

PETERBOROUGH **S**UNDAY **M**MORNING **F**OOTBALL **L**LEAGUE



2011/12 SEASON RULES & REGULATIONS

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1 NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

- 1A** This Amalgamation of Clubs shall be designated the **PETERBOROUGH SUNDAY MORNING FOOTBALL LEAGUE (PSMFL)** and shall consist of a Premier Division and other Divisions. The PSMFL shall comprise of no more than **EIGHTY-EIGHT (88)** Affiliated Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority.
- 1B** All Member Clubs must be affiliated to a recognised County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date (**1st August**) on Form **“D”** to the **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Football Association (NFA)**. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall have their matches at grounds within 15 miles of Peterborough.
- 1C** The PSMFL shall apply annually for sanction to the **NFA** and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding (**13**) in number.
- 1D** **This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA’s Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.**
- 1E** **Member** Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the PSMFL in any other Competitions (**with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions**) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the PSMFL.
- 1F** At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or a Special General Meeting (SGM) called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

2 ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION and DEPOSIT

- 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 by 1st June and new club applications must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £50 per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.
A new team referred to in the following rules shall mean any team that has not been a member of the PSMFL during the immediate 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 Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.
When Rule 12(B) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable
- 2B** Each **New club** elected into the PSMFL at the Annual General Meeting shall deposit with the PSMFL a payment of **£50.00**. This amount will be shown on the entrance fee’s invoice and shall be paid within the time limit given. If after a period of two years the club is still a member of the PSMFL, the deposit will be returned as long as any outstanding debts to the PSMFL have been cleared.
- 2C** All clubs to pay all fees as per invoices issued by the PSMFL Secretary by the **1st August, defaulting Clubs will be fined £10.00.**
- 2D** A Club shall not participate in this Competition until all arrears, Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.
- 2E** All Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary of the PSMFL, in writing **before the AGM** of its new County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming season, **defaulting clubs may be fined £10**
- 2F** **All Teams shall pay for the following each season;**
1 x Result pad/Teamsheet Pad, 2 x Handbooks, .
This complete stationery pack will be issued at a cost of **£20.00 per team**. Additional items can be purchased as follows.
Registration Forms are available from the league website **www.psmfl.org** and and Transfer Forms can be purchased from the Registration Secretary for £2 when returned with player entered

- 2G Each member club shall, by the **1st May each year**, return to the **PSMFL Secretary**, on the APPLICATION FORM provided, details of the clubs intention to compete in the following season or if you wish to withdraw from the PSMFL. Details of the club and all details of the Secretary must be contained within. Failure to provide this information **will** liable the club to a fine of **£20.00** and may be deemed as a withdrawal from the PSMFL.

3 **OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Competition shall be the:

Officers

President, Vice-Presidents, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration and Results Secretary, Referees Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Pitch Co-ordinator, Fines Administration Secretary, Telephone Results Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Senior Welfare Officer and Life-Members.

The Chairperson will be elected after the AGM by the Management Committee if necessary.

All other officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and EGM.

There will be honoraria paid to the above officers as agreed at the AGM.

The honoraria will be increase yearly in line with the Retail Price Index.

(N.B. Auditors are not Officers).

4 **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

- 4A The PSMFL shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association by a Management Committee comprising of the Officers and up to ten delegates who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Any vacant delegate position, may be filled by the committee at any time during the season if the need arises.

- 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 June in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

- 4C The Management Committee shall meet monthly or as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises. A copy of the monthly Management Committee minutes will be supplied to each member club.

- 4D Except where otherwise stated **all communications (from Club Secretaries only)** shall be addressed to the **Secretary of the PSMFL** who shall conduct the correspondence of the PSMFL and keep a record of its proceedings.

- 4E All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

PSMFL Management Committee members should not be contacted after 9.30pm.

5 **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

- 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 necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. *The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association*

- 5B Subject to the permission of the Northants County Football Association 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 and, if necessary, 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)).

- 5C At least **five (5)** Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and at least **3 Members** shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition. Any active member of the Sub-Committee shall not be directly involved with any PSMFL Club.

- 5D** 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 sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- 5E** The Management Committee shall have 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 the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a 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 F.A. Rules.
- 5F** All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.
- 5G** Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within **7 days**.
- 5H** All fines and penalties must be paid by the offending club(s) **on or before the date SHOWN on the fines form**. The PSMFL will ensure that there is a minimum of **fourteen days** before any payment is due (unless otherwise ordered). Failure to pay such fines or charges by the time shown may result in a minimum additional fine of £10.00. Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.
- 5H1** Any club exceeding a total of **£125.00** in fines and/or pitch fees will be liable to suspension from **ALL** associated competitions at the discretion of the PSMFL committee.
- 5H2** A club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee within **fourteen days of receipt of that order, or within fourteen days of the operative date specified in that order**, may not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the PSMFL, until the order has been complied with and a reason for the delay has been furnished to the Secretary of the PSMFL, who shall submit such to the Management Committee for adjudication.
- A club failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the PSMFL or relevant County F A, may be liable to a fine £10.00 and/or and suspended pending an Extraordinary General Meeting of all clubs with a view to removing the offending club from the PSMFL.
- 5J** 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.
- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee *may/shall* be transacted by electronic mail

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6A** The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th of June each year. Any club with outstanding debts will be refused entry.

