

Rule	AFC	Rule	LOB	Comments
<b>1</b>	<b>Nomenclature and Constitution</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Nomenclature and Constitution</b>	
1a	This League shall be designated the “Amateur Football Combination” and shall consist of Clubs who shall be full member Clubs or associate member Clubs. The object of the League is to foster and provide competitive football for Clubs in membership.	1a	This Competition shall be designated the London Old Boys Cup Competition and shall consist of not more than 128 Clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs. All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to a County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form “D” to the Amateur Football Alliance. (NB The majority of Clubs affiliate to the Amateur Football Alliance) The constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in cup sections.	
1b	All such Clubs must be affiliated the Amateur Football Alliance or a County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be entered on Whole Game System. The area covered by the League Membership shall be the Home Counties		.	
1c	The League shall apply annually for sanction to the Amateur Football Alliance and the constituent teams of Clubs shall be grouped in divisions.	1b	At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the cup sections at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.	LOB Rule needs checking re rule 12
1d	Full member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the League in any other Saturday League Competitions except with the written consent of the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee. Teams shall not be permitted to compete in more than three Saturday Cup Competitions (including any F.A. and County F.A. Cup Competitions).			
1e	A full member Club must maintain its first team in the League and shall maintain at least one team in the League to be considered a full member Club.			
1f	No more than one team from any Club shall participate in one division except for the lowest two divisions in the each of the north and the south sections of the league.			
1g	The League and each Club shall be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.	1c	The Competition and each Club shall be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination	Use AFC rule1g
<b>2</b>	<b>Admission to the League, Annual Subscription and Annual Dinner</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Entry Fee, Subscription, Deposit</b>	
2a	Clubs wishing to become associate members shall apply to the Secretary. The Amenities Officer shall have the power to grant associate membership to any Club at any time.			
2b	Non-member Clubs and associate member Clubs wishing to become full member Clubs of the League must be proposed and seconded in writing by two full member Clubs or by one member club and the Executive Committee and must be approved by the Executive Committee. Election into membership will be by a majority vote at an AGM. Applications to join the League must be made in writing to the Secretary not later than 31st March each year. New Clubs shall serve a minimum of a one year probationary period. After not less than one year their probationary membership shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee which shall decide whether to recommend to the AGM that the Club be confirmed as a full member Club of the League. If then recommended for admission a Club may	2a	Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee, which shall be returned in the event of non-election. At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting	LOB Rule 2a is worded similar to AFC Rule 2b

	be admitted to full membership of the League. A Non-member Club or associate member Club applying for membership must be represented at the AGM that considers its application. Such Clubs may not vote at that AGM. The teams of a new member Club shall be placed within divisions as determined by the AGM.											
2c	Applications by Clubs for the entry of any additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary. Applications shall indicate the venue for matches of any additional teams and provide a list of friendly matches played during the current or previous season. At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM.											
2d	The Annual subscription shall include a payment for each club, for each team within each club and payment for tickets for the next end of season Annual Dinner as follows: <table><tr><td>Teams entered by the Club in the League</td><td>Tickets to be included in the Annual Subscription</td></tr><tr><td>1 – 2</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>3 – 5</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>6 or more</td><td>3</td></tr></table>	Teams entered by the Club in the League	Tickets to be included in the Annual Subscription	1 – 2	1	3 – 5	2	6 or more	3	2b	The Annual Subscription and due payment date shall be set by the Annual General Meeting.	Part of AFC Rule 2d
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2e	Annual Subscriptions shall be paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> October or such later date as the Executive Committee may set. A fine may be levied by the Executive Committee if payment is not made by the due date. The Executive Committee may require a deposit to be paid by or on behalf of clubs on such terms and for such period as it may think fit for the purpose of securing the payment of League fines. A Club shall not participate in the League if it is in default of its Annual Subscription or deposit.	2c	A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee has been paid	Same wording as AFC final sentence								
2f	Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 31 <sup>st</sup> August of all its county affiliation numbers for the forthcoming season, failing which they shall be fined. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, details of its Grounds, Officers and any other information required by the League.	2d	Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 21st July of its Amateur Football Alliance affiliation number for the forthcoming season, failing which they shall be fined. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, details of its Grounds, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.	Use AFC Rule 2f as wording and dates are up to date.								
3.	Officers	3.	Officers									
3a	The Officers of the League shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary (Discipline), Committee Chairmen, Results Secretary, League Match Secretaries, Minutes Secretary, Publications Secretary, Referees’ Secretaries/Assistant Secretaries and Representative Team Manager. They shall be elected annually at the AGM. The Officers of the League shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairmen, Amenities Officer, Results Secretary, League Match Secretaries, Referees’ Secretaries and Representative Team Manager. They shall be elected annually at the AGM.		The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Fixtures Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Referees Secretaries. They are to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (N.B. Auditors are not Officers).	Last para of AFC looks ok to use.								

<b>4.</b>	<b>Management, Nomination, Election</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>Management, Nomination, Election</b>	
4a(i)	The League shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by an Executive Committee elected at the AGM. The Executive Committee shall comprise the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairmen for the Development and Communications, Finance, Fixtures, Referees, Rules Revision, Spirit of Football, Club Representatives and Club Support Committees, one Representative of full member Clubs and four Vice-Presidents or Past Presidents not including any Vice Presidents elected to other positions on the Executive Committee .	4a	The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and up to six members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.	Similar to 4a(i) but needs checking.
(ii)	Others shall be elected at the AGM including new Vice-Presidents up to ten further representatives of full member clubs and representatives of League Committees not otherwise on the Executive Committee.			
(iii)	All participants shall abide by the Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by the Association from time to time.		All participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Association from time to time.	
4b	Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Executive Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 31 <sup>st</sup> May in each year, or by nomination by the Executive Committee without a seconder. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.	4b	Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 1st April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.	Use AFC rule 4b due to later date otherwise the same.
4c	The Executive Committee and other League Committees shall meet as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Executive Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.	4c	The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.	Almost worded the same
4d	Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the League and keep a record of its proceedings	4d	Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings	Both identical
4e	All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.	4e	All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.	Both identical
4f	New Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the AGM. Such election shall be based upon their contributions to the League and its predecessors over a number of years.			
4g	The Executive Committee shall elect from amongst its number League representatives to the Council of the Amateur Football Alliance. The number shall be determined by the Amateur Football Alliance.			
<b>5.</b>	<b>Powers of Management</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>Powers of Management</b>	
5a	The Executive Committee shall appoint sub-Committees (known as Committees) that shall have the power to make decisions. The minutes of all such Committees	5a	The Management Committee may appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers, as they deem	Seems ok to use AFC wording

	shall be reported to the Secretary of the Executive Committee within 14 days of their meetings. The Executive Committee shall approve the size, quorums, meeting dates and terms of reference of all Committees and standardised agendas including apologies, persons present, approval of minutes of previous meetings, action points, items for discussion, date of next meeting and any other business. The designation of Committees shall normally include: Emergency, Finance, Development and Communications, Referees, Fixtures, Spirit of Football, Rules Revision, Representative Team, Club Representatives, Club Support and Dinner.		necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.	
		5b	Subject to the permission of the Amateur Football Alliance having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season. The proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition. The Competition may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6(e))	Rule not covered in AFC Rules <b>(BUT IS ref to 6e CORRECT)</b>
5b	Each Member of any Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Meetings of that Committee and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club(s) of which he is a Member. Should the Chairman have a personal interest, or be a member of the Club under discussion, it shall be declared and a deputy shall be elected for the purpose of that agenda item. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman or Acting Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.	5c	Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented. (This shall apply to the procedure of any subcommittee).  In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second casting vote.	Almost same as AFC Rule 5b so ok to use AFC rule
5c	Each Committee shall have the powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the League and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting its terms of reference or area of operation within the League, including the power to make contact with AFC clubs and referees concerning any matter within the Committee's terms of reference agreed by the Executive Committee and any matters not provided for in the Rules. Any action taken by the League shall be initiated within 28 days of the League being notified. Except where Rules 6h, 11b and 23e provide for the imposition of a set penalty, any Club or Official alleged to be in breach of a League Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the relevant Committee. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:- (i) Accept or deny the charge (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or (iii) Present their case before the relevant Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of the Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate County Association. Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff in Appendix 1	5d	The Management Committee shall have the powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of the Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules.	LOB Rule 5d is incorporated in AFC Rule 5c

