity or a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal

For teams playing in:-	£ Fee payable
Lazarou Cardiff Sunday League	£50.00
Wales veterans League	£50.00

APPENDIX 2

All League Cups from the following Leagues

For teams playing in:-	£ Fee payable
Lazarou Cardiff Sunday League	£50.00
Wales veterans League	£50.00

APPENDIX 3

SENDING-OFF OFFENCE	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	COMPETITION SENDING OFF OCCURRED IN	COMPETITIONS SUSPENDED FROM
Receiving a second caution in the same match.*	1 Match	a. Any Sunday League or Cup match b. Any Veterans Football League or Cup match	a. All Sunday League and Cup matches and Open Friendlies b. Any Veterans Football League or Cup match and Open Friendlies
Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal or by handling the ball	1 Match		
Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures (not towards a Match Official)	2 Matches		
Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures towards a Match Official	3 Matches		

Violent Conduct Serious Foul Play Spitting at an opponent	3 Matches		

APPENDIX 4 – SENDINGS-OFF – TEAM OFFICIALS

Sending-Off Offence	Automatic Suspension	COMPETITION SENDING OFF OCCURRED IN	SUSPENDED FROM
• Receiving a second caution in the same match* • Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team • Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as a result of using such equipment	1 Match		
• Deliberately leaving the technical area to: i. show dissent towards or remonstrate with a match official ii. act in a provocative or inflammatory manner iii. enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner • Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures • Entering the video operation room (VOR) • Entering the field of play to interfere with play, an opposing player or match official • Entering the field of play to confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)	2 Matches	a. Any Sunday League or Cup match b. Any Veterans Football League or Cup match	a. All Sunday League and Cup matches and Open Friendlies b. Any Veterans Football League or Cup match and Open Friendlies
• Deliberately throwing/kicking an object on to the field of play • Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person • Violent conduct	3 Matches		
Any reason not detailed above	1 match (subject to section 7(d) above)		

3. Subject to paragraph 12 below, referees will no longer issue a simple yellow card to players for "dissent by word or action (C2)". Instead, they will indicate a temporary dismissal (sin bin) by showing a yellow card and then clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area (usually the player's technical area).

4. All other cautionable offences are punished by a yellow card but no temporary dismissal applies.

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

7. Temporary Dismissals apply to all players, but not to substitutes or substituted players.

8. Any player who receives a caution for dissent by word or action(C2) during a match will be subject to a temporary dismissal for 10 minutes, if the match is 90-minutes in duration, or 8 minutes for all other match durations.

6. The temporary dismissal period begins when play restarts after the player has left the field of play. The referee should include in the sin bin dismissal period any time 'lost' for a stoppage for which 'additional time' will be allowed at the end of the half (e.g. substitution, injury, goal celebration etc...).

7. Once the temporary dismissal period has been completed, the player can return from the touchline with the referee's permission, when the ball is next out of play. The referee has the final decision as to when the player can return.

8. A player subject to a temporary dismissal cannot be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period (but not if the team has used all its permitted substitutes and/or substitution opportunities).

9. If a temporary dismissal period period has not been completed at the end of the first half the remaining period is served from the start of the second half; this also applies in extra time

10. If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the second half when extra time is to be played, the remaining period is served from the start of extra time.

11. A player who is still serving a temporary dismissal period at the end of the match is permitted to take part in any penalty shoot-out, as temporary dismissals are not used during penalties.

12. A player who receives a caution for dissent (C2) during a penalty shoot-out will be issued with a standard yellow card and will not be subject to a temporary dismissal

13. A player who receives two cautions in the same match is sent off (RC), even if one caution is/both cautions are, for a temporary dismissal offence. However, in such circumstances, those cautions will not count towards a player's accumulation of cautions.

14. For the avoidance of doubt, accumulation of cautions by a player shall include those punished by a temporary dismissal in the same Competition.

15. Yellow cards resulting in a temporary dismissal shall be subject to the same administration fee of £12.00 as for all other yellow cards.

FAW REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Introduction

1.1. Social Media is defined as "websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking".

1.2. The Association recognises that the use of Social Media can have a positive impact on the promotion and accessibility of football in Wales. The Association promotes within these Regulations the participation in these online communities and encourages every Member and/or Subordinate to exercise respect, responsibility and integrity when using Social Media.

1.3. These Regulations are designed to ensure the responsible use of Social Media Platforms by all those involved in football under the jurisdiction of the Association. This Regulation aims to prevent the use of Social Media in any way which may be harmful to the interests of the FAW. It is the Association's intention to take vigorous action against individuals and/or clubs who act in any way in contravention of this Regulation.

2. Social Media Platforms

2.1. Members and Subordinates should refer to the guidance on the use of Social Media Platforms contained within the Football Association of Wales' "off the Pitch" policy.

2.2. For the purpose of these Regulations, Social Media Platforms will include (without limitation) the following:

2.2.1. Twitter;
2.2.2. Facebook;
2.2.3. MySpace;
2.2.4. LinkedIn;
2.2.5. Instagram;
2.2.6. YouTube;
2.2.7. Blogs; and
2.2.8. Forums.

The Association recognises that there are numerous Social Media Platforms available and the above list is not intended to be exhaustive. Live broadcasts and/or recordings will also be subject to these Regulations.

3. Scope

3.1. Where there is sufficient evidence of an offence as specified under this Regulation, the individual and/or club concerned will be charged with a Disciplinary Offence as set out under FAW Rule 38 and the matter dealt with in accordance with the provisions set out in Section E of the Rules.

4. Offence

4.1. It shall be a breach of these Regulations if any Member and/or Subordinate publishes or share's, on any Social Media Platform, anything which:

4.1.1. implies bias of any player, club, club official, match official, league, league official, Area Association, Area Association official or the Association;

4.1.2. questions the integrity of the Association and/or any Member and/or Subordinate;

4.1.3. is offensive, abusive, insulting, threatening, derogatory or of a personal nature which is likely to cause offence at any time;

4.1.4. is intended to harass another Member and/or Subordinate. Harassment is defined as systematic, hostile and repeated acts for a considerable duration, intended to isolate or ostracise a Member and/or Subordinate and affect the dignity of that Member and/or Subordinate;

4.1.5. brings the Association and/or the game of Association Football or all other forms of football under the jurisdiction of the Association into disrepute.

