



Amateur Football Combination

National Respect Gold Award League 2012

Spirit of Football

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NOTES

5. Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet

A draft of the accounts has been included with the AGM notice, but the audited accounts will not be available until after the AGM. We do not anticipate any major changes to the draft accounts.

Annual Subscription 2018-19

The Annual Subscription for 2018-19 will continue to include an allocation of Dinner tickets as per rule 2d. The subscription which did increase for the first time since 2008, last season, remains unchanged for 2018/19 as follows:- £50 per club plus £56 per team

Referee & Assistant Referee Fees 2018-19

The fee for referees is to be increased by £1 in 2018/19, Referee £35 & Assistant Referee (where appointed) £27 each. The fee for refereeing a double header is now double the current AR fee (£54). The fee for a double header will still be split 50/50 between both teams as per League rules. Please note the AFA did not recommend any increase in fee, for 18/19, but the AFC have decided that £35 is more appropriate and is what many clubs pay anyway.

6. Rules Revisions

There have been no rule amendments proposed by clubs but the AFC have a number of new rules and also rule changes this season which have been circulated with AGM papers and will be discussed and voted on at the AGM. Key items that clubs should pay special interest in are as follows:-

- Amend Rule 1f to allow two teams from the same club in the lowest two divisions (north & South).
- New Rule 8a (ii) To implement the FA requirement that clubs apply for an International Transfer Certificate for any of their players who have played football outside of England since the age of 10.
- Additional wording of rule 10e - To fix the criteria for league trophies being automatically withheld where a team wins its division and the next higher team in its club attains one point per game played or fewer.
- New Rule 10I - Sin Bin Pilot in 2018-19 in all AFC and LOB Cup matches where dissent cautions receive a 10 minute sin bin for player. Supporting Info:- 31 leagues in England operated the sin bin in 17-18 and all 31 continue into 18-19. The FA have invited all leagues not currently, in the pilot to join in 18-19, in readiness for the planned mandatory FIFA change of the laws in July 2019.
- Change to Rule 10a to standardise all KO at 2pm (in line with AFA cups and SAL).
- Change to Rule 10h to allow all teams two free weeks with only 21 days prior notice

7. Election of Officers

The following officers are being proposed by the Executive Committee (Changes in **BOLD**):-

President	Norman MacDonald	Amenities Officer	VACANT
Chairman	John Maskell	Dev & Comms Chairman	James Whitmarsh
Vice-Chairman	Martin Armstrong	Dinner Chairman	Andrew Cashmore-Till (resigns 31.5.19)
Secretary	Ian Andrews	Emergency Chairman	Not required
Treasurer	Steve Lovejoy	Executive Chairman	John Maskell
Fines Co-ordinator	Alan Robinson	Finance Chairman	Steve Lovejoy
League Welfare Officer	Danny McConnell	Fixtures Chairman	Norman MacDonald
Representative Managers	Luke Graham & Ali McCombe (Meadonians)	Referees Chairman	Sean Smith
AFA Representatives (4)	VACANT	Representative Chairman	Tony Julien
	Aaron Shah	Rules Revision Chairman	Bart O'Toole
	Mike Sainsbury	Spirit of Football Chairman	Mike Sainsbury
	Sean Smith	SOF Co-Ordinators	Robin Gibbs
Auditor	Gareth Jones		Danny Goldman
League Match Secretary Senior/Inter	Jamie Brunton		Martin Armstrong
League Match Secretary 5-8 South	VACANT	Chairman of Club Support Committee	Martin Armstrong
League Match Secretary Inter South – 4 South	James Whitmarsh	Chairman of Club Representatives Committee	Simon Goldring
League Match Secretary 1-7 North	Ian Andrews	Club Representatives (1 of which to serve on Executive)	Neil Johnstone (Exec Club Rep), Derek Randall, Aaron Shah, Sean Smith, Jim Davies & Mick Kelly (6 vacancies)
Results Secretary	Mike Sainsbury	Vice Presidents Elected to Executive (4)	Alan Robinson, Alan Meyer, Robin Gibbs, Andrew Cashmore-Till
Referee Appointments South	Harry Hutchings	Referees Changes (South)	Chad Chaudhuri
Referee Appointments North	John Fowler	Referees Changes (North)	Alex Grayburn

We have 6 vacancies for Club Representatives, who we try and recruit on a “no commitment” basis, so if you are keen to get involved, and see how a league as big as the Amateur Football Combination operates, please feel free to contact the League Secretary.