	The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the penalty will be proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.			
5d	All decisions of Committees shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee under Rule 15. Decisions of Committees must be notified in writing to those concerned within 10 days.	5e	All decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days. All communications requiring reply from Clubs must be answered within 14 days. Any change to the information declared in the handbook must be notified to the Secretary of the Competition within 7 days. Clubs in breach are liable to a fine	Use AFC Rule 5d as LOB Rule 5e has incorrect days (no handbook now)
5e	8 Members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.	5f	Four Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and three Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.	Needs adding to AFC Rule 5d
5f	The Executive Committee and other League Committees shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur amongst their number and may co-opt additional members as necessary. Co-opted members shall have voting powers if approved by the Executive Committee.	5g	The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.	Same as AFC Rule 5f
5g	A member of any Committee appointed by the League to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the League at a rate to be determined by the Executive Committee. Officers and Committee members of the League shall also be reimbursed expenses for attendance at Committee Meetings at a rate to be determined by the Executive Committee.	5j	A member of the Management Committee who is appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition. Officers and Committee members of the Competition shall be reimbursed expenses for the attendance at Committee Meetings at a rate to be determined by the Management Committee	Same as AFC Rule 5g
5h	No member of the Executive Committee or member of any Committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall, or shall be entitled to, receive any remuneration or honoraria for work done or services rendered for or on behalf of the League and no other persons undertaking work on behalf of the League shall be entitled to remuneration save under a separate contract.			
5i	The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the League between the AGM or any SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the League season.	5k	The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition, between the dated of the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.	Same as AFC Rule 5i
5j	On occasions it may be necessary for the Executive Committee to convene special meetings at which specified Club Officers or their deputies must be present. Notice of such meetings shall be forwarded to relevant Clubs not less than 28 days prior to the meeting, except in cases of extreme urgency, when a shorter period of time may be given			
5k	The Emergency Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Vice-Chairmen and the Chairmen of the Fixtures and Rules Revision Committees.			
5l	The Executive Committee shall have the authority to interpret these Rules. All matters not provided for by the Rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee as it may determine.			

5m	The business of the League as determined by the Executive Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.			
		5h	A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or correspondence of the Competition shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.	Wording can be part of AFC Rule 5c
		5i	All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.	Wording can be part of AFC Rule 5c
		5l	No participant under the age of 18 can be fined.	Not in AFC Rules
<b>6:</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>6:</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	
6a	The AGM shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. Each full member Club shall have the right to send two delegates but shall have one vote only. Each associate member club shall have the right to send two delegates but not to vote. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted: (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM. (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom. (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report. (iv) To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet. (v) To approve subscription rates per team and per club for the following season (vi) Alteration of Rules and Notices of Motion, if any (of which notice has been given under rule 20b). (vii) Election of Officers and the Executive Committee. (viii) Appointment of Auditors. (ix) Election of new Clubs. (x) Constitution of the League for ensuing season. (xi) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.	6a & 6d	The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted. (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting. (ii) To consider any business arising there from. (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts and to approve subscription rates per team for the following season (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee). (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season. (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee. (vii) Appointment of Auditors. (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given). (ix) Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season. (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting. .	LOB Rule 6d re number of delegates allowed to attend and vote is part of AFC Rule 6a.
6b	Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given of the AGM.			No corresponding LOB Rule
6c	A copy of the duly audited Statement of Accounts, Balance Sheet and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.	6b	A copy of the duly audited Balance sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, and to the Amateur Football Alliance.	Identical – use AFC Rule
6d	A signed copy of the duly audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet shall be sent to the Amateur Football Alliance within fourteen days of its adoption by the AGM.	6c	A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be forwarded to the Affiliated County Football Associations within fourteen days of its adoption at the Annual General Meeting	Identical – use AFC Rule
6e	Full member Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the League during the season being concluded or who are not continuing in Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded.	6e	Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded	Identical – use AFC Rule
6f	All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot is	6f	All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be	LOB Rule

	demanded by at least one-third of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.		demanded by at least 25% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.	outdated – use AFC Rule
6g	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.	6g	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Full Member Club	Identical – use AFC Rule
6h	Any Club failing to be represented at the AGM shall be fined.	6h	Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given may be fined.	Identical – use AFC Rule
6i	Officers shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM. Subject to rule 5b no person shall exercise a second vote on any individual item at the AGM.	6i	Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.	Identical – use AFC Rule
<b>7.</b>	<b>Agreement to be Signed.</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>Agreement to be Signed.</b>	
7a	<p>The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall annually complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the League for the coming season.</p> <p>“We, .....(signature)..... of .....(address)..... (Chairman) and .....(signature).....of .....(address)..... (Secretary) of the .....(Club name)..... Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Amateur Football Combination and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Executive Committee and other Committees of the League subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16”.</p> <p>Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Amateur Football Alliance, any other County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the League.</p>	7a	<p>The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.</p> <p>“We, ... of ... (Chairman) and ... Of ..... (Secretary) of the Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the London Old Boys Cup Competition. We do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations. We accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16”.</p> <p>Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Amateur Football Alliance or other County Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition</p>	Identical – use AFC Rule (Check if we need to add LOB Cup to AFC Rule 7)
<b>8.</b>	<b>Qualification of Players</b>	<b>8.</b>	<b>Qualification of Players</b>	
8a	<p>(i) Contract players, or players who have played for any other Club participating at FA steps 1-6 earlier during that season, as defined by FA Rules, are not permitted in the League.</p> <p>(ii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty’s Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.</p>	8a	Contract players, or players who have played for any other Club participating at FA steps 1-6 earlier during that season, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition.	Similar– use AFC Rule
8b	<p>A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-</p> <p>(i) Been entered on Whole Game System by the club as a club member prior to playing</p> <p>(ii) Been entered on Whole Game System within 48 hours subsequent to the match.</p> <p>Each Club shall have at least 11 players per team registered by the 1st September. A fine may be levied by the Executive Committee if a Club fails to provide its correctly completed player registration form by the due date.</p>	8b	<p>A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-</p> <p>(i) Been entered on Full Time by the club as a club member prior to playing</p> <p>(ii) Been entered on Full Time within 48 hours subsequent to the match.</p> <p>Each Club shall have at least 11 players per team registered by the 1st September.</p> <p>A fine may be levied by the LOB Committee if a Club fails to provide its correctly completed player registration form by the due date.</p>	Similar– use AFC Rule
		8c	For the Jack Perry Veterans Section teams shall consist of players who have attained the age of 35 years prior to the 1st October in the season of the	Unique to LOB