4.2. For the avoidance of doubt, any Member and/or Subordinate will be held responsible for any comments made that are recorded and/or streamed live, which are directly or indirectly published or broadcast to a wider audience.

4.3. Any Member and/or Subordinate who posts, on any Social Media Platform, a post which is deemed to be of a discriminatory nature, as defined by section 2 of the FAW Discrimination Regulations, may be charged pursuant to the FAW Discrimination Regulations.

4.4. Upon receipt of a report that any Member and/or Subordinate may have in any way contravened this Regulation, the Association will investigate and decide on the appropriate action to be taken.

4.5. Any Member and/or Subordinate who is deemed to be in breach of this Regulation may be charged with a Disciplinary Offence under the FAW Rules and sanctioned in accordance with Section E.

4.6. You are also reminded that, in certain circumstances, breach of this Regulation may also constitute a criminal offence.

SOUTH WALES FA SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

1. TITLE AREA and AFFILIATION

1.1 TITLE - The Association shall be called The South Wales Football Association Ltd. (The Association).

1.2 AREA - Its area shall extend from east of a line from and including Port Talbot, that part of Powys south of a line drawn from the County boundary at Mynydd Llangynydr, westward to the County Boundary passing south of the village of Ystradfellta. (The Area.)

1.3 AFFLIATION - The Association shall be affiliated to The Football Association of Wales Ltd.

2. LEAGUES COMPETITIONS AND CLUBS

2.1 LEAGUES

Leagues must pay the due affiliation fee as defined in Appendix 1 of these Rules to the Association by 30th June annually.

2.1.1 All Leagues must forward a completed income and expenditure account and such account must be independently verified by the League by an individual who is not secretary or treasurer/financial secretary of the League.

2.2 COMPETITIONS

Competitions must pay the due affiliation fee as defined in Appendix 1 of these Rules, to the Association.

2.3 CLUBS

2.3.1 All Clubs whose playing grounds are situated within the Area of the Association (as defined in Rule 1) must be in membership of the Association or the Football Association of Wales.

2.3.2 A Club from the area covered by The South Wales Football Association with teams playing below the level of the directly affiliated Leagues shall not be affiliated to The Football Association of Wales unless such Club is also affiliated to The South Wales Football Association.

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

2.3.4 Each Club shall together with the appropriate subscription fee as defined in Appendix 1 of these Rules payable via Comet (or other FAW systems).

2.3.5 Clubs already affiliated to the Association in the previous season who fail to comply with Rule 2.3.4 will be subject to a fine in accordance with Appendix 3 of these Rules

2.3.6. All Clubs must advise the Association when there is a change to any detail in the Affiliation details on Comet (or other FAW system). Failure to comply with this rule will be subject to a fine as shown in Appendix 3 of these rules. No Club can change their name after 30 June, unless special dispensation approval of the Association or the FAW. The Association has the right to object the name of a club if it considers it to be too similar to another member club or if it is considered to be offensive.

2.3.7 Any Club that plays a Competition Match if its Subscription fee has not been paid shall be guilty of misconduct and the non-payment of the said fee shall be considered good grounds for protest.

2.3.8 An additional sum as detailed in Appendix 2 of these rules must be paid in respect of each team invited to enter for the Association Cup Competitions.

2.3.9 Any Club whose annual subscription is in arrears will not be drawn in any Cup Competition neither will it be allowed to be represented at any General Meeting.

2.3.10 A Club affiliated to this Association shall not play matches with any Club not affiliated to a recognised Football Association.

2.3.11 Permission must be obtained from the Association and/or The FAW to play matches outside the Area or outside Wales.

2.3.12 Any Club Player, Referee or Official involved in unsanctioned football will be guilty of misconduct and will be dealt with as determined by the Council.

2.3.13 Any Club when requested must respond within Seven Business Days of the date of the relevant correspondence. Any Club failing to comply with this rule will be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and will be subjected to a fine in accordance with Appendix 3 of these rules or suspended from playing fixtures.

2.3.14 In accordance with FAW regulations on kit, clubs are not permitted to have black as a dominant colour of their shirt.

3. THE COUNCIL

3.1 The Council of the Association shall be the members of The South Wales Football Association Limited (company number 04224343) as defined in the Articles of Association of the said company in force from time to time.

3.2 The Council shall appoint the following persons as members of Council (or to the following posts if they are existing members of Council prior to such appointment) and for the avoidance of doubt these persons may be members of Council or non-members of Council prior to such appointment:-

3.2.1 the Honorary General Secretary of the Association;

3.2.2 the Honorary Assistant General Secretary (Discipline) of the Association;

3.2.3 the Honorary Assistant General Secretary (Competitions) of the Association;

3.2.4 the Honorary Treasurer of the Association;

3.2.5 up to four Safeguarding Officers; and

3.2.6 a Referees' Officer who shall not be on the Association's active list of referees,
and each such appointment shall be for the period stipulated by Council or, if none is stipulated, without limitation in point of time.

3.2.7 the Assistant Discipline Officer (as defined by Board and/or Council)

3.2.8 The Honorary Development Officer of the Association

3.2.9 The Honorary Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Officer for the Association

3.2.10 The Honorary Social Media Officer for the Association

3.3 The Council shall appoint the following persons to the following posts from the members of Council prior to such appointment:-

3.3.1 the President of the Association;

3.3.2 the Deputy President of the Association (see 3.1 above); and

3.3.3 the appointment of the President and Deputy President shall in each case be for a term not exceeding four years.