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.
- (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 in writing 21 days prior to the meeting).

All alterations to rules and regulations will be voted on individually, and not en bloc.

- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (x) Other business of which due notice (21 days) shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

All voting shall be restricted to Member Clubs only. Voting, except with regard to the expulsion of a Member Club, shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by at least one third of the Members present or the Chairman so decides. Voting for the expulsion of a Member Club shall be conducted by secret ballot. In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have the casting vote. All voting shall be by a show of hands for the Election of Officers and Management Committee Members. Voting for the Election of Clubs (Premier Division excepted) shall be by a show of hands. The Management Committee will decide upon which Division that any Club will be entered into.

No alterations to these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting.

- 6B** Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send **two** delegates to the Annual General Meeting, if possible the club secretary and club manager. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- 6C** 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.
- 6D** Any continuing Member Club failing to attend the Annual General Meeting or not complying with Rule 6A, will be liable to a fine not exceeding **£20.00 (paid on or before date shown on fine sheet)**, unless a written apology and/or explanation is received prior to the meeting. The Management Committee will consider extenuating circumstances.
- 6E** Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

6F BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each club at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall send a signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts to the NFA within 7 days of its adoption. Member Clubs' accounts must be sent to their Affiliated County FA. Failure to do so may render the club liable to suspension by their Affiliated County FA.

7 AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

- 7A** **The Chairperson and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign a copy of the following agreement, which will be supplied by the league which shall then be deposited with the PSMFL together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete - no later than 1st August - see Rule 2C1.**

	Name	Address
"We,	(Chairperson)	
and	(Secretary)	

of **FC have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the PSMFL and 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 and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the PSMFL, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.**

Any alteration of the Chairperson and / or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the relevant County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the PSMFL. Failure to notify will result in a fine of £10.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

8 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8A Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, *are/are not* permitted in this Competition. A contract player may only play for the Club that holds his contract.

Insert It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 12 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS, TRANSFERS AND APPROACH OF PLAYERS

8B Clubs will register players with the PSMFL on the forms provided from the league website **www.psmfl.org** which the player himself must sign. Players are also required to list their association with any other Saturday or Sunday team and be free of any debts from previous clubs and must advise their new club of any forthcoming suspensions.

TEAMS MUST register a minimum of **14** players at least **14** days before commencement of the season. Failure to do so may result in a fine of **£2.00 per player short**. The commencement of the season shall be the 1st Sunday in September (unless otherwise advised).

A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary 2 days prior to playing, and whose completed registration has been received by the Club prior to playing.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the appropriate Officer.

(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.

8C The Management Committee deems a player registering with more than one club, will be a member of that club, **which carries the earliest registration date**. Should both registration forms show the same date, the player will be asked to inform the PSMFL of which club he intends to play for. **(Players are reminded that it is an offence to play for more than one club).**

8D1 Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player **WILL** be fined up to a maximum of **£50 per player and WILL have a maximum of 3 points deducted from their total (that being the total before the game(s) in question was/were played)**. The Management Committee shall have the power to decide any questions as to the eligibility of a player(s), and at their discretion may order the replaying of any match in which an ineligible player/players took part at the total cost of the offending team.

8D2 A player shall be considered registered when the Registration Secretary receives a signed registration and ratifies the registration no later than midday Friday prior to the fixture (Note: If the Registration Secretary is unavailable, contact the PSMFL Secretary or Chairman, who may make arrangements to get details to the Registration Secretary if at all possible). The Management Committee advises all clubs to ensure players are registered before they compete in any PSMFL or Cup competition. Clubs posting registrations should telephone the PSMFL Registration Secretary to check on the arrival of the said form(s). Any details sent to the PSMFL Registration Secretary by the Secretary or the Chairman, it will be the clubs responsibility to ensure that the player is clear to play and, the PSMFL will not accept responsibility for the clubs failure to do so.

8D3 **No Registrations or transfers** will be allowed after the **last working day of February. (FA Rule 19)** (except by consent of the Management Committee).

8D4 Clubs are reminded that a Seven-Day Approach in writing should be made to comply with the Football Association's Rule 19 (See County Handbook).

8D5 No club affiliated to the PSMFL will be allowed to participate in another Sunday Morning League.

8D6 If any team fields a player or players aged under the 18 years, they **must** advise the opposition and referee prior to the start of the game.

The **League** shall be responsible for advising the clubs **if an official under the age of 18 years is allocated to referee their fixture**.

Any player under the 18 years at the start of the season will be required to submit a "consent to play" letter signed by a parent or guardian to the LEAGUES CHILD WELFARE OFFICER prior to the start of the season. **Failure to provide a letter will result in a fine of £20.**

- 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 to, 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, 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.
- 8F** Extra Registration forms may be obtained **from the league website www.psmfl.org.**
- 8G** The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.
- 8H** It shall be deemed serious misconduct for a player to: -
(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
(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 registration that the player has neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- 8I** (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept, refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion, **except those under 18 years of age, if** 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 undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16).
(Note: Action under Clause (2) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute).
- 8J** 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 (Registration) Secretary. Such transfer shall be referred by the (Registrations) Secretary 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 (Registrations) Secretary and to the player concerned within 7 days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 7 days, the (Registrations) Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club.
- 8K** 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. Clubs failing to adhere to this rule will be fined £20.00.
- 8L** A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged
- M** A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played 2 games for that team in this Competition in the current season.
- N** In the case of a Club entering a Reserve Team, it will not be permitted to play more than two players from the higher ranked team
Clarification:- *A higher ranked team player is a player whose last three appearances for the club (including that of substitute) were for the higher ranked team.. The use of a player who is illegible under this rule will be dealt with under Rule 8"*
- O** (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players *may/shall* have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.
(ii) In addition the team *may/shall* have a maximum of 3 points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

(iii) The Management 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.