			Competition, and have played regular league football for the Club they represent. Clubs found in contravention of this rule or who play ineligible players are liable to exclusion from the current and future Veterans Cup Competition	and needs looking at if we keep JP Cup
		8d	A team shall not include any player who has taken part in a more senior competition match during the current season.	Unique to LOB
8c	A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any affiliated Association or County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the League without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.	8e	A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs. A Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.	Identical – use AFC Rule
8d	The Fixtures Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall determine which Club the player shall be registered to. The Chairman of the Fixtures Committee shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the previous registration. No player under 16 years of age shall participate in any League game	8f & 8l	The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to inform the player of the fact of the previous registration.	Identical – use AFC Rule (LOB 8l is U16 rule)
8e	It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to:- (i) Play for more than one Club in the League in the same season without first being transferred. (ii) Having signed for one Club in the League, sign for another Club in the League in that season except for the purpose of a transfer. (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. (iv) Play for a Club in the League having played for any other Club participating at FA steps 1-6 earlier during that season, irrespective of whether they have had a contract with that Club. <b>Note:</b> Rule 8e (iv) is intended to apply to persons who have played that season for the first team in such clubs in open-age football.	8g	It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to: - (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season. (ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer. (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registrations that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.	Similar– use AFC Rule
8f	(i) The Fixtures Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below. (ii) The Fixtures Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (Subject to Rule 16). (iii) The Fixtures Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in the	8h	(i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration any player. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16). (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player found guilty of proven misconduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16). (iii) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (ii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be	Similar– use AFC Rule as it is more upto date



	<p>League. Application should be made to the parent County Football Association or Affiliated Association of the Club the player is registered with.</p> <p>(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the League into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association.) All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.</p>		<p>considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.</p> <p>Note: Action under (ii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate County Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.</p>	
8g	<p>Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to shall submit a transfer form to the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee. Such transfer shall be referred by the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee to the Club for which the player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee and to the player concerned within three days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee may, on behalf of the Fixtures Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Fixtures Committee for a decision.</p>			
8h	<p>A player may not be transferred to another Club in the League except by special permission of the Fixtures Committee.</p>			No LOB Rule
8i	<p>A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played must be entered on Full Time. Any Club failing to comply with the requirement shall be liable to a fine by the Fixtures Committee.</p>	8i	<p>A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.</p>	Identical – use AFC Rule
8j	<p>Registrations are valid for one Season only.</p>			No LOB Rule
		8j	<p>A player who has played for a team of higher rank in any section of the Competition shall not in that season be eligible to play for a team of lower rank in any section except by permission of the Management Committee.</p>	Same as LOB Rule 8d
8k	<p>(i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may have the points gained in that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Fixtures Committee.</p> <p>(ii) In addition the team may have points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Fixtures Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.</p> <p>(iii) The Fixtures Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.</p>	8k	<p>Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may forfeit that game and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee</p>	Identical – use AFC Rule
		8l	<p>A player sent off from the field of play for misconduct in a Cup Final shall not be presented with a medal for playing in that Final. Any player who wilfully</p>	Unique to LOB Cup – Add as a

			refuses to attend the presentation ceremony to receive a medal will not be presented with such medal, nor, being the Captain shall be presented with the Cup or Club Memento. In all such cases the Management Committee shall decide subsequently whether to make any award.	sub rule ??
<b>9.</b>	<b>Club Colours, Club Names</b>	<b>9.</b>	<b>Club Colours, Club Names</b>	
9a	<p>Each Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the League which shall decide as to their suitability.</p> <p>Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from other players and the referee. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.</p> <p>Where two Clubs have similar colours the home Club shall change, unless agreement is reached to the contrary.</p> <p>Players' shirts in all teams shall be uniquely numbered.</p> <p>Captains shall wear arm bands to distinguish them in that role</p> <p>Any Club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine by the Fixtures Committee.</p>	9a	<p>Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by July who shall decide as to their suitability.</p> <p>Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from other players and the referee. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.</p> <p>Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 5days before the match.</p> <p>If in the opinion of the referee, both Clubs have the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick off by to having a change shall be fined.</p> <p>Shirts must be numbered.</p> <p>Captains shall wear arm bands to distinguish them in that role</p>	Identical – use AFC Rule
9b	Any Club wishing to change its name and/or its colours must obtain the approval of the Fixtures Committee.	9b	Any Club wishing to change its name and /or its colours must obtain the approval of its affiliated County Association and from the Management Committee.	Identical – use AFC Rule
<b>10.</b>	<b>Playing Season, Conditions of Play, Times of Kick Off, Postponements, Substitutes.</b>	<b>10.</b>	<b>Playing Season, Conditions of Play, Times of Kick Off, Postponements, Substitutes.</b>	
10a	<p>Clubs should start their programmes as early as possible. All teams in the Premier, Senior and Intermediate Divisions must have started league games by a date to be determined by the Fixtures Committee unless otherwise involved in Cup fixtures or requesting “no fixture” (see 10 g). All other teams must have started league games by the last Saturday in September. Every Saturday in the season shall be considered as available for League matches, unless otherwise agreed by the Fixtures Committee. The League Match Secretary may require matches to be played during April and May in midweek and on Sundays to ensure completion of the League programme. No Club shall be compelled to play on a Public Holiday.</p> <p>All games shall kick off at 2:00 pm on Saturdays unless otherwise agreed between the two clubs and pre-notified to the match official(s).</p> <p>Fixtures arranged by League Match Secretaries shall not be re-arranged by Clubs without the permission of the League Match Secretary.</p>	10a	The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Results Secretary must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Competition.	Similar to AFC Rule 10a
10b	<p>All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.</p> <p>Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. The Amenities Officer shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the League and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. If through the fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Fixtures Committee shall have power to</p>	10b	<p>All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by IFAB.</p> <p>Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through the fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.</p>	Similar – look at Jack Perry wording if we keep a Vets Cup