3.3.4 The Deputy President shall be appointed by the Council after all interested candidates have declared their interest in writing which must be received by the Hon General Secretary no later than two days before any meeting convened to consider such an appointment. If more than one person has expressed an interest in the post, a ballot must be held of all Council members present at a meeting convened to consider such an appointment and the person securing the greatest number of votes in such a ballot shall be declared the Deputy President.

If two or more people have an equal number of votes, then a second election must be held and only those candidates with the equal number of votes may take part. If there are only two candidates in the first ballot, the Chair of the Meeting will have a casting vote.

3.3.5 The President shall be appointed by the Council after all interested candidates have declared their interest in writing which must be received by the Hon General Secretary no later than two days before any meeting convened to consider such an appointment. If more than one person has expressed an interest in the post, a ballot must be held of all Council members present at a meeting convened to consider such an appointment and the person securing the greatest number of votes in such a ballot shall be declared the Deputy President.

If two or more people have an equal number of votes, then a second election must be held and only those candidates with the equal number of votes may take part. If there are only two candidates in the first ballot, the Chair of the Meeting will have a casting vote.

3.3.6 In the event of the President being unable to complete their term of Office, then the Deputy President will automatically be appointed in their place. Time served by a President appointed in this way shall not be counted towards their tenure as defined in rule 3.3.3

3.4 The appointments by Council under 3.2 and 3.3 above (where a vacancy in any of the same exists) shall be made at the first meeting of the Council following the annual general meeting of the members of the company (see 3.1 above). At such meeting the appointments under 3.2 shall be made first (and shall be effective immediately) and the appointments under 3.3 made second (and for the avoidance of doubt those appointed under 3.2 shall be eligible for appointment to the posts under 3.3).

3.5 Each qualifying League which has been affiliated to the Association for the past 3 years must nominate a person as a member of Council who must be appointed as herein provided and shall not be changed without the consent of the Council. Each League claiming to appoint a representative to the Council shall each year forward the full name and address of such representative to the Honorary General Secretary on their annual affiliation form LS1. The Council on ascertaining the correctness of the claim shall declare such representative appointed. Subsequent claims shall be dealt with as they arise. New Leagues with 25 or more affiliated clubs shall be permitted to nominate a person as a member of Council provided the League has been affiliated for three seasons.

3.6 On completion of 21 years continuous service as a member of Council, a member shall automatically become a Life Member.

3.7 On ceasing to be President of the Association, a person shall automatically become a Life Vice-President.

3.8 A President or Deputy President may only stand for a maximum of 2 four-year terms in each post.

3.9 Any vacancy in membership of the Council shall be filled by the person or organisation who made the appointment to the Council that has become vacant subject to the provisions of 3.5 above

3.10 The Council shall appoint 4 members of Council who are not Officers to the Board of Directors of the Company (see 3.1 above) and any vacancy in such appointments shall be filled by the Council.

3.11 The Council shall nominate from the members of Council the Association's representative on the Council of the Football Association of Wales following receipt of notification for nominations from the Football Association of Wales.

3.12 All members of Council shall be admitted to the reserve or stand accommodation of any ground belonging to a club affiliated to the Association, upon production of the member's official pass.

3.13 3.113.13Any member of the Council or the Board of Directors who is the subject of a final disciplinary sanction imposing a suspension from their role as a Councillor or League position held, issued by the Judicial Bodies or any other competent authority under these Rules, shall automatically cease to hold office as a member of the Board of Directors and/or the Council including Life member or life vice president. For the avoidance of doubt, a decision shall be deemed final and binding where the individual concerned has either failed to exercise their right of appeal within the prescribed timeframe or has exhausted all available rights of appeal and review under these Rules. Upon such decision becoming final, the individual shall be immediately removed from the Board of Directors and/or the Council and shall be permanently ineligible for reappointment, election, or nomination to the Board of Directors or the Council.

4. MANAGEMENT

4.1 The Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the company (see 3.1 above) as defined in the Articles of Association of the company in force from time to time.

4.2 The Board of Directors may delegate to committees or sub-committees of the Board consisting of no more than fifteen members, a majority of whom must be members of the Board and/or Council. Non-members of the Board or Council may be co-opted onto committees or sub-committees at the discretion of the Board

5. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THESE RULES

5.1 Any club or League affiliated to the Association or member of Council (collectively in this Rule 5, ''the Rules Members'') or the Council as whole shall be entitled to propose alterations to the ''Rules of the Association'. Notice of the proposed alteration shall be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, in writing, with the name of the proposer of every such alteration, on or before 1st March, and the Honorary General Secretary shall inform each Rules Member of the proposed alteration at least seven days before a meeting of the Rules Members to consider any such proposal to be held on a date to be decided upon by the Council for that purpose.

5.2 Any alteration to the Rules shall not be carried unless supported by at least two-thirds of the Rules Members present and voting.

5.3 Any such alteration to the Rules shall operate as and from the date of the meeting of the Rules Members at which the proposal was passed.

5.4 An Annual General Meeting of the Rules Members shall be held on a date to be decided upon by the Council. Each Club or League being a Rules Member shall be entitled to send one representative. No representative shall represent more than one organisation.

5.5 The members of Council shall be entitled to sit and vote ex-officiate at all meetings of the Rules Members.

5.6 The Honorary General Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Rules Members at any time by order of the Council, or on receiving a requisition to that effect signed by the Secretaries of not less than twenty clubs affiliated to the Association.

6. FUNDS

6.1 The Funds of the Association shall be lodged in a bank approved by the Council. All accounts, except when authorised by the Board, above £50, shall be paid by cheque or electronic payment only. Cheques or automatic payments to be signed or authorised by two signatories officers whose names appear on the Bank mandate. The accounts for each year shall be examined by a Chartered Accountant and a sum agreed by the Council shall be paid to those responsible for carrying out the examination.

6.2 A summary of the Association's accounts shall be filed at Companies House following regulatory submission.

6.3 All monies received at matches shall be counted at the conclusion of the game by Treasurer and Secretary and

two members of the Council. In the absence of the Treasurer or Secretary, by three members of the Council.