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

- P** (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.
(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues).
(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

9 CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

- 9A** Every Club must register on Form 'D' its colours with the PSMFL Secretary together with its County affiliation number, and the name and address of its Secretary not later than the AGM. Failure to do so will result in a £10.00 fine.
- 9A1** Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other players and the referee. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts. To comply with FA ruling all shirts must be numbered in all PSMFL games and Cup Competitions.
- 9A2** Any Team not playing in its normal registered colours shall notify its opponents at least **3** days before the match of the colours in which they will play. Clubs wishing to change their colours during the season must first apply in writing enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to the County FA and the PSMFL Secretary for permission. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5.00. If permission is granted and should there be a clash of colours, then the team who has changed their colours during the season must change. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5.00.
- 9A3** In the event of two clubs in the opinion of the Referee having the same or similar colours the **HOME** team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colour or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £10. The PSMFL Secretary may request jerseys or shirts to be submitted to him/her if complaints are received as to the lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may deal with the problem as they see fit.
- 9B** Any Club wishing to change its Name or seek sponsorship whilst a member of this PSMFL must obtain written permission from their County FA and the Management Committee in writing.
- 9B1** Changes of Secretaries name, address and telephone number to be notified in writing within 7 days to the PSMFL Secretary and relevant Affiliated County FA. Failure to do so may result in a £10.00 fine. The Peterborough Football Association should also be notified in writing.
- 9B2** All clubs must notify the PSMFL Fixture Secretary of entry to any County Cup competitions, defaulting clubs may be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

10 PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS & SUBSTITUTES

- 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. Original fixtures arranged by the (*Fixtures*) Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 14 days prior to the season start date, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.
If mutually arranged at a meeting a list of fixtures must be forwarded by the (Fixtures) Secretary within seven days of the meeting. Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the (Fixtures) Secretary within fourteen days of their issue.
Any Club failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable for a fine of £5 and the Management Committee or the (Fixtures) Secretary shall arrange that Club's fixtures.
- 10B** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.
- 10B1** In the event of Clubs using private pitches, which subsequently become un-playable or unavailable due to reasons beyond their control, they may be requested by the PSMFL Fixtures Secretary's to play on council pitches (if available). Failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action. 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 any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

- 10B2** 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.
- 10B3** Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the PSMFL.
- 10B4** The home team must provide at least two footballs, fit for play, to the Referee fifteen minutes prior to kick-off, the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Goal nets and corner flags must be used. Each team will supply a first aid kit of an appropriate standard. Defaulting clubs will be fined £5.00 for each item.
- 10C** Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, but priority shall be given to The Football Association and County Association Cup Competitions and the Peterborough Football Association cup competition. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixture Secretary.
- 10D** **Each club will play Home and Away matches as arranged by the PSMFL Fixture Secretary. HOME TEAMS MUST TELEPHONE THE OPPOSING CLUB OF VENUE, COLOURS, AND KICK OFF TIMES BEFORE 9.00pm ON THE PRECEDING WEDNESDAY.** Failure to do so may result in a £10.00 fine. Any team experiencing problems in contacting the opposing club should contact the PSMFL Fixture Secretary.
- 10D1** Home teams using council pitches that are booked by the Pitch Co-ordinator will be advised of the venue on or before 9.00pm Wednesday prior to the game, and it is the home clubs responsibility to notify their opponents of the venue. **In the event of a team cancelling the fixture at short notice it will be the offending teams duty to advise opposition – referee – results secretary and pitch co-ordinator. If the fixture is postponed/ cancelled by the Pitch Co-ordinator. or the authorities it will be the Co-ordinators duty to advise all persons required as per this rule**
- 10D2** Premier Division clubs are requested to ensure that fixtures are played on pitches of an appropriate standard and size as befits the quality of football anticipated.
- 10D3** In the event of any fixture having to be re-arranged by the PSMFL Fixture Secretary the new date must be adhered to (subject to rule 10C). Clubs failing to comply will be fined £30.00. Matches will be of 90 minutes duration and a maximum of THREE substitutes will be allowed from any five selected. Substitutes, to be named prior to kick-off to the Referee. Any substitute who has not signed all 3 team sheets, prior to the commencement of the second half **cannot** participate in the match.
- 10D4** Any Club Secretary who objects to any fixture must place their objection in writing within **48 hours** of notification of the fixture from the PSMFL
- 10D5** Any Club having more than one team will not be allowed to cancel a Senior fixture to allow their Junior fixture to go ahead. Failure to comply may result in a maximum fine of £30.00, and may have 3 points deducted from their total. Extenuating circumstances will be left to the judgement of the Management Committee.
- 10D6** Any club cancelling a fixture within 28 days **WILL** be fined £25.00. Thereafter each cancellation **could** carry a £50.00 fine and/or the loss of 3 points.
Any club cancelling a fixture within **seven (7) days** maybe fined **a maximum** £50 plus the cost of pitch fees, referee's fees and up to six (6) points deducted at the discretion of the management committee. **The match will be awarded to the opposing team with 3 points added to their total and a score line of 0 - 0 recorded.**
- 10D7** Sunday matches will kick-off at **10.30am (some matches will kick off at 10.00am to help with congestion at various venues). The Premier Division will kick off at 10.30am. all mid week fixtures will kick off at 6-15pm. Seven players (one of which must be a goalkeeper)** shall constitute a team. A team with less than seven players shall be deemed to be absent. In the event of a kick-off being delayed by the late arrival of a team or team members, the team may be fined as follows; delay of 5 – 15 minutes £5.00, delay of 16 - 30 minutes £10.00 fine. Extenuating circumstances will be left to the judgement of the Management Committee.
- 10D8** All clubs may be fined £5.00 for each player absent at the time of kick-off (excluding substitutes). Should a team have less than Seven players ready for kick-off then the Referee shall have the option of delaying the kick-off, which will be no later than 11.00am. The Referee may rule, that a team that has not arrived by 11.00am may be deemed to have cancelled the match. Fines to be imposed as per Rule 10D6 and/or 10D7. The Management Committee shall deal with matches deemed abandoned. In adverse weather conditions kick off times may be delayed 30 minutes at the discretion of the referee. Clubs to adhere to referee's decision.