	<p>order the venue to be changed.</p> <p>All matches shall last two equal periods of 45 minutes, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the referee and the two participating teams, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Any agreement to alter the periods of play must be made before the start of play. No match shall last for less than 60 minutes.</p> <p><b>The half-time interval shall be of five minutes' duration and may be altered only with the consent of the referee.</b></p> <p>The latest &amp; earliest times of kick-off shall be set by the Fixtures Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined.</p> <p>Referees shall order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the League.</p> <p>In the event of a team not being ready at the appointed time, provided 7 or more of the players are available, the referee shall order the game to proceed as soon as he sees fit. If it is not possible to commence the game within 30 minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the referee has the right to refuse to officiate and will be entitled to his fee from the home team. Any team not able to commence the game within 30 minutes of the due kick off time is liable to such action as the Fixtures Committee considers appropriate.</p> <p>The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the League if the footballs are unsuitable.</p>		<p>The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.</p> <p>All matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the start of the match (not less than 60 minutes) mutually arrange a shorter time, and in any event the game shall have equal halves.</p> <p><b>The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes maximum duration. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee</b></p> <p>The A.G.M. or the Management Committee shall fix the times of kick-off. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined as the Management Committee may determine. ( See Standard Level of Fines).</p> <p><b>Matches in the Jack Perry Cup shall normally be played on a Sunday morning.</b></p> <p>Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Secretary. In the event of a team not being ready at the appointed time, provided 7 or more of the players are available, the referee shall have the power to order the game to proceed as soon after the time he sees fit.</p> <p>Any team not able to commence the game within 30 minutes of the due kick off time may be liable to forfeit the tie. If it is not possible to commence the game 30 minutes after the scheduled kick off time, the referee has the power to refuse to officiate and will be entitled to his fee from the home team.</p> <p>The home team must provide at least two footballs that are fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.</p>	<p><b>Half Time Rule Differs 5 or 10 mins</b></p>
10c	Except by permission of the Fixtures Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all parent County Association Cup Competitions and where relevant to matches played against the parent school/college/university of the Club. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may only change the date of a match with the consent of the League Match Secretary.	10c	Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, unless this coincides with another match that has precedence, in such case the tie must be played prior to the set date. Clubs may only change the date with the consent of the Results Secretary.	Identical – use AFC Rule
10d	The home Club must give full particulars of, and directions to, the ground and time of kick off to the match officials and to the away Club at least 5 days prior to the playing of the match. The two Clubs should also confirm team colours. The home Club must ensure that the away Club and match officials confirm these details. It is not sufficient for the home Club to simply leave a message and assume that it will be collected. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined by the Fixtures Committee.	10d	The Home Club shall ensure that their opponents and Match Official(s) are in receipt of acknowledged details of ground location, means of access, and parking charges (where applicable) not less than six (6) days prior to the date arranged for the game. Full Time notification only is not acceptable. Acknowledgement shall include telephone, email or text communication.	Identical – use AFC Rule
10e	A Club shall play its strongest team as its first team, second strongest as its second team and so on. Clubs must operate selection policies that ensure there is completely free movement of players between teams throughout the Club based on playing strengths. Clubs must be able to demonstrate compliance with this rule if required to do so by the Fixtures Committee. Any Club infringing this rule may be liable to a fine, a deduction of points or to any other sanctions which the	10e	All Clubs must play their strongest team in all matches in the Senior Section of the Competition, their second strongest team in the Intermediate and so on unless the Club has applied for and been granted Junior or Special Status. The Management Committee shall have the power to place a team in what is deemed to be the appropriate competition	Similar – use AFC Rule but need to reference cup comps.

	Fixtures Committee considers appropriate. Where in any season a team wins a division whilst another team from the same Club playing in the immediate division above gains less than one point per game played, the winning trophy shall be withheld, subject only to the appeal procedure under rules 5c-d, 15 and 16.																					
10f	<p>Any Club needing to cancel a fixture due to a shortage of players must: -</p> <p>(i) cancel the fixture of its lowest XI, and</p> <p>(ii) notify its opponents of the cancellation not later than 7.00 p.m. on the day preceding the fixture.</p> <p>In the event of any Club failing to comply with these requirements, or otherwise failing to fulfil a fixture, the Fixtures Committee shall have power to impose a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match or matches in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents, order the replaying of a fixture or fixtures or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals.</p>	10f	<p>In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to inflict a fine, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents, and to award the tie to the opponents, or otherwise deal with them. The Management Committee shall have the power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponents ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.</p> <p>Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, Third Team and so on. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be fined a sum not exceeding £25 or otherwise be dealt with by the Management Committee.</p> <p>In the event of a Club finding itself short of players, it must cancel the fixture or fixtures of its lower eleven in preference to that of a higher eleven even though the lower eleven is due to play in this Competition. Such cancellation is to be deemed as withdrawal from the cup concerned. Any match played in contravention of this rule will be deemed to be a friendly and not form part of the Competition.</p>	<p>Similar – use AFC Rule (unless otherwise highlighted)</p> <p>Not covered in AFC Rules and Fine needs to be added to summary and Appendix 1</p>																		
10g	<p>Subject to rule 10f, a Club may cancel the fixture of its lowest team (unless in the Premier/Senior Divisions) because of a shortage of players, as follows: -</p> <table><tr><td><b>Teams entered by the Club in the League</b></td><td><b>Maximum cancellations by the Club per season</b></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>3 – 5</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>6 or more</td><td>4</td></tr></table> <p><b>Excessive Cancellations:</b> Any Club cancelling more than the maximum permitted fixtures in any season may on each occasion be fined and be further penalised by the Fixtures Committee as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td><b>Further cancellation</b></td><td><b>Points deductions</b></td></tr><tr><td>First</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Third and subsequent</td><td>3</td></tr></table> <p>A Club cancelling any further fixtures thereafter, or any Premier or Senior Division fixture, may be further penalised by the Fixtures Committee.</p> <p>The Fixtures Committee may require a Club to withdraw a team from the League if the Club has been unable to make that team regularly available for League matches.</p>	<b>Teams entered by the Club in the League</b>	<b>Maximum cancellations by the Club per season</b>	1	1	2	2	3 – 5	3	6 or more	4	<b>Further cancellation</b>	<b>Points deductions</b>	First	2	Second	3	Third and subsequent	3			<p>No corresponding LOB Cup Rule</p>
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10h	A Club may request that “no fixture” be allocated to a team where there is good			No																		

	cause on a particular Saturday during the season. Such requests must be made to the relevant League Match Secretary at least 21 days in advance of the date concerned, who will then decide at his discretion whether to agree to such a request. A team is limited to two such requests per season.			corresponding LOB Cup Rule
10i	<p>Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay to the opposing club and by both Clubs to the Referees' Secretary, the match officials and the Appropriate Results Secretary. Both Clubs must ensure that the postponement is confirmed. It is not sufficient for Clubs to simply leave a message and assume that it will be collected. Should the opposing Club Fixtures Secretary be unavailable, contact must be made with the opposing Club's Honorary Secretary, Emergency contact, and/or any other relevant Club Officer.</p> <p>Both Clubs must inform the appropriate League Match Secretary of any postponed or abandoned matches no later than 6.00 pm on the day of the match, as well as reporting to the Results Secretary in the usual manner (SMS text to FT).</p> <p>Any Club involved in a drawn, postponed or abandoned cup tie must advise the appropriate League Match Secretary no later than 6 pm on the same day.</p> <p>Any Club failing to comply with these requirements shall be dealt by the Fixtures Committee who may impose any penalty deemed suitable.</p> <p>In the event of a League match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be agreed by the Executive Committee Divisional Match Secretary. Where it is to the advantage of the League and the Clubs involved agree, the Executive Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.</p> <p>In all cases where the Fixtures Committee is satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the misconduct of one team or its Club Member(s) it shall be empowered to award the match to the opposition and/or to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.</p> <p>The Fixtures Committee shall review all abandoned matches in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both teams. Where it is to the advantage of the League and does no injustice to either Club, the Fixtures Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Fixtures Committee is satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) it shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opposition and/or to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Fixtures Committee shall rule all points for the match as void and may order the match to be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Fixtures Committee for an abandoned match.</p> <p>The Fixtures Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both Clubs were under a suspension imposed on them by their parent County Football Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the Club that was under</p>	10f	<p>The postponing Club must give notice of postponement of any match without delay to the Results Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club, the match officials and the Referees Secretary.</p> <p>Both Clubs must inform The Results Secretary of any postponed or abandoned matches no later than 7pm of the day of the match.</p> <p>The Management Committee, who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable, shall deal with any Club failing to comply.</p> <p>In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by both Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Results Secretary within 7 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club Members they shall be empowered to award the tie to the opposition. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of either teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate County Association.</p>	LOB Cup Rule 10f (Part) but use AFC Rule 10i as more up to date