6.4 A report of receipts and expenses of each match shall be produced at the first meeting of the Council thereafter.

6.5 The Treasurer shall pay all monies he/she receives into the bank within five days.

7. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

7.1 In all matches representing the Association, the squad shall be chosen by the Council or Sub-Committee appointed by it for that purpose.

7.2 All clubs, members of this Association, shall be bound to place their players at the disposal of the Association for all representative matches each season.

7.3 Any Player selected to play in any match arranged by, or on behalf of, this Association and failing or refusing to play shall, in the absence of any good and sufficient cause, be judged to be guilty of misconduct, and any club who shall be found to have encouraged or instigated such conduct on the part of a player, shall also be deemed guilty of misconduct.

8. CONDUCT OF SUBORDINATES

8.1 A League or Competition which is affiliated to this Association may not deal with any report of misconduct received from an Official or Unofficial Referee.

8.2 The Association will only correspond with the appointed Club Secretary in all matters or a nominated officer in their absence.

8.3 A member of Council has the right to submit a report on any matter to the Association which shall be dealt with as the Association deems appropriate. Such reports are not to be sent to any other body without the consent of the Association.

9. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF CLUBS

9.1 Clubs affiliated to this Association must produce their Minute Book, Cash Books and Vouchers when requested to do so by the Association through its Secretary.

9.2 Every Club must keep a Cash Book in which shall be entered all receipts and payments. If details are not entered in the Cash Book they must be kept in some other recorded format. The records must show in a clear manner the receipts from each individual game and the manner in which receipts have been disposed.

9.3 An Annual Income and Expenditure account shall be issued in each season and a copy must be sent to The South Wales Football Association Ltd. with the Club's affiliation form (see Rule 2.3.4). Failure to submit an Income and Expenditure Account will result in affiliation being withheld until the information is received by the Association.

10. SUNDAY MATCHES

10.1 Matches may be played on Sundays within the jurisdiction of this Association.

10.2 Clubs who are affiliated to a designated Sunday League can only play on that Day.

11. PERSONS INELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

11.1 What constitutes a paid Official of a League or Club within the meaning of this Rule shall be decided by the Council in its absolute discretion.

12. CLUBS

12.1 An Official of a club may be the Secretary, Treasurer or Chairman of one affiliated Club only. This applies to clubs affiliated to this Association or the Football Association of Wales. They may hold a maximum of two positions in a club.

12.2 Junior Clubs may only register a maximum of twenty players per team.

13. REFEREES

13.1 The Association shall compile a list of qualified Referees for the use of clubs. All promotion of Referees shall be delegated to the Referees' Sub-Committee of this Association.

13.2 All Referees must comply with the Safeguarding Policy of the Football Association of Wales.

13.3 If an unofficial Referee takes charge of the match, they become an Association Official and carry out the duties

of the Referee, and must at all times Referee BOTH halves of the match. Matches where this is not complied with must be declared null and void

14. PRESS OR MEDIA REPORTS

14.1 All Press or Media reports of meetings shall only be furnished officially by the General Secretary or other delegated official.

14.2 Other than the General Secretary a member of the Council of the Association shall not make any comment in the Press upon the business transacted at any of the Association's meetings, unless previous sanction has been given by the Board, Council or the General Secretary.

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

15. COPIES OF RULES

15.1 Copies of Rules will be made available in electronic format on the Associations Website.

16. JUNIOR PLAYERS

In accordance with the provisions of FAW Rule 87, a junior player will only be permitted to play within the boundary of the Area Association in which they reside unless special permission is given by the Area Association in which they reside.

17. ANY MATTER NOT COVERED IN THESE RULES

The Association shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these Rules.

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1 ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEES

These fees shall be set by the South Wales Football Association annually

Appendix 2 CUP ENTRY FEES - These fees shall be set by the South Wales Football Association annually

Appendix 3 FINES

DETAIL	FINE	RULE
Clubs affiliated to this Association and failing to affiliate by 30th June	£20	2.3.5
Clubs who fail to advise the Association of any change of detail on the Affiliation Form following the acceptance of Affiliation	£50	2.3.6
Leagues, Referees or Clubs who fail to respond to Association correspondence as required	£50	2.3.14

Appendix 4 EXAMPLES OF MISCONDUCT AND SERIOUS MISCONDUCT

For the purpose of these rules misconduct may include but will not be restricted to the following:-

1. Breaches of the Safeguarding Policy by Clubs, Officials and Coaches.
2. Playing matches outside Wales without written authority of both The South Wales FA and the Football Association of Wales.
3. Knowingly allow suspended Players/Officials to be allowed to be involved in Association Football.
4. Repeated failures to clear outstanding administration fees and fines to this Association.

SWFA Cup Competitions Regulations 2026–27

These regulations govern the administration and conduct of all SWFA Cup Competitions.

The Cups shall be called:

- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Men's Senior Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Intermediate Sunday Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Women's Senior Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Junior Boys Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Under-15 Boys Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Under-14 Boys Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Uunder-15 Girls Cup
- Hugh James South Wales Football Association Uunder-14 Girls Cup

An Association Cup shall not be won outright.

All competitions shall be run annually at the discretion of the Association

1. CLUBS

1.1 The Competitions for the Cups shall be annual and shall be open to the Affiliated Clubs in the South Wales Football Association, whose entries are approved by the Council. The entire control and management of the competitions shall be vested in the Council or nominated Committee, Board or Officers of The South Wales Football Association, known as SWFA.

1.2 The Junior Boys Cups U14's, U15's & U16's will be on an invitation basis only with clubs nominated by their respective leagues, the leagues nomination will be final and not subject to appeal.

1.3 The Women's and Girls cups will be open to Teams from the Gwent County FA and/or West Wales FA where the Gwent County FA and/or West Wales FA where they do not offer Cup football at that level or age.