- 10D9** The AWAY club shall pay the official(s) their fee(s) and expenses **BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME** unless the referee agrees otherwise. Any team refusing to pay the match official(s) may be liable to an administrative charge if there is a cost involved to the PSMFL covering the official(s) fee(s). If no other registered referee is available to officiate. The game will be postponed.
- 10D10** In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances beyond which clubs have no control, (eg. weather and pitch conditions), the match official, if present, shall be entitled to **£12-50, which will be reimbursed, upon application to the PSMFL committee**. Where a match is not played, owing to one club being in default, that club shall pay the official his full fee as ordered by the Management Committee.
- 10D11** Any matches cancelled or abandoned because of circumstances over which both clubs have no control, (eg. Weather and pitch condition) it is the HOME clubs responsibility to notify the opposition and the PSMFL Fixture Secretary of the cancellation. Failure to do so may result in a fine of £10.00.
- 10D12** No friendly matches are to be arranged after the commencement of the season without the prior consent of the PSMFL Fixture Secretary. Defaulting clubs may be liable to a fine of £10.00.
- 10D13** The PSMFL Fixture Secretary shall arrange mid-week games.
- 10D14** All Clubs under suspension by the PSMFL or County FA must have had their suspension cleared by **9 p.m.** on the **Wednesday** prior to the fixture. If not cleared by this time the PSMFL Fixture Secretary may cancel and re-arrange the forthcoming fixtures. An e-mail issued by the relevant county **MUST** be received by the PSMFL secretary at least 48 hours prior to the fixture being played.
- 10D15** Any club taking part in any County FA or PFA competition must notify their opponents and the PSMFL Fixture Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the fixture. Defaulting clubs may be liable to a £10.00 fine.
- 10D16** The half time interval shall be no longer than **ten minutes**. This may only be altered with the consent of the match Referee.
- 10D17** Council pitches will be booked by the Pitch Co-ordinator for club(s) requiring them. It is the responsibility of the club(s) to send payment for the pitches used. This must be received on or before the date shown on the invoice. Failure to pay by this date may result in suspension and a fine of £10.00. Non-payment of pitch fees could leave the Club without a pitch to play on. Any additional costs incurred by the PSMFL are the liability of the offending club. No further pitches will be booked on behalf of any infringing club.
- All cheques shall be made payable to 'PSMFL'.**
Payments to be sent to the Pitch Co-ordinator.
- NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER PITCH FEES MAY BE LIABLE TO RISE EACH SEASON.**
- 10E** All Clubs shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition. (Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs **MUST** field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine).
- 10F** Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a club failing to play the fixture **Rule 10D6 applies**. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
- 10G** A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the laws of the game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players. The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.
- 10 H** 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 member(s) they shall be empowered to *award the points for the match to the opponents and take what other action deems necessary*. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of **both 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 upon receipt of findings.
- 10 I** If a club is suspended by the parent county more than once in the season the Committee may fine the club **£50**

- 10 J** Any club withdrawing from the league after the season has commenced will have their records expunged.
- 10K** *The League shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the League management committee.*
The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain's armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates.
Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating teams to offer 'three cheers' and handshakes to the opposing team after the match

