

9. ALTERATION TO THE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND COMPETITION RULES

- a) This constitution and the league competition rules may be added to or amended at the A.G.M. or at a special meeting called for that purpose provided that the proposed addition or amendment is stated in the notice calling the meeting. Any such additions or amendments for the notice calling the AGM must be sent in writing to the Secretary by the 31st March. '
- b) All registered players attending the A.G.M. or special meeting shall be entitled to speak upon the proposed addition or amendment but voting shall be limited as follows I) One vote each member of the executive committee, II) Two votes for each associated club represented at the meeting.
- c) For the purpose of voting only, the composition of division shall be treated as an amendment of rules.

10. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting of the league must be convened by the league secretary upon receipt of a written request from at least three clubs, or at the request of the executive committee, and he shall give not less than seven days notice thereof to the same people to whom notice must be given at the A.G.M.

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**COMPETITION RULES**1. DIVISIONS

Prior to the Fixtures Meeting, the league is divided into divisions, which are chosen and arranged by the League's Constitution Committee (appointed at the AGM). A new club entering the league cannot enter a team straight into Division 1 and neither can any club re-joining after having left the league.

2. NUMBER OF MATCHES

Each team competing shall play where there are seven teams or less, home and away matches with every other team in their division. Where there are 8 teams or more in a division then each team shall play single fixtures with every other team in that division, unless otherwise decided at the A.G.M., or by the sub-committee appointed for this purpose.

3. FIXTURES

- a) League fixtures are arranged at the Fixtures Meeting, convened before the start of the season. The results of all league matches to be with the Record Secretary by 28<sup>th</sup> April or not be recorded in the league tables. Matches to be played using the adjournment option must have their first sessions by 7th April.
- b) On the request of either club, fixtures may be re-arranged up to 28 days before the arranged date, ideally to a new date to be within 28 days of the original, the re-arrangement to be notified to the Records Secretary. If the clubs cannot agree a new date, they may appeal to the Records Secretary to choose a date binding on both clubs.
- c) Fixtures may be postponed if it proves impossible for either team to play on the date arranged. Bad weather or cancelled public transport are considered valid reasons, but difficulties in raising a team are not. Following a postponement the clubs should a) inform the Records Secretary, b) agree a new fixture date within 14 days, and again inform the Records Secretary. If not so informed, the Records Secretary chooses a new date binding on both clubs.
- d) Any team defaulting a match will be penalised 1 league point and must give at least 24 hours notice to the opposition, or be penalised an additional 1 league point in an away match, or an additional 2 league points in a home match. Should a home team default and cause a team a wasted journey on 2 occasions, they shall be expelled from the league for that season. Any team defaulting 3 matches in a season shall be expelled from the League for that season. A defaulted match should be defined as any match where less than 50% of a team play.
- e) When a club has more than one team in a division, inter-club fixtures must be the first to be played, in each half of the season where applicable, or as soon as possible if it is not practical.

4. NUMBER OF GAMES PER MATCH

- a) 'League matches shall have teams containing these numbers of players in each side: Division 1-6 a side; Division 2-6 a side; Division 3-5 a side; Division 4-4 a side, one game being played at each board.'
- b) A won game shall score 1, a drawn game ½ and a lost game 0 points.
- c) A won match shall score 2, a drawn match 1 and a lost match 0 points.