	suspension will be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with rule 8k. Where both Clubs were under suspension the game will be declared null and void.			
10j	The Fixtures Committee may give any Club(s) not less than 28 days written notice of a closing date by which all their games in that season are to be completed and may fine any Club which fails to complete its fixture programme by that date for each game which has not been played.			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
10k	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game nominate and use up to a maximum of 3 substitute players in any match in the League. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game. The referee shall be informed of the names of the players and the substitutes before the start of the match on a team-sheet approved by the League. A player or substitute not so named shall not be allowed to take part in that game.	10g	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game nominate and use up to a maximum of 3 substitute players in any match. The referee shall be informed in writing of the names of the players and substitutes, before the start of the match. A player or substitute not so named shall not be allowed to take part in the game. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.	Identical – use AFC Rule
10l	In all League matches temporary dismissals (sin bins) will be imposed by referees for all cautions for dissent in accordance with the guidelines issued under the FA Pilot scheme.	8m	In all Cup matches temporary dismissals (sin bins) will be imposed by referees for all cautions for dissent in accordance with the guidelines issued under the FA Pilot scheme	Identical – use AFC Rule
10m	In circumstances when the programme of fixtures becomes disrupted, League Match Secretaries may ask Clubs, or in exceptional circumstances, order Clubs to play games as double headers. This is to ensure the League Programme can be completed. In such circumstances two games shall be played, each game being of 60 minutes' duration. Each game is treated entirely separately, with each side as the home team for one game. Substitutes must be nominated for each match in the normal way. Matches cannot be played for double points. The referee shall be entitled to a match fee for each game, to be paid at the rate applicable for Assistant Referees, each club paying one match fee.			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
<b>11.</b>	<b>Reporting Results</b>	<b>11.</b>	<b>Reporting Results</b>	
11a	Each Club must submit details of results in a format prescribed by the League, including referees' marks, hospitality marks, Spirit of Football marks and any other information required by the League, to arrive not later than 96 hours following the end of the match. Clubs failing to do so shall be fined by the Fixtures Committee.	11a	Each Club must submit details of results in a format prescribed by the Cup Committee, including referees' marks, hospitality marks, Spirit of Football marks and any other information required, to arrive not later than 96 hours following the end of the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decides.	Identical – use AFC Rule 11a
11b	Each Club must submit all match results by SMS text message to the FA Full-Time system, or the Match Day App, by 6:00 pm on a Saturday, or within 2 hours of the completion of a match played on any other day. Clubs failing to do so shall be fined by the Fixtures Committee.	11b	Each club must submit details of results in a format prescribed by the Competition. Clubs failing to do so shall be liable to a fine.	Similar– use AFC Rule 11a
		11c	A responsible member of the Club shall sign the match result notification,	LOB Cup Rule

			correctly completed. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action, as they deem suitable against a Club that submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.	not required as 11b overrides it
12.	Determining Championship and Promotion to the Premier Division	12.	Determining Championship	
		12a	<p>The Competition shall be run on a knockout principle, in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the rules of the Competition, which provide that ties must be settled on a one-match basis.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall make the draw for the various rounds, fix the dates and kick-off times, with the first drawn Club in each tie being at home unless mutually agreed and sanctioned by the Management Committee.</p> <p>All matches shall be of 90 minutes, with 30 minutes extra-time if a draw after normal time. If the result still remains a draw the tie will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the Penalty mark as set out in the appendix to the Laws of the Game. The referee is entitled to reduce normal time to 60 minutes, extra time to 20 minutes or to dispense with extra-time and go straight to the penalty competition if conditions make this necessary to obtain a decision</p>	Rule is not covered in current AFC Rules and needs to be added.
12a	<p>Team rankings within the League will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners.</p> <p>In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings will be decided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Goal Difference, or if that is equal</li> <li>(ii) Goals Scored.</li> </ul> <p>If the Goal Difference and Goals Scored are equal the Championship in that Division shall be shared.</p>		.	No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
12b	The Fixtures Committee may offer a third promotion place into the Premier Division to the winners of a play-off match between for the 2nd placed teams in Senior 1 North and Senior 1 South.			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
12c	<p>In the event of a team not completing its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the League table as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completing 75% or fewer of its fixtures – all points will be expunged</li> <li>• completing 76% – 99% of its fixtures – points may be expunged at the discretion of the Fixtures Committee.</li> </ul>			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
13.	Referees	13.	Referees	
13a	<p>Registered referees for all matches shall be appointed by the Referees' Secretary in a manner approved by the Referees' Committee and by the Amateur Football Alliance.</p> <p>When no official referee is appointed by the Referees' Secretary, the home Club shall provide an appropriate person to undertake the duties of a referee.</p> <p>Please see guidance notes in section 1 of the handbook on the meaning of 'appropriate persons.'</p>	13a	Registered Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee, which is by the Referees Secretaries.	Identical use AFC Rule
		13b	When no official referee is appointed by the Competition the home Club shall provide a person to undertake the duties of a referee.	



13b	<p>In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the game must be played and shall rank as a League fixture. If it is not possible to obtain a mutually acceptable substitute referee for the whole match each side must provide a referee for one half. Clubs shall have a whistle available for all home games. A referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee.</p> <p>No referee under 16 years of age shall participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any league game Note: a referee may not also play in the match whilst refereeing.</p>	13b	<p>In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the game must be played and will rank as a cup match. If it is not possible to obtain a mutually acceptable substitute referee for the whole match each side must provide a referee for one half. Clubs shall have a whistle available for home games. A referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.</p> <p>13k No referee under 16 years of age shall participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any Competition game 13b A Referee may not play in the match while refereeing.</p>	Similar use AFC Rule but reference League/Cup Fixture
13c	The Referees' Committee may, if it considers it desirable or upon application by the competing clubs, appoint any available Assistant Referees to a match. In that event the away team shall pay the home team the fee for one of the Assistant Referees.	13c	The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, appoint Assistant Referees to any match.	Similar use AFC Rule
13d	The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final, unless the authority owning or controlling the ground, whose decision must be accepted, has declared it unfit for play.	13d	The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final, unless the grounds man has declared the ground unfit, whose decision must be accepted.	Similar use AFC Rule
13e	<b>The home Club</b> shall offer the match officials their fees before the match and if not accepted then, pay them immediately after the match. A fine may be levied by the Referees' Committee in the event of non-compliance with this rule. The fees shall be agreed at the AGM and published <b>in the League Handbook. (on the website)</b>	13e	<b>The away Club</b> shall offer the Officials their fees before the match. The Competition shall pay all Officials fees for all Finals. Trophies will be awarded to Match Officials in finals.	<b>LOB Cup says away team pay ref – needs adding to AFC Rules</b>
13f	<p>In the event of a match not being played for any reason, the home Club shall pay the match officials their fees in full, provided that they have made the journey to the ground. If the match is not played owing to the default of the away Club the Fixtures Committee shall have the power to require the away Club to refund the home Club the fee paid to the referee.</p> <p>Note: Subject to enquiry by the Fixtures Committee, the away side may be called upon to meet some or all of the expenses.</p>	13f	In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Club has no control, the match officials, if present, shall be entitled to full fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played, owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.	Identical – use AFC Rule
13g	A match official not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may have his name removed from the list of Referees at the annual review during the close season and the fact reported to the Association with which he is registered.	13g	A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may have his name removed from the list of Referees and the fact reported to the Association with which he is registered.	Identical – use AFC Rule
13h	<p>Each Club shall award a mark out of 100 for the referee for each match. Where a Club marks a referee 60 or less, a report must be submitted using the FA Marks page on Full Time in the Statistics tab. A fine may be levied by the Referees' Committee in the event of non-compliance with this rule. The League shall keep a record of all marks awarded to Referees.</p> <p>[PLEASE REFER TO THE GUIDANCE FOR MARKING REFEREES ]</p>	13h	Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the Referee for each match. The marks shall be entered on the comprehensive result sheets provided by the Club's League, or any other format agreed by the Competition. Where a Club marks a referee <b>50</b> or less on the result card, a written explanation must be sent within 7 days of the match to the appropriate Referees Secretary giving the name of the Referee and the reasons for such a mark.	<b>LOB Cup Rule out of date – use AFC Rule 13h</b>
		13i	The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of	<b>Not an AFC</b>