11 REPORTING RESULTS (TEAM AND RESULTS SHEETS)

- 11A** Notice of the result of each match together with the full names of competing players, the Referee and his marks, shall be sent on the official result/team sheet by each club to reach the Results Secretary by first post on the Thursday following the game (for mid-week games within 4 working days). Any clubs submitting an incorrect/incomplete result/team sheet will be liable to a fine of £10.00.
Defaulting clubs will be liable to a fine of £10.
- 11B** The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action, as they deem suitable against a Club, which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.
- 11C** Result/Team sheets (4 copies) containing full names (BLOCK CAPITALS) and signatures of players, the name of whomever is in charge and their position, and the Referee's name, must be completed, **on the match day**. Complete the team sheet prior to the game and hand the top **yellow copy to the referee**. Complete the remainder of the sheet after the match together with the scorers and send the **blue copy to the results secretary**. Give the **Green copy** to your opponents and keep the **white copy** for your files. The name against a number must match the shirt number they wear. Defaulting clubs may be fined £10.00. Any player arriving after the kick-off and is named on the team sheet, shall sign the sheet(s) at half time. A player failing to sign the team sheet(s) may be deemed an illegal player for this game. A player, who does not turn up to play and is named on the team sheet, must have his name crossed out.
- 11D** Any club marking a Referee fifty (50) marks or less must send a covering letter to the PSMFL Secretary as to the reasons for this mark, the Club Secretary should forward this only. If no letter is received within 7 days upgraded marks will be given. Failure to supply a letter will incur a fine of £10.00.
- 11E** All clubs will ensure that results of PSMFL, PSMFL Cup, P.F.A. Cup, County Cups, postponed (on the day) and abandoned matches are telephoned to the Telephone Result Secretary or nominated person(s), on the day of the match before **1-30pm** (9.00pm for evening matches). Be prepared with the result, club name and opposition, goals for and against and name of your scorer(s). Be prepared to talk to an answering machine, be brief, and remember there are other clubs waiting to get through. Failure to telephone in a result in the allotted time will result in the club being fined £10.00.
- 11F** **ANY CLUBS FOUND GUILTY OF FALSIFYING TEAM / RESULT SHEETS IN ANY WAY (I.E. PLAYERS SIGNATURE ETC), WILL BE FINED £30.00**
PSMFL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE CONTACTED AFTER 9.30pm.

12 DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

POINTS TO DETERMINE PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 12A** **Team rankings within the Competition with 3 Points for a Win- 1 Point for a Draw- 0 Points for a Loss.** The Clubs gaining the highest number of points in the respective Division at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. In the event of a tie, team rankings may be decided by 1). goal difference, 2). goals scored, 3). goal average shall decide. Matches must not be played for double points.
- 12B** Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first and last teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1E, should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

- (i) *Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated*
- (ii) *Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:*
 - (a) *retention of otherwise relegated team(s)*
 - (b) *additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below*
 - (c) *election*
- (iii) *The last 0 teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(1) above.*
- (iv) *When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.*
- (v) *Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.*

12B1 No two teams from one club shall compete in the same division of the PSMFL. When a Senior Team is relegated into a lower division in which its Reserve Team is competing, the Reserve Team shall be relegated to the next available lower division. This shall also apply to a Reserve Team being relegated into a division in which the club has an 'A' team competing. In the case of the Senior Team being relegated into the lower division, the Reserve Team will automatically retire from the competition. This shall also apply to any club having an 'A' team in the lowest division being replaced by its Reserve Team.

12C In the case of clubs entering a Reserve team or subsequent team(s), **it will NOT be permitted to play more than a maximum of TWO (2) players, who have played in more than TWO (2) consecutive games (including cups), from a higher ranked team. The players selected will continue to be classed as higher rank team players until they have completed 3 consecutive appearances for the lower ranked team when they will be re-classed as members of the lower ranked team. This ruling will also apply at the end of the season, should the higher ranked team complete its fixtures first. Under no circumstances will a player be able to play for TWO (2) different teams in any of the PSMFL or PFA Cup competition. The use of a player who is ineligible under this Rule will be dealt with under Rule 8. In the event of a club cancelling a fixture, they will be required to play the Senior team(s) match (es)..** The use of a player who is ineligible under this Rule will be dealt with under Rule 8. In the event of a club cancelling a fixture, they will be required to play the Senior team(s) match (es).

12D Peterborough Football Association Cups

All Clubs of our League will be entered into the P.F.A.Sunday Cup Competitions.

Entry is now mandatory and any such Cup games will be included in the new Match Based Suspension system.

Full details will be provided by the P.F.A. at the commencement of each season

13 REFEREES' AND ASSISTANT REFEREE'S

- 13A** The League will endeavour to provide registered referees for all matches. If a fixture cannot be covered by a registered referee the Home team will be notified by 8.30pm on the Wednesday preceding the match. The HOME team must then liaise with the AWAY team and if possible find a suitable referee. This person may not necessarily be a registered referee but, both team managers, or their deputies must agree to this person officiating in the match. Club managers or their deputies must remind this person that he/she takes on the role of a registered referee particularly regarding a duty of care to the players eg. pitch inspection prior to the match. This person will have all the authority of a qualified registered referee and if he/she has fulfilled his/her duty of care to the players then he/she would be covered by the Public Liability Insurance of the County FA. Should neither team agree to provide an official then the Home team must notify the Pitch Co-ordinator by 12 noon Thursday.
- 13B** The appointed Referee or a qualified local Referee on his behalf, shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and his decision shall be final, subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.
- 13C** Referee's should try and ensure that games kick off at the appointed time. The Referee shall report clubs in default of any of the rules of the PSMFL to the Referee's secretary.
- 13D** Where a Referee is provided the AWAY team will be responsible for paying the fee **BEFORE** the match. The fee for all Referees shall be **£25.00 per match**, with no claim by Referee's for expenses. A Referee travelling more than 20 miles in total can claim expenses at 35p per mile (full journey) for all additional mileage incurred in excess of 20 miles. **The PSMFL on submission of a claim from the Official will cover the fee for such mileage.**
- 13E** All clubs to supply an Assistant Referee at the start of play or a fine of £10.00 may be imposed.
- 13F** A Referee failing to keep his/her appointment and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his/her non-appearance to the Referee's Secretary, will be reported to his/her County FA
- 13G** 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 kick-off to the (Referee's) Secretary within two days of the match.
- 13H** In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Official(s), if present, shall be entitled to fee as explained in **Rule 10D10**. When a match is not played, due to one Club being in default. That Club shall be ordered to pay the Official(s), if they have attended at the ground, their full fee and expenses.
- 13I** Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with, as the Management Committee shall determine.
- 13J** The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Association.
Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