1.4 No teams playing in the FAW Pyramid Tiers 1 to 3 Men's and Tiers 1 to 2 Women's clubs will be eligible to enter SWFA Cups

1.5 Only clubs first teams are permitted to enter Men's senior Cups.

1.6 Club will not be permitted to enter more than ONE team into a cup competition.

1.7 Entry will be via Comet with the amount of entry per cup shown on Comet, the deadline to enter will be shown on Comet.

1.8 Only Bona Fide Sunday Clubs will be allowed to play in the SWFA Sunday Intermediate Cup Competition.

1.9 Only Bona Fide Under 16 teams will be allowed to play in the Junior Cup Competitions. A Player must not have attained the age of 16 years by midnight on 31st August of each season.

1.10 Only Bona Fide Under 15 teams will be allowed to play in the Under 15's Cup Competitions. A Player must not have attained the age of 15 years by midnight on 31st August of each season.

1.11 Only Bona Fide Under 14 teams will be allowed to play in the U14's Cup Competitions. A Player must not have attained the age of 14 years by midnight on 31st August of each season.

2. DRAWS

2.1 The Two Clubs which competed in the Final Tie excluding Junior Cups in the previous season may be exempted from taking part in the competition until a later stage.

2.2 The Clubs in the Competition shall be drawn together as the SWFA may determine and the winner of the Final Tie shall be the holder of the Cup for the current year.

2.3 Byes shall be drawn at the discretion of the SWFA.

2.4 The lots shall be drawn, and the competition matches played as the SWFA may determine and the SWFA will use Comet for the management and notification of all cup ties.

2.5 The Club which is first drawn in the ballot shall play on its home ground. In the event of the ground of the first drawn club not being available on the conference date the match will be played at the ground of the second drawn Club, or in the event of the ground of the last drawn Club not being available, the game must be played on a mutually agreed ground, that is compliant with the Laws of Association Football. Clubs competing at Tiers 4, 5 and 6 are required to play all home fixtures at the home ground specified within their Licence for participation at these tiers. Any request to play a fixture at a venue other than the home ground stated in the club's Licence must be submitted to the SWFA Competitions Secretary for approval at admin@southwalesfa.co.uk.2.6 Any Clubs drawn together in a competition having arranged to play on a certain date, either Club failing to comply shall be disqualified and removed from the cup.

3. PLAYERS

3.1 Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player shall be dealt with for misconduct.

3.2 In the case of any player being found ineligible, the club playing them must be adjudged to have lost the match and removed from the cup.

3.3 Any club found guilty of playing an ineligible player will be fined and may be refused entry to the following Season's competition at the SWFA discretion.

3.4 Clubs requiring information regarding the eligibility of a player, or players may receive same, on payment of a fee of £50.00 per player.

3.5 All junior clubs are required to roster their players to the SWFA Cup Roster in compliance with the FAW's Small Sided and Junior Regulations and SWFA Rules and Regulations..

3.6 Each club's roster must reflect their official league roster for the team entered and shall not exceed a maximum of 20 players in accordance with SWFA Supplementary Rule 12.2.

3.7 A Club may at its discretion use up to five (5) substitute players in Senior football and seven (7) in Junior football at any time in a match for any reason except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee.

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

3.9 The substitute players shall be nominated prior to the commencement of the game. (Attention is drawn to Law 3 of The Laws of the Game.)

3.10 Returning substitutes (commonly known as rolling subs) may be used in accordance with the Laws of Association Football in South Wales FA Cup junior competitions but NOT in any senior Cups.

3.11 The members of each team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary but must be a registered playing member of the Club with which he/she proposes to play.

3.12 A registered playing member is one who has been registered for that club accepted by the appropriate FAW Registration system.

3.13 The 'cup-tied' rule: - Players can play for more than one club in SWFA Cup Competitions, provided that they are registered correctly in accordance with the FAW Rules and Regulations.

3.14 Any player registered as a contract player with a recognised Football Association shall be ineligible to participate in any SWFA Cup Competition.

3.15 If the SWFA has any doubt as to the qualification of any player competing in this competition, it shall have power to call upon such player or the Club to which they belong or for which they have played, to prove to the satisfaction of the SWFA that they are properly qualified according to the Rules and regulations, and failing such satisfactory proof, the SWFA shall have power to disqualify such player and remove such club from the competition.

4. MATCHES

4.1 Duration of Matches

Competition	Match Duration
Senior Cups (male and female)	90 minutes
Youth Cup Competition	90 minutes
U16's & U15's Cups	80 minutes
U14's Cups	70 minutes

The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes.

4.2 There is no extra time in any SWFA Cup Competitions.

4.3 Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a completed match or replayed for the full period as stated above as the SWFA may direct.

4.4 Any Club guilty of delaying the start shall be reported by the Referee, and the SWFA shall have the power to fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club if its explanation is unsatisfactory.

4.5 In all Cup competitions, if the scores are level at the end of regulation playing time, extra time shall NOT be played but the match will be decided by a competition under the penalty kick system in accordance with Law 10.

4.6 For Sunday Intermediate, Youth, and Junior Cup matches scheduled during November, December, January, and February, the SWFA may sanction matches consisting of two equal halves of no less than 30 minutes each. Such an arrangement shall only be permitted where a written or verbal agreement between both team Captains (or Secretaries) has been submitted or communicated to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match.4.7The Home Club must provide 3 match balls, the marking of the ground and provide suitable and private accommodation (commonly known changing rooms) for the officials and changing rooms for both teams & the referee.

4.8 Each Club shall play its recognised First Team in all Cup Matches unless satisfactory reasons are given to the SWFA. For non-observance of this rule the SWFA shall have the power to inflict a fine not exceeding £100.00 for each offence.

4.9 Postponement or Abandonment (excluding Sunday intermediate Cup Matches & Junior Cup Matches). When a match has been postponed or abandoned before its completion and neither Club being at fault (i.e. the game has started but not completed), it must be played on or before the following Friday for ties where the Clubs are geographically located within 50 miles and with floodlights or the home team propose to move the game to the ground with floodlights, any club refusing to play a postponed cup tie midweek will be removed from the cup.