			kick-off to the Referees Secretary within two days of the match.	<b>Rule but should it be??</b>
		13j	Referees shall be supplied each season, with a free copy of the Competition Rules	<b>Rule obsolete</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Continuation of Membership or Withdrawal of a Club</b>	<b>14.</b>	<b>Continuation of Membership or Withdrawal of a Club</b>	
14a	A Club intending or having a provisional intention to withdraw from the League on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the League must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine.	14a	After 31st December in the current season a Club intending, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine.	Similar wording to AFC Rule 14a
14b	Any Club wishing to withdraw a team must do so in writing, stating its reasons, to the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee with a copy to the League Match Secretary. The Fixtures Committee will consider each request on its own merit, and may determine that any request made after 31st October will apply only to the lowest team of the Club making the request.			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
14c	A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the League after the AGM for the following Season without the permission of the Fixtures Committee.	14b	A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine, and shall also be liable for its share of any call, which may be made under Rule 5(b).	<b>Similar – use AFC Rule BUT 5B not in AFC Rules</b>
14d	In the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the League in excess of £50, the Executive Committee may refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.	14c	In the event of a Member club that is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition In the event of any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one days then the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age shall meet such obligation. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.	Use AFC Rule 14d wording
<b>15.</b>	<b>Complaints and Protests</b>	<b>15.</b>	<b>Protests &amp; Appeals</b>	
		Fwd	<b>This rule applies only to complaints or appeals made by a club or a person against another club or person. All appeals against decisions by the Management Committee must be dealt with under Rule 16.</b>	<b>Should be added to AFC Rules</b>
15a	(i) All questions concerning the eligibility of players, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules on those matters shall be referred to the Fixtures Committee. (ii) Objections relating to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be considered by the Fixtures Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match	15a	(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee. (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match.	Similar wording to AFC Rule 15a
15b	Except in cases where the Executive Committee decides that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints under rule 15a (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the	15b	Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests, and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in	Use AFC rule as LOB Rule is out of date

	Secretary of the League within 14 days of the match or occurrence to which they refer.		duplicate with the Secretary within 10 days, excluding Sundays, of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee.	
15c	<p>No protest or complaint shall be considered by the Executive Committee unless the Club concerned shall have deposited a sum with the Secretary of the League. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the protest or complaint being dismissed.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or, if it is determined that two or more Clubs concerned were at fault, to order that the costs be shared by them, up to a maximum.</p>	<p>15d</p> <p>15a</p>	<p>The Management Committee shall consider no protest of whatever kind unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £20. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case.</p> <p>The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.</p> <p>Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.</p>	Rule similar use AFC Rule 15c
15d	<p>All parties to a protest or complaint shall be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and shall have received 7 days' notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the protest or complaint. When dealing with a protest or complaint the relevant Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.</p> <p>A Member of the Executive Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present, except as a witness or representative of his Club, when such protest or complaint is being determined.</p>	<p>15e</p> <p>15b</p>	<p>All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 14 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information, which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.</p> <p>A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present, except as a witness or representative of his Club, when such protest or complaint is being determined.</p>	Use AFC Rule as LOB Rule has wrong info
15e	The Secretary of any Club wishing to complain against a decision of a League Officer shall notify the appropriate Committee Chairman within 14 days of notification of the decision requesting an informal review. The Committee Chairman shall respond within 14 days confirming whether the decision has been changed.			No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
15f	If so requested by any two Clubs the Executive Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between the Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.	15b	The Competition shall run an emergency appeals procedure consisting of the Chairman and at least one other member of the Management Committee	No corresponding LOB Cup Rule
16.	<b>Board of Appeal of the A.F.A.</b>	16.	<b>Board of Appeal of the A.F.A.</b>	
		Fwd	<b>This appeal process deals with ALL appeals against decisions made by the Management Committee, including any of its subcommittees or officers.</b>	<b>Should this be added to AFC Rules ??</b>
16a	Within 14 days of the date of written notification of any decision of the League a Club, Official or Player against whom the action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Amateur Football Alliance, including a fee as set by the Amateur Football Alliance, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. A copy of this appeal must be sent to the	16a	Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, Official or Player against whom the action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Amateur Football Alliance, including a fee decided by the AFA, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal.	Similar use AFC Rule

	Secretary of the League. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.		The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.	
<b>17.</b>	<b>Suspension &amp; Exclusion of Clubs/Teams. Misconduct, Clubs, Officials, Players</b>	<b>17.</b>	<b>Suspension &amp; Exclusion of Clubs/Teams. Misconduct, Clubs, Officials, Players</b>	
17a	At the AGM, or SGM called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club from further membership upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.	17a	At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.	Identical use AFC Rule
17b	At the AGM, or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the League any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.	17b	At the AGM, or SGM called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.	Identical use AFC Rule
17c	Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the League to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or the Executive Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses 17a & 17 b. Such a decision shall require a simple majority of those present and voting.	17c	Any Official or member of a Club proved guilty of either misconduct, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide. Their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.	Similar use AFC Rule
17d	The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or terminate membership to or from any associate member Club at any time.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
17e	The Executive Committee may make a recommendation to the AGM concerning the future membership of any Club.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
17f	Any Club called to a hearing must be represented as a minimum by any three of its senior Officers. The Executive Committee shall have the power to specify which Officers shall attend the meeting.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
17g	Any Club that expels a player independently of action taken by the Executive Committee shall inform the Secretary of the League within 7 days of the decision.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
<b>18:</b>	<b>Trophy: Legal Owner, Conditions of Taking Over, Agreement to be Signed, Awards</b>	<b>18:</b>	<b>Trophy: Legal Owner, Conditions of Taking Over, Agreement to be Signed, Awards</b>	
18a	The trustees shall deal with the property of the League, including any assets, equipment, trophies, the funds and any Intellectual Property rights, as directed by resolution of the Executive Committee (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence) and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of League property.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
18b	The President, the Chairman and Treasurer for the time being shall be and are hereby expressly appointed for all intents and purposes, trustees and legal owners of the Trophies and all other property or assets of the League. The trophies shall		Competition trophies shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the trophies shall be returned to the donor, if the conditions attached to it so	Needs to be checked for clarity