14 CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB

- 14A** All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the **Registration** Secretary by **1st May (Fines as per rule 2G)**.
- 14B** A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting/arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **£200.00** per team and. This fine will be on a sliding scale of **£20.00** per month dependant on how many fixtures are left to be played.

14C Any club that has two teams competing in the PSMFL, it shall be the most junior team that retires from the competition should that club wish to withdraw one of its teams.

14D When a Club withdraws from the PSMFL, its players are free to register with a new Club once all personal outstanding PSMFL, club **and relevant County fines** have been paid. Any player having played in a previous Cup competition relating to this PSMFL, shall be Cup-tied for that competition during the season in which the Club has withdrawn.

The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than the **1st June nor later than 15th June** or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than **30th June**, the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.

In the event of a Member Club, which 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 that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which will apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order

15 PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DEPOSITS RELATING TO PITCHES AND PLAYERS

15A All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretation of these Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee. But the Committee shall entertain no objection relative to the dimensions of the ground, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances of the ground unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any club lodging such protest with the Referee and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Committee. Protests and complaints, which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded, must be lodged in writing in duplicate with the PSMFL Secretary within **SEVEN** days of the match or occurrence to which they refer (Sunday not included). No objection or protest shall be withdrawn except by permission of the Committee, members of either club shall not be present when such objections or protests are being considered (except as a witness or representative of his club).

15B The Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16 shall refer any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition for determination. The Management Committee shall consider no protest of whatever kind unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of **£10.00**. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. 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.

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 **7 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.

15C Any dispute occurring between clubs in the PSMFL shall be referred to arbitration of the Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties.

15D Parties **who have** a protest or complaint (**once the deposit has been received**) shall be given the opportunity of making a statement when the complaint/protest is being heard, and where possible, shall receive **SEVEN** days notice of such a meeting, together with a copy of the complaint/protest. The Committee shall take into consideration any information, which properly used, might have avoided the protest/complaint.

16 PROTEST AND COMPLAINTS

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. 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.

16B Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Northamptonshire Football Association, including a fee of £20.00 for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. 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.

16C All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £10 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

17 EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17A. At a 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.

17B At an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting 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.

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, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

17D Any Club or Team failing to complete **ALL** of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

18 TROPHIES

18A Trophy holders are to return their Trophies by the **31st March** to any Committee Member, or a fine of **£25.00** will be imposed. The PSMFL will annually insure the following Trophies; **The Barry Gaunt Cup, Hereward Cup, McCain Cup, Ken Hodges Cup, Tony Northwood Cup, Dave Bennett Committee Person of the Year award, Club Secretary of the Year, Referee of the Year, the Most Sporting Team of the Year and each Divisional Shield.** The PSMFL will meet the cost of the annual insurance, but clubs should have their own insurance. **Any club or trophy holder leaving the PSMFL will return trophy/trophies to the PSMFL Secretary immediately.**
Clubs will be required to reimburse, at cost price, the loss or any repairs to any trophies whilst in their charge.

18B Any team winning a PSMFL or Runners-Up trophy will not receive such trophies if their PSMFL programme has not been completed. Exception from this Rule may apply if; Weather conditions do not permit the season to be completed. Any Club refusing to play a team in contention for a medal position and cause such a side not to complete their fixtures, the Management Committee may deem, that this being no fault of the Club involved, the trophies be awarded as to their position in the PSMFL without their team completing their PSMFL programme. Any other circumstances are brought to the attention of the Management Committee for consideration.

- 18C** Cup Finals will be played on a date and at a venue as chosen by the Management Committee. The PSMFL will provide **SIXTEEN (16)** of the individual Winners and Runners Up awards. The Management Committee upon written request (by the Club Secretary only) to the PSMFL Secretary will consider any additional requirements.

TROPHY: - LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.

- 18D** A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition were discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

An agreement will be issued by the PSML upon club receiving award(s)

19 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 19** Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least **7 days** notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such 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. Not less than **7 days'** notice shall be given of any Meeting.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall/may be fined £20.00.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

20 ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association, 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. 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 1st April in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 14th May and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st May. 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 if 51% [a majority] of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

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 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.

21 RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

- 21** 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. Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

22 FINANCE

- 22A** The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial Institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

- 22B** All expenditure in excess of £50.00 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

22C The financial year of the Competition will end on 1st April.

22D The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

23 CHILDREN'S WELFARE

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. Upon receipt by The Association of:
 - 3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or
 - 3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or
 - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
 - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
 - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
 - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.
7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.