4.10 For all other ties, it must be played on or before the following weekend. If the Clubs concerned fail to agree on a mutually agreeable date, the SWFA will fix the date. Clubs failing or refusing to play will be removed from the cup.

4.11 Postponement or Abandonment for Sunday intermediate Cup Matches. When a match has been postponed or abandoned before its completion and neither Club being at fault, it must be played the following Sunday.

4.12 The Association will not recognise any free dates that leagues may have approved or accept an application for a free date for the conference date or the rearranged date if applicable.

4.13 Clubs must submit a list of the names of players taking part in the game, including names of the nominated substitutes who can be used in the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game, using the COMET system, at least 30 minutes before the advertised kick-off time.

4.14 The team management and/or technical staff and/or coaches and/or first aider and all club officials within the Technical Area or an area designated as a technical area must be submitted together with their role on the same team sheet and all are to comply with FAW regulations regarding Enhanced DBS Checks for Regulated Activity, coaching and first aid qualifications.

4.15 Referees must access a copy of the team line up, using COMET (or the system in current use by the FAW).
4.16 Only if there is a system failure, should the back-up paper copy team sheets be used, and the team must be uploaded to Comet (or the system in current use by the FAW) within 4 hours of the final whistle.
4.17 A representative of each of the clubs must provide live goal updates and the result, using the COMET (or the system in current use by the FAW) system for all cup ties.
4.18 The FAW Comet system (or the system in current use by the FAW) will be used for all Competition management. Only as a back-up should the paper team sheets be used. (same regulation as 6.9)
4.19 Please note the FAW's Mercy Rule (as defined in the FAW's Small-sided and Junior Regulations) will apply to all SWFA junior Cups in all rounds including the final.
4.20 Any club leaving the field of play before the expiration of the game must be adjudged to have lost the match.
4.21 Any Club failing to play a Cup Fixture for any cause when required will be removed from the Competition, this includes midweek cup ties.
4.22 Any Club intending to withdraw from the cup, must give information of its intention to do so to the SWFA Competitions secretary (admin@southwalesfa.co.uk) and the Secretary of the opposing club not less than five (5) business days before the date fixed for playing, or shall be reported to the SWFA, who shall have power to compel such offending club to pay the expenses incurred by their opponents or of taking such action as may be deemed expedient.
4.23 If a club decides to withdraw from the cup, after a drawn game, intimation must be given to its opponents at the close of the match and to the Secretary of the Association.
4.24 In the event of any club scratching (withdraw) or declining to play from any cause in a Semi-final tie, the SWFA may, if time and circumstances permit, select any other club of the original entrants for the Competition to play. Other things, being equal, preference may be given to the club, which was next in merit, judged from the result of the rounds, and if more than one club has equal claims, the club should be selected by lot from those having equal claims if there is not time to permit of their playing off.
4.25 Each Home Club shall confirm its full playing kit colours, including the goalkeeper's kit, with the Visiting Club and the Match Referee no later than three (3) business days prior to the Match. The Visiting Club and the Match Referee shall also confirm their respective full kit details, including goalkeeper colours, no later than three (3) business days prior to the Match. In addition, the Home Club shall provide the Visiting Club and the Match Referee with full directions to the venue no later than three (3) business days prior to the Match.4.26 For all matches, the home club has the first choice as to which of its official kits listed on Comet for its home matches it uses in the tie. It is the responsibility of the home team to change if there is a clash of kit colour including the goalkeeper.
4.27 The competing teams shall number eleven players each. Every player must wear the distinctive colours of the Club for which he is a playing member.
4.28 When the home club is booking a facility the home club must ensure they have access to the pitch or a suitable area to allow teams to warm up for at least 30 minutes before kick-off. In addition, they must ensure that the length of the booking allows time to accommodate a possible penalty shoot-out at the end of normal time.
4.29 If the match is in doubt, and following consultation between the clubs, the home club MUST arrange for a pitch inspection to avoid the potential of unnecessary travel. Only the match referee, or an FAW or SWFA approved deputy, may postpone a match
4.30 If more than one Club with the same registered ground is drawn to play a home in the same Round and it is deemed, for whatever reason, that their Matches cannot be played on the same day or at the same kick-off time then the SWFA shall determine when each such fixture shall be played and the relevant Clubs will be bound by such determination, priority will be given the club playing at a higher level of the pyramid.

4.31 The SWFA shall have the power to order any match to be played on an alternative ground and/or time if it is deemed necessary.

5. GROUNDS USED FOR CUP TIES

5.1 Toilets MUST be provided for players, the referee, and assistants (if appointed) and spectators and/or supporters.
5.2 If the ground of the club having choice of ground shall not comply with Regulation 5.1, or in any other way be considered unsuitable for a cup-tie, their opponents may appeal within seven days of the draw to the SWFA, who, if such appeal be sustained, shall order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing club, or on a neutral ground. If such an appeal is not sustained, the complaining club may be called upon at the discretion of the SWFA to pay the expenses incurred in deciding such an appeal.
5.3 A club at the time of entering the Cup Competition shall register the name and location of its home ground, or in the event of a club playing on public parks, shall play on the ground allocated to it by its parent League or Local Authority.
5.4 In the event of pitch non-availability due to bad weather, the match must be played on or before the following weekend at the same ground or a ground approved by the SWFA,

5.5 In the event of such a re-arranged fixture not being played due to bad weather, the match reverts to the ground of the original second drawn Club, and so on. In All Association Cup Matches, all rounds will be played to a conclusion on the conference date.

5.6 In exceptional circumstances (e.g. bad weather being forecast) the home club may arrange to transfer a game to an artificial playing surface (commonly known as 3G), but this can only be done with the prior permission of the Association which can only be obtained via Assistant Secretary (Competitions) admin@southwalesfa.co.uk or Secretary secretary@southwalesfa.co.uk.