	remain the property of the League and shall not be won outright by any Club.		provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.	
18c	Trophy holders must return the Trophy or Cup to the engravers by <b>31st March</b> or such earlier date as may be set by the Executive Committee. Clubs who breach this Rule shall be fined an amount not less than £5 per day per trophy.	18a	Trophy holders must return the Cup to the engravers by <b>31st December</b> . Trophies will be returned to the engravers for presentation at the current seasons Cup Finals. Clubs in breach of this condition shall be fined not less than £5 per day	Similar to AFC Rule 18c but dates are different
18d	Winners of the trophy must send a representative to the Annual Dinner to collect the trophy. Clubs who breach this Rule shall be fined by the Dinner Committee. Trophies not so collected will be retained by the League.	18a	Winners of the trophy must send a representative to the Annual Dinner to collect the trophy. Clubs who breach this Rule shall be fined. Trophies not so collected will be retained by the Competition	Similar to AFC Rule 18d
18e	The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of each trophy: “ We, ----- and -----, the Chairman and Secretary of ----- FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of the Amateur Football Combination Division ----- Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the League, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the trophy to the League on or before 31st March. If the Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the League the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair. Any such losses shall be notified to the Secretary of the League immediately.”	18a	The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of each trophy: - “ We, ----- and -----, the Chairman and Secretary of ----- ----- FC, members of and representing the Club, have been declared winners of ----- Trophy. It having been delivered to us by the Competition do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the trophy to the Competition on or before ----- . If the Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.” Commemorative plaques will be awarded to finalist Clubs for their retention.	Similar to AFC Rule 18e BUT suggested reword by MICK KELLY
18f	Intellectual Property rights of the League shall include the League logo or badge and any patents, trademarks, designs, copyright or rights in the nature of copyright relating to the League and its operations. Clubs may reproduce the League logo or badge upon their playing kit, letter heading or website in order to indicate membership of the League. Any such reproduction by Clubs must be in accordance with guidelines laid down from time to time by the Executive Committee for reproduction of the League logo or badge. Any Club leaving the League (for whatever reason) shall immediately remove all reproductions or references to the League logo or badge from all items.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
<b>19.</b>	<b>Special General Meetings</b>	<b>19.</b>	<b>Special General Meetings</b>	
19a	Upon receiving a requisition signed by <b>one-third</b> of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM. Such a meeting must be held within 28 days.	19a	Upon receiving a requisition signed by <b>two-thirds</b> of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting, within 28 days. .	Needs checking as rules differ – use AFC Rule?
19b	The Executive Committee may call a SGM at any time.	19a	The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time	Identical – use AFC Rule
19c	<b>At least 7 days’ notice</b> shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted thereat including a copy of any resolution to be placed before the meeting. Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.		<b>At least 14 days notice</b> shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such a meeting, Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.	Identical – use AFC Rule (LOB Cup Rule has wrong days
19d	Any Club failing to be represented at such a Meeting may be fined by the Executive Committee.	19a	Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at such a Meeting without satisfactory reason being given may be fined.	Identical – use AFC Rule

19e	Officers shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.	19a	Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote.	Identical – use AFC Rule
<b>20.</b>	<b>Alteration to Rules and Notices of Motion</b>	<b>20.</b>	<b>Alteration to Rules and Notices of Motion</b>	
20a	Alterations to these Rules may only be made at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19.	20a	Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19.	Identical – use AFC Rule
20b	<p>Notice of proposed alterations to these rules or Notices of Motion to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted by clubs to the Secretary by the 30th April and shall be proposed and seconded by two Clubs at the AGM or SGM. These, together with any proposals by the Executive Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs with the notice of the AGM or SGM. A proposal to change a rule shall be carried <b>if a two-thirds majority</b> of those present and entitled to vote are in favour. A Motion shall be carried if more than half of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.</p> <p>Any request to vary or amend a proposed alteration to the Rules must be proposed and seconded by Clubs and shall <b>be carried if a two-thirds</b> majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.</p>	20a	<p>Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary by the 30th April. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs within 14 days and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary within 14 days. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried <b>if a majority of those present</b> and entitled to vote is in favour.</p> <p>A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.</p>	Identical – use AFC Rule <b>(LOB Cup Rule has wrong majority)</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Dissolution</b>			
21a	Dissolution of the League shall be by resolution approved at a General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of those present and entitled to vote and shall take effect from the date of the relevant General Meeting.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
21b	In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Executive Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
21c	The Executive Committee shall deal with any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the League, which shall be transferred only to another competition or the AFA or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the League as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the AFA.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
<b>22.</b>	<b>Rules Binding on Clubs</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Rules Binding on Clubs</b>	
22a	Each Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Executive Committee or any other League Committee subject to Rule 16.	21a	<p>Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 16.</p> <p><b>Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.</b></p>	Identical – use AFC Rule <b>(check highlighted bit not in AFC Rules)</b>

<b>23.</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>22.</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
23a	The Executive Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the League will be lodged.	22a	The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged	Identical – use AFC Rule
23b	The Executive Committee shall, each financial year, agree a budget for League expenditure and income. All expenditure in excess of the agreed budget shall require approval by the Executive Committee.	22b	The Management Committee shall approve all expenditure in excess of the agreed budget. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.	Identical – use AFC Rule
23c	The financial year of the League shall end on 31st May of each year.	22c	The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st May	Identical – use AFC Rule
23d	The books, or a certified balance sheet, of the League shall be prepared for annual audit by suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.	22d	The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable persons who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.	Identical – use AFC Rule
<b>24.</b>	<b>Club Administration</b>			
24a	Each Club must be governed by a set of rules and must hold an AGM that shall elect officers and a Committee to administer the affairs of the Club. Minutes of all Club meetings must be recorded and made available for inspection at the request of the Executive Committee.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
24b	Each Club must nominate members of its Committee to act as its Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Club Fixtures Secretary and must provide telephone numbers which can be used in emergency. Any change to the information declared in the handbook must be notified to the Secretary of the League within 7 days. Clubs in breach are liable to a fine by the Executive Committee. Where a Club receives correspondence from a League Officer which requires a reply then such reply must be sent to the Officer concerned within 14 days, unless an alternative reply date is indicated in the original letter. Failure to reply will render the Club liable to a fine by the Executive Committee.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
24c	Subject to any agreed arrangements to the contrary, Clubs must accept full responsibility for the ground, match officials and refreshments for every home game in accordance with Rule 10b.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
24d	The Executive Committee or any other League Committee shall have the power to impose a fine on a Club for administrative failure that causes serious inconvenience to another Club, to a match official or to the League and for default of the Rules.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
24e	All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of the written notification. Clubs committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Executive Committee may impose.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
24f	Each Club shall maintain a Code of Conduct or Disciplinary Code containing details of how misconduct by players, officials or other persons associated with the Club will be handled within the club. The Code shall be submitted to the League annually and again with amendments or additions where appropriate within 7 days of any request from the League. Failure to do so shall render the club liable to a fine by the Executive Committee.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule

24g	Clubs shall have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000). All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the AFA.	23a	All Clubs must have Public Liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000). All Clubs must be members of a Players' personal accident scheme which meets minimum criteria set by the sanctioning Association	Identical to AFC Rule 24g
<b>25.</b>	<b>Representative Matches</b>			
25a	The Representative Team Committee shall arrange and be responsible for representative matches.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
25b	It is the responsibility of the Representative Team Committee to ensure that the Club of any player selected to play for the League Representative Team has, where necessary, obtained the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any player who has since the age of 10 played football outside of England, including playing in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
25c	Any player selected to represent the League or the Amateur Football Alliance may not play for his Club on the date of any such match without the consent of the Representative Team Committee. Any club selecting a player for a game played on the same day as a Representative Match in which the club is aware that he has been selected shall be fined by the Representative Team Committee. When more than one player from any single Club is selected to represent the League or the Amateur Football Alliance, that Club may seek permission from the Fixtures Committee to postpone its fixture			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
25d	Players representing the League in five or more Representative matches shall be awarded a League Representative tie.			No Corresponding LOB Cup Rule
<b>26.</b>	<b>Standards of Amenities</b>			
26a	<p>All Clubs must register their grounds for approval by the Amenities Officer and must notify subsequent changes to the Amenities Officer for approval before use. The requirements from home sides for accommodation, playing facilities and hospitality are as follows:</p> <p><b>(a) Accommodation:</b></p> <p>(i) Hooks, pegs and seating accommodation must be provided.</p> <p>(ii) Adequate electric lighting must be provided.</p> <p>(iii) Adequate hot showers must be provided.</p> <p>(iv) Home Clubs must notify visitors of arrangements for the safe-keeping of valuables and clothing.</p> <p><b>(b) Field of Play and Match Balls:</b></p> <p>(i) Goal nets and four corner flags must be used.</p> <p>(ii) All lines must be clearly marked, preferably in white.</p> <p>(iii) Pitches shall be of grass, 3G (Long Pile Rubber Crumb) or later generation artificial pitch. Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. Any other surface must be agreeable to the participating Clubs.</p>	10b	<p><b>Accommodation: -</b></p> <p>(i) Hooks, pegs and seating accommodation must be provided.</p> <p>(ii) Adequate electric lighting must be provided.</p> <p>(iii) Adequate hot showers must be provided.</p> <p>(iv) Home Clubs must notify visitors of arrangements for the safekeeping of valuables and clothing.</p> <p><b>Playing Pitch: -</b></p> <p>(i) Goal nets and four corner flags must be used.</p> <p>(ii) All lines must be clearly marked, preferably in white.</p> <p>(iii) The Home Club must provide first aid equipment on the touchline.</p> <p>(iv) Matches may be played on grass surfaces or on 3G (Long Pile Rubber Crumb) or later generation artificial pitches. Artificial Football Turf pitches shall meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register</p>	Identical use AFC Rule

	<p>Any other surface must be agreeable to the participating Clubs.</p> <p>(iv) The home club shall give due notice to the away club and match official(s) should the home club propose playing any game on an artificial pitch.</p> <p>(v) The home club must provide at least two footballs that are fit for match play.</p> <p><b>(c) Hospitality and Refreshments:</b></p> <p>(i) The Home team shall provide at least a cup of tea and a cake or biscuit without charge to the visiting players and match officials at or near to the match venue after the match. In the event of failure to comply with these requirements the Amenities Officer shall have power to impose a fine.</p> <p>(ii) The Home team shall welcome the visitors and match officials to the ground and show them the changing accommodation and pitch and confirm the hospitality venue. They shall act as hosts at all times whilst the visitors and match officials are at the ground and at the hospitality venue. (NB. The visiting team should respond to hospitality offered.)</p> <p>(iii) Where a visiting Club wishes to decline the refreshments provided by the home Club it must do so no later than two days before the day of the match.</p> <p>(iv) Details must be given to visiting captains and match officials on the day of the game detailing the facilities available for the provision of refreshment.</p> <p>(v) After accepting or not declining a home Club's offer of refreshment the visiting team shall ensure that it honours that arrangement. Any Club failing to do so shall be liable to reimburse the home Club's reasonable expenses.</p> <p>(vi) Refreshments must be offered to the match officials at half-time.</p> <p><b>(d) Emergency Treatment:</b></p> <p>(i) The home Club shall ensure that they are aware of the nearest Accident &amp; Emergency Department.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> It is recommended that every team should have at least one member trained and certified in the Emergency Aid FA Training Scheme or be in possession of a recognized up-to-date First Aid Qualification. Re-certification is required.</p> <p><b>Addenda:</b></p> <p>(i) Separate changing rooms are desirable but not essential.</p> <p>(ii) Match officials should be provided with separate changing accommodation. If none is available they should change with the home team.</p> <p>(iii) Pitches for matches in the Premier and Senior Divisions should not be shorter than 110 yards, or narrower than 66 yards. In all other Divisions the minimum dimension should be 100 yards by 60 yards.</p>		<p>of 3G (Third Generation) Football Turf pitches. Opponents and Match Official(s) should be advised no later than 6 days before the match.</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Hospitality: -</b></p> <p>(i) The Home side shall provide at least a cup of tea and a cake or biscuit without cost to the visiting players and match officials.</p> <p>(ii) The Home team is host to the visitors and officials and must act as such. (NB. The visiting team should respond to hospitality offered.)</p> <p>(iii) Where a visiting Club wishes to decline the refreshments provided by the home Club it must do so no later than two days before the day of the match.</p> <p>(iv) Details must be given to visiting captains and match officials on the day of the game detailing the facilities available for the provision of refreshment.</p> <p>(v) After accepting a home Club's offer of refreshment the visiting team shall ensure that it honours that arrangement. Any Club failing to do so shall be liable to reimburse the home Club's reasonable expenses.</p> <p>(vi) Refreshments must be provided to the visitors and match officials at half – time.</p> <p><b>Addenda: -</b></p> <p>(i) Separate changing rooms are desirable but not essential.</p> <p>(ii) Referees should change with the home team unless separate accommodation is available.</p> <p>(iii) Pitches for matches in the Senior Cup should not be shorter than 110 yards, or narrower than 66 yards. In all other Sections the minimum dimension should be 100 yards by 60 yards.</p>	
<b>27.</b>	<b>London Old Boys Cup Competition ('The LOB Cup')</b>			
	The Executive Committee shall organise the LOB Cup Competition on the basis that:			
27a	It will not be subject to the FA Standard Code of Rules.			
27b	The LOB Cup Rules for season 2018-2019 will be incorporated as Appendix 2 to these rules, subject to amendment at any meeting of the Executive Committee, or in accordance with Rule 20 of the AFC rules. Any irreconcilable conflict between			



	the AFC rules and the LOB Rules shall be resolved in favour of the AFC rules. The interpretation of the AFC and LOB rules will be determined by the Executive Committee.			
27c	The funds remaining in the LOB bank account after the AGM 2019 will be transferred to the AFC and maintained by the Treasurer in a separate AFC bank account for the LOB Cup income and expenditure.			
27d	A LOB Cup Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee to organise all aspects of the competition including a Chairman, the League Secretary, the Chairman of the Fixtures Committee, the Match Secretaries, the Referees Secretaries and a Cup Final Co-ordinator.			
27e	Presentation of the LOB Cup trophies will take place at the AFC annual dinner and be subject to AFC Rule 18.			
<b>28.</b>	<b>Spring Cup Competitions</b>			
28a	The Fixtures Committee may at its discretion establish short competitions for teams whose League programme is likely to be completed at an early date before the end of the season.			
28b	In the event that any tie in the competition requires a result on the day, two fifteen-minute periods of extra time shall be played if the score is level at the end of normal time. If the score still remains level the tie will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark. The referee shall have discretion to reduce extra time to two ten-minute periods or to dispense with extra-time and go straight to the penalty competition if conditions make this necessary to obtain a decision.			
<b>29.</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>			
	<p>In these rules, unless otherwise expressly stated: -</p> <p>“Club” means a Club in full or associate membership of the League, including full member Club during its probationary membership, unless expressly stated otherwise.</p> <p>“League” means the Amateur Football Combination</p> <p>“AGM” means the Annual General Meeting</p> <p>“SGM” means a Special General Meeting</p> <p>References to the masculine shall be taken to include the feminine</p> <p>“Registered Referee” and “Referee” shall include any person engaged in any then current FA basic referee training course for eleven-a-side football and having successfully completed the FA’s basic written examination for referees.</p> <p>“Written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.</p>			