APPENDIX A PSMFL CUP COMPETITION RULES (Excluding The P.F.A. Cup)

- App CUP 1** See Rule 11a
- App CUP 2** The entrance fee is **£5.00** per team.
- App CUP 3** In **ALL** Cup matches including Semi-Finals, **ALL expenses are to be shared equally between both clubs.**
Referee and Assistant Referee's fees for Semi-Finals are;
HEREWARD CUP/McCAINS CUP **£25.00/£12.00**
- App CUP 4** Any team playing an unregistered player or otherwise ineligible player will be fined £30.00 and will be struck out of the Competition. It is illegal for a player to play for more than one club in a Cup competition. The Management Committee shall have the power to decide any questions as to the eligibility of the player(s). If a false result/team sheet has been submitted, the Committee may at their discretion, order the replaying of any match in which an ineligible player(s) took part.
ANY CLUBS FOUND GUILTY OF FALSIFYING TEAM / RESULT SHEETS IN ANY WAY (I.E. PLAYERS SIGNATURE ETC), WILL BE FINED £30.00
- App CUP 5** In all Cup matches that result in a draw, **an extra 30 minutes must be played.** Thereafter if the game is still drawn then the result will be decided by **5 penalty kicks**, in accordance with FA Rules. In the event of the score being level at the end of the 5 penalties being taken, then it shall be decided by sudden death penalties. If for any reason a Cup match is postponed or abandoned, then it must be replayed within **14 (Fourteen)** days (unless County or P.F.A Cup matches have been arranged. Any club cancelling a cup match within seven (7) days may have the fixture awarded to the opposing team.
- App CUP 6** A player must be registered by the club with the league registration secretary a minimum of 14 days prior to the cup game before being eligible to take part in any of the PSMFL cup competitions
- App CUP 7** **For the FINAL - No player** shall be allowed to play unless he has played in **one previous Cup round for his club.** In exceptional circumstances, special sanction may be given for a player who does not satisfy the above noted conditions. Requests for special sanctions must be made in writing to the PSMFL Secretary and approval will require the consent of an emergency Committee, consisting of at least Five (5) PSMFL Officers.
- App CUP 8** **THREE** substitutes are allowed from five (5) named.
- App CUP 9** Players will only be allowed to play in one PSMFL cup competition. (**PSMFL cup competitions are Hereward Cup and McCain Cup**). Once **any** player has taken part one competition that player is **cup tied** and **will not** be allowed to take part in the other one.
The PSMFL committee may decide to run a supplementary cup. Team and player eligibility will be at the PSMFL committee's discretion.
- App CUP 10** PSMFL Cup tie dates will be arranged by the Management Committee. Semi-Final and Final ties will be played on neutral pitches.
- App CUP 11** HOME teams must notify the opposing club of venue, colours, and kick-off time, etc. by 9.00pm on the preceding Wednesday. Failure to do so may result in a minimum £10.00 fine. Any team experiencing problems in contacting the opposing club should contact the PSMFL Secretary.
Home teams using council pitches booked by the Pitch Co-ordinator will be advised of the venue and it is then the responsibility of the home team to notify their opponents of the venue.
Note: Home clubs with private pitches must adhere to Rule CUP 10
In the event of two clubs, in the opinion of the Referee, having the same or similar colours the first draw team shall change. Any Club delaying the kick-off by not having a change of strip may be fined £10.00.
- App CUP 12** All teams will play on or before the drawn dates (**County or P.F.A. ties take preference**). Failure to do so may result in a £30.00 fine and/or removal from the Competition.
- App CUP 13** Council pitches will be booked by the Peterborough Sunday Morning Football League's Pitch Co-ordinator for clubs requiring them. **It is the responsibility of the club(s) to send payment for the pitches used.** This must be received on or before the date on the invoice. **Failure to pay by this date may result in immediate suspension until payment and a fine of £10.00 is paid, and could leave the Club without a pitch to play on.** Any additional costs incurred by the PSMFL are the liability of the offending club. No further pitches will be booked on behalf of any infringing club.

All cheques shall be made payable to 'PSMFL'.
Payments to be sent to the Pitch Co-ordinator.