9. Membership of Clubs

- Old Aloysians were reviewed and despite the SoF mark not improving as required this matter will now be for the SoF Committee to act on. It was agreed that all current sanctions be removed from the club for season 18/19 and the suspended fine issued for non-compliance is not called in. All sanctions issued by the Executive Committee are removed for 18/19.
- Red Roy Reds & Clissold Park Rangers are to be confirmed as Full Members of the Amateur Football Combination after satisfactorily completing their first full season in the AFC.
- Old Boilers who had a third and final probationary period in the past 17/18 season due to poor club marks and finding a new home venue indeed did as required. Club marks in hospitality, facilities & organisation have increased marks and Old Boilers secured a new home pitch at Blackheath Wanderers FC. Old Boilers are to be confirmed as Full Members of the Amateur Football Combination after satisfactorily completing their third full season in the AFC
- Spaniards who had a second probationary period in the past 17/18 season due to their very poor SoF mark and numerous reports of poor club behaviour have improved dramatically in the past season, their Football Combination average SoF mark rising from 5.79 in 16/17 to 7.92 in 2017/18. Spaniards are to be confirmed as Full Members of the Amateur Football Combination after satisfactorily completing their second full season in the AFC.
- Old Vaughanians were again a massive disappointment as their club administration and general club organisation had become an issue for the AFC, which basically threatened the clubs future existence. The club were interviewed by the Executive Committee on 19th January 2018 regarding the dire situation the club were faced with, fines almost at £300 and many emails of complaint from AFC clubs. In fact the attendees included the new club Secretary Pat Duffy who had been appointed to stabilise the clubs' position.

Old Vaughanians were issued with a number of sanctions and have complied with them all, despite some taking more time than had been hoped, but disappointingly fines continued to be incurred at an alarming rate, in the weeks after their interview. The final fines figure is now the highest ever recorded in a single season £660, when added to AFA administration and disciplinary fines it takes the total to over £1000 (three new kits).

The new Vaughanians Committee had been given time to ensure that the rules and requirements that the club have issued to all players, were strictly adhered to and it was pleasing to note that only three fines were issued for March and only one in April. It is expected this improvement will continue into next and future seasons.

It was a condition of the Executive interview that if improvement was not forthcoming the club would be recommended for expulsion from the AFC constitution. However that motion will no longer be put to this AGM as it was considered that some improvement in club administration & organisation had finally taken place. The suspended fine for 2017/18 will not now be called in. The club will still be under sanction for 2018/19 and a new suspended fine has been issued.

The constitution lost fewer teams during the 2017/18 than for many previous seasons, player availability again was the main reason, the two teams that resigned were Egbertians Res, plus Citibank. Since then conclusion of season 17/18 the following clubs have reduced their In addition the following clubs have all reduced their XI's by one for season 18/19, Old Woodhouseians, Old Kingsburians & Old Pauline plus one club resignation- Hinton & Finchley OB.

New Teams being entered or considered for the 18/19 constitution are as follows:-

Old Tenisonians V
Albanian VI
Old Tiffinians V

10. Constitution

Detailed notes on changes to the new proposed constitution are in that excel document. Many clubs have written with change request to the earlier published draft constitution. All requests were read and replies written by the Fixtures Committee. It has been possible to satisfy some clubs but obviously not all. Members are reminded that as the Constitution has already had consultation with clubs, there will be no proposals for amendments on the night, save for removal of clubs/teams if so determined by the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution vote is either to accept or reject it.

11. AOB

A brief comment will be made regarding the introduction of an AFC club/referee charter starting immediately.