

Spirit of Football Committee Update for AFC Executive Meeting

19th March 2019

- SOF Committee met on 7th March 2019
- Average SOF mark is 7.98 AT 28/2/19 compared with last season's final average of 7.92
- Relatively few major incidents
- Sides/clubs causing concern/discussed include Mickleham Old Boys 1st XI, Old Tenisonians, John Fisher Old Boys 1st XI, Globe Rangers, Spaniards, Hale End Athletic, Albanian 3rd & 4th XI, Old Aloysians, Old Manorians 2nd XI, Old Uffingtonians. Many re-occurring names. Some of these clubs have responded more positively to SOF concerns this season than others.
- SOF co-ordinators continue to work hard to monitor and speak to clubs. This undoubtedly has an impact on some clubs to the extent that some even feel pressurised to improve
- Committee feel that there are some sides who will never either understand or achieve levels of behaviour/Respect expected by the league. This may be because of the football background of the type of players they recruit or even attitude of club officials to SOF themselves. SOF Committee would like input from exec. about what league's response to this should be. Do we just accept that some clubs will never reach the level AFC expects? Or should we push through sanctions up to and including expulsion from the league if required?
- Agreed we will again hold club meetings in the pre-season rather than at the end of this season. Next meeting 28th May
- Full notes to follow at some stage.