PSMFL LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS / RUNNERS-UP

		WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Premier	2010/11	Lord Westwood	Netherton Utd
	2009/10	Netherton Utd	Coates Athletic
	2008/09	Racing 252	Netherton Utd
	2007/08	Jubilee North End	Netherton Utd
	2006/07	Jubilee North End	Netherton Utd
	2005/06	Royal Oak	Lord Westwood
	2004/05	Royal Oak	Jubilee North End
	2003/04	AMP Royal Oak	Nags Head
	2002/03	Nags Head	AMP Royal Oak
	2001/02	Amp Royal Oak	Racing 252
	2000/01	Nags Head	SJC Triangle
	1999/2000	Johnny Byrnes	Nags Head
	1998/99	Peter Pan	Johnny Byrnes
	1997/98	Golden Lion	McCain
	Division 1	2010/11	Premier Decorators
2009/10		Parkway	Deeping Athletic
2008/09		SSPIO	Cherry Tree
2007/08		Lime Tree UTR	EMAP FC
2006/07		Fratelli	McCains
2005/06		Powerleague	Woodston Dynamo's Seniors
2004/05		Lime Tree UTR	Chequers
2003/04		Racing 252 Res	Yaxley Horseshoes
2002/03		Three Horseshoes (Werr)	Fitzjohn Ingle
2001/02		Direct Power	Netherton
2000/01		S&D The Bell	Thomas Cook
1999/2000		Racing 252	Newham Athletic
1998/99		AMP Royal Oak	Whittlesey Rovers
1997/98		Hand & Heart	Thomas Cook
Division 2		2010/11	Hampton Sports
	2009/10	Gunthorpe Hotspurs	Farcet Utd
	2008/09	Blue Boar Rangers	Netherton Utd Res
	2007/08	Cherry Tree	Parkway
	2006/07	Lord Burghley	Brewery Tap
	2005/06	Deeping Athletic	Fratelli
	2004/05	Woodston Dynamo's Snrs	Combico UK
	2003/04	REC Whittlesey	McCain
	2002/03	Blue Boar Rangers	AFC Crowland
	2001/02	The Woodston	Premier Decorators
	2000/01	Netherton	SJC Hytek
	1999/2000	Fayrespot Raiders	S & D Bookmakers
	1998/99	Racing 252	McCain Res
	1997/98	AMP Royal Oak	Redring Electric
	Division 3	2010/11	Cresset
2009/10		Werrington Rangers	Farcet Utd Res
2008/09		Goldhay Rangers	Brotherhood Works
2007/08		Thomas Cook	Riley's Court Snooker
2006/07		Royal Mail AYL	Fitzjohn & Ingle
2005/06		Parkside	Star Inn
2004/05		The Shoes	Deeping Athletic
2003/04		West Town	Powerleague
2002/03		REC Whittlesey	Lime Tree UTR
2001/02		The Cherry Tree	Blue Boar Rangers
2000/01		Blackstones	Brotherhood Works
1999/2000		The Rose Inn	Fenland Property M
1998/99		Northfields	Posh Pub
1997/98		Fitzjohn Ingle	Fayrespot
1998/99		S & D Bookmakers	Pathbeam
1997/98	Northfields	Red Lion	

The following Divisions are not at present being contested

Division 4	2006/07	Protelo	Farcet Utd Res	
	2005/06	Lime Tree UTR Res	Brewery Tap	
	2004/05	Werrington Village	Brotherhood Works	
	2003/04	Peterborough N E	Tente Castors	
	2002/03	Fitzjohn Ingle Res.	West Town	
	2001/02	Horse & Groom	Sawtry	
	2000/01	Half Moon	Cherry Tree	
	1999/00	Premier Decs	McCain "A"	
	Division 5	2003/04	Farcet Res	Angel Inn
		2002/03	Thomas Cook	Star Inn
2001/02		Deeping Athletic Res	Amp Royal Oak Res	
2000/01		Horse & Groom	Royal Mail	
1999/2000		Angel Inn	Great Gidding	
1998/99		Fitzjohn Ingle Res	The Rose Inn	
1997/98		S & D Bookmakers	Hungry Horse	
Division 6	2001/02	Bermuda Triangle	Casworth United	
	2000/01	Amp Royal Oak Res	Deeping Athletic Res	
	1999/2000	The Triangle	Sawtry	
	1998/99	Ebeneezers	Hytek	
	1997/98	Ramblewood	Pathbeam	
Division 7	1999/2000	Blue Boar Rangers	Sovereign Engineering	

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Hereward	2010/11	Deeping Athletic	Coco's
	2009/10	Parkway	Deeping Athletic
	2008/09	Racing 252	Fratelli
	2007/08	Jubilee NE	Netherton
	2006/07	Netherton	Woodston Dynamo's
	2005/06	Royal Oak	Jubilee North End
	2004/05	Royal Oak	Jubilee North End
	2003/04	AMP Royal Oak	Bretton N E
	2002/03	Nags Head	Silver Jubilee
	2001/02	Nags Head	S&D The Bell
	2000/01	Nags Head	AMP Royal Oak
	1999/2000	Peter Pan	AMP Royal Oak
	1998/99	Peter Pan	Johnny Byrnes
	1997/98	Peter Pan	Itter Park
McCains	2010/11	Cresset	West Town
	2009/10	Final not contested due to one of the final teams administration irregularities	
	2008/09	Werrington Village	Rileys Snooker
	2007/08	Parkway	Netherton Res
	2006/07	Brotherhoods Works	Fitzjohn & Ingle
	2005/06	Lime Tree UTR Res	Netherton Res
	2004/05	Not Contested	
	2003/04	REC Whittlesey	West Town
	2002/03	REC Whittlesey	Blue Boar Rangers
	2001/02	The Woodston	Great Gidding
	2000/01	Blue Boar	SJC Hytek
	1999/2000	The Rose Inn	McCain "A"
	1998/99	Northfields	Fayrespot Raiders
	1997/98	AMP Royal Oak	Serco

The following cup competitions are no longer competed for

Fusion Junior	2004/05	Royal Mail AYL	Lime Tree UTR
Fusion Minor		Deeping Athletic	The Shoes
Premier Kitchens & Bedrooms	2003/04	The Shoes	Fratelli
	2002/03	Fitzjohn Ingle Res	Brotherhoods Works
	2001/02	AMP Royal Oak Res	Ploughman
Shah Jehan	2000/01	Linden Tree UTR	Premier Dec Res
Vitas	1999/2000	Crown Ginton	Angel Inn
	1998/99	Direct Power	Great Gidding
	1997/98	Ramblewood	Hungry Horse