5.7 The size of the pitch for the Cup Tie shall be in accordance with the laws of the game if possible, to be roped off three yards from the touch and goal lines, which are to be clearly defined. Goal nets must be used in all Cup Matches. Pitches with artificial surfaces (commonly known as 3G) will be acceptable for the playing of Association Cup Matches.

5.8 Goal nets and corner flags must be used in all Cup Matches.

5.9 Pitches with artificial surfaces (commonly known as 3G) will be acceptable for the playing of Association Cup Matches.

6. MATCH OFFICIALS

6.1 The Match Officials in all matches shall not belong or be connected in any way to either of the competing clubs and shall be appointed by the SWFA.

6.2 Referees' fees for all senior ties shall be, £45.00; Youth and Junior Cups £35.00.

6.3 Assistant referees' fees for all senior ties £35.00; Youth and Junior Cups £30.00.

6.4 Travelling expenses for all Officials shall be second class rail or service bus fare, whereas a car is used £0.55 per mile will be paid.

6.5 Referee's fee and expenses are to be paid by both competing teams in equal parts. It is the responsibility of the Home Club to pay the Referee their fee and expenses in full immediately following the match. Any club failing to pay the referee or failing to pay their opponents half their fee and expenses will be subject to a fine of £100.00

6.6 In accordance with SWFA Referee Regulations, referees are NOT permitted to travel to games with clubs and/or spectator/supporters of either club.

6.7 In the semi-finals (senior ties only) & Finals the Match Officials shall be paid by the SWFA via bank transfer. Travelling expenses for Officials will be paid as above.

6.8 If, through any cause, the match is not played and the referee and linesmen attend the ground, they shall be paid half fee and expenses.

6.9 The Match Official is responsible for confirming the result and all other details (cautions, goal times, cautions and sending offs, etc. on COMET) within the time scale set for the submission of their reports as set out the SWFA/Area Association disciplinary reporting regulations.

6.10 The FAW Comet system (or the system in current use by the FAW) will be used for all Competition management. Only as a back-up should the paper team sheets be used. (same regulation as 4.18)6.11 Referees must access a copy of the team line up, using COMET, (or the system in current use by the FAW).

7. CUP FINALS

7.1 The Final Ties of all Cup Competitions (and Semi-Final Ties of all Senior Competitions) shall be played on a ground which will be decided by the SWFA who shall appoint Match Officials who must be duly registered with the Association.

7.2 The home clubs for the finals will be drawn by the SWFA. SWFA will pay the fees and expenses of all referees and assistants for the Finals and for the Senior Semi Finals.

7.3 For junior semifinals the referees' fees and expenses will be shared equally by both teams.

7.4 The Final Tie dates arranged by the SWFA shall be strictly adhered to. (Council Resolution 5th May 1955.), any club failing to play on the date of the final will be removed from the Cup and their opponents declared the cup winners

7.5 In addition to the Cup, the Association shall present mementoes to the players in the Finals, but such mementoes shall not be presented to no more than sixteen players of each club in senior games and twenty for all junior games.

7.6 Further mementoes may be purchased at the expense of the club wishing to purchase them, please contact admin@southwalesfa.co.uk for further information.

7.7 When the winning club shall have been ascertained, the Association shall deliver the Cup to the representative of such club upon receiving a document to the following effect, subscribed by the three persons whose names shall be previously submitted and approved by the SWFA:

8. JUNIOR CUPS *To be read in conjunction with the general cup regulation above.*

8.1 BOYS AND GIRLS' UNDER-16 CUPS

8.1.1 Only Bona Fide Under 16 teams will be allowed to play in the Junior Cup Competitions.

8.1.2 A Player must not have attained the age of 16 years by midnight on 31st August of each season. A player registered as a contract player with any recognised Football Association shall be ineligible to play in this Competition.

8.1.3 In the event of a protest being laid against a Club for playing any player over age, such club playing him or her shall, within two (2) business days of receiving a copy of such protest, produce to the Secretary of the Association a copy of the birth certificate of any so claimed ineligible player, and should the protest fall under this heading, the Club laying the protest, in addition to forfeiting the protest fee or otherwise, may be held liable for the costs of the Commission of the Enquiry.

8.2 BOYS AND GIRLS' UNDER-15 CUPS

8.2.1 Only Bona Fide Under 15 teams will be allowed to play in the Junior Cup Competitions.

8.2.2 A Player must not have attained the age of 15 years by midnight on 31st August of each season. A player registered as a contract player with any recognised Football Association shall be ineligible to play in this Competition.

8.2.3 In the event of a protest being laid against a Club for playing any player over age, such club playing him or her shall, within two (2) business days of receiving a copy of such protest, produce to the Secretary of the Association a copy of the birth certificate of any so claimed ineligible player, and should the protest fall under this heading, the Club laying the protest, in addition to forfeiting the protest fee or otherwise, may be held liable for the costs of the Commission of the Enquiry.

8.3 BOYS AND GIRLS' UNDER-14 CUPS

8.3.1 Only Bona Fide Under 14 teams will be allowed to play in the Junior Cup Competitions.

8.3.2 A Player must not have attained the age of 14 years by midnight on 31st August of each season. A player registered as a contract player with any recognised Football Association shall be ineligible to play in this Competition.

8.3.3 In the event of a protest being laid against a Club for playing any player over age, such club playing him or her shall, within two (2) business days of receiving a copy of such protest, produce to the Secretary of the Association a copy of the birth certificate of any so claimed ineligible player, and should the protest fall under this heading, the Club laying the protest, in addition to forfeiting the protest fee or otherwise, may be held liable for the costs of the Commission of the Enquiry.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 Any questions regarding the eligibility or qualification of competitors, or the interpretation of these Rules or the Laws of the Game, shall be referred to the SWFA through the Competitions Secretary for consideration at admin@southwalesfa.co.uk. The decision of the SWFA shall be final and binding. In the event of a dispute or protest involving a club that has a representative serving on the SWFA, or where the league in which the clubs participate has a representative serving on the SWFA, such representative shall not be eligible to sit on, or take part in, any SWFA Panel/Board convened to consider that dispute or protest. This is to ensure impartiality in the decision-making process.9.2 No protest relative to the playing ground, goal posts or bars, or other appurtenance of the game shall be entertained by the SWFA unless it is laid with the Referee before the commencement of the match, nor shall any protest relative to the interpretation of the Rules or Laws of the Game be entertained unless laid with the Referee on or before the conclusion of the match.

9.3 Protests may be made verbally, but must be confirmed in writing, and handed to the Referee before he has left the ground.

9.4 A written notice of such protest or protests must be emailed to the Secretary of the Association (secretary@southwalesfa.co.uk) within two (2) business days after the conclusion of the match. The sum of £100.00 must be deposited in the Associations South Wales Football Association bank, Sort code: 20-12-29, Account number: 40899188, which sum may be forfeited to the funds of the Association in the event of such a protest not being sustained.

9.5 The SWFA may order any club engaged in a protest to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred. No objection or protest shall be withdrawn except by leave of the SWFA.

Definitions

In these Rules, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:-

- South Wales Football Association ("SWFA")
- Football Association of Wales ("FAW")
- Business day: Any day of the week except a Saturday or Sunday or public bank holiday in Wales.

SWFA Cup Conference Dates 2026-27

Hugh James Men's Cup

Round 1		Saturday	12 September 2026	X
Round 2		Saturday	26 September 2026	128
Round 3		Saturday	17 October 2026	64
Round 4		Saturday	14 November 2026	32
Round 5		Saturday	09 January 2027	16
Round 6		Saturday	30 January 2027	8
SEMI-FINALS		Saturday	27 February 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Girls U15's Cup

Round 1		Sunday	27 September 2026	32
Round 2		Sunday	15 November 2026	16
Round 3		Sunday	06 December 2026	8
SEMI-FINALS		Sunday	17 January 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Girls U14's Cup

Round 1		Sunday	27 September 2026	32
Round 2		Sunday	15 November 2026	16
Round 3		Sunday	06 December 2026	8
SEMI-FINALS		Sunday	17 January 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Women's Cup

Round 1		Sunday	27 September 2026	X
Round 2		Sunday	25 October 2026	32
Round 3		Sunday	22 November 2026	16
Round 4		Sunday	03 January 2027	8
SEMI-FINALS		Sunday	28 February 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Boys U16's Cup

Round 1		Saturday	14 November 2026	16
Round 2		Saturday	05 December 2026	8
SEMI-FINALS		Saturday	16 January 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Boys U15's Cup

Round 1		Saturday	14 November 2026	16
Round 2		Saturday	05 December 2026	8
SEMI-FINALS		Saturday	16 January 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

Hugh James Boys U14's Cup

Round 1		Saturday	14 November 2026	16
Round 2		Saturday	05 December 2026	8
SEMI-FINALS		Saturday	16 January 2027	4
Final	TBC			TBC

STANDING ORDERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Agreed by Council November 2017)

1. Control of Meeting

The President of the South Wales Football Association shall have control of the business of the meeting, and in the case of a tie on voting or amendment, he shall have the power to give a second or casting vote.

2. Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of Council shall be five.

3. Order of Business

a. To approve (and amend as necessary), as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting of Council.
b. To consider any matters arising from these minutes.
c. To receive and confirm minutes of the various sub committees which shall be presented by the Chairperson of each committee.
d. To consider any matters which may arise from these minutes.
e. To consider all other matters as itemised on the agenda.
f. The Chairperson shall have the power to vary the order of business at any time.

The agenda for all meetings shall be circulated at least seven days before the meeting. Any Other Business will be included on the agenda but members wishing to include any item to be discussed under 'any other business' must advise the Hon. General Secretary no later than 72 hours before the start of the meeting to allow time for any research to be undertaken. Matters raised after this time will only be included by the consent of the chair of the meeting.

4. Rules of Debate

a. A member may not speak on any matter before the meeting.
b. Every motion or amendment shall be moved and seconded before it is put before Council for debate.
c. A member shall not speak twice on any motion unless permission be given to explain, except the mover of the original resolution, or of an amendment that displaces an original motion.
d. A motion or amendment once made or seconded shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the meeting.
e. A member shall not address Council for a period longer than five minutes on any one issue.
f. When two or more members wish to speak, the Chairperson will decide who has priority to speak first.
g. If the Chairperson is of the opinion that any motion proposed is of an objectionable character, he may put the motion immediately to vote (without discussion) to see whether it should be entertained or not, and if two thirds decide not to entertain the motion, the matter is disposed for that meeting.

5. Conduct of Members

Should there be any dispute which involves the conduct or otherwise of any member or members of Council, the said member or members shall retire during its consideration.

6. Privilege

The evidence of witnesses, statements of members, general discussion, and other matters within and before the Council and Committees, shall be deemed privileged and private. The Council shall have power to censure or suspend from service on the Council any member proved guilty of this rule.

7. Composition, Power and Duties of Boards and Committees

a. The quorum for any Executive Board Meeting will be five members (including officers) and for any Committee Meeting shall be three members (not including officers).
b. All Officers (as defined by 3.1) are entitled to attend all Committee Meetings.
c. The Executive Board, may from time to time, require expert advice on matters. On these occasions the Board will be able to co-opt a member from either Council or an Outside Body.
d. The Executive Board will have plenary powers to deal with any urgent matters.
e. Minutes of All Council/Board and Committees will be taken and circulated to ALL Members in a timely manner, not later than Seven days prior to the next Executive Board Meeting. Minutes will be circulated to members of the relevant sub-committees for review prior to circulation to the full Council.

8. Appointments to Boards and Committees

a. Council members will be invited to nominate the Board/Committee that they would like to serve on, numbers to be confirmed as per Board/Committee Structure.
b. The membership of each Board/Committee will be for a triennial period. Any vacancies which occur during the triennial period, the Executive Board will, have the power to appoint members to a Board/ Committee accordingly.
c. Chairs of sub-committees will be appointed by Council as deemed appropriate.

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