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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

CODE OF RUGBY

Everyone involved in Rugby in England, whether as a player, coach, referee, administrator, parent or spectator is expected to uphold the Core Values of our sport.

Teamwork

Respect

Enjoyment

Discipline

Sportsmanship

- ✓ Play to win – but not at all costs.
- ✓ Win with dignity, lose with grace.
- ✓ Observe the Laws and regulations of the game.
- ✓ Respect opponents, referees and all participants.
- ✓ Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs.
- ✓ Value volunteers and paid officials alike.
- ✓ Enjoy the game.

**THIS IS
RUGBY.**

Teamwork Respect Enjoyment Discipline Sportsmanship

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**FOREWORD BY JOHN HOLE, PRESIDENT,
SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD
2012–2013**

It is a great honour for me to be serving the second year of my term as County President. Last year I visited 21 clubs as well as many schools, colleges and universities.

This season I will be trying to visit as many of the remaining clubs as possible and I will be looking forward to meeting up with the many volunteers who are the lifeblood of our clubs.

I am always heartened by the organisation and commitment of the many volunteers at our clubs.

I offer my congratulations to the Clubs who were promoted from their Leagues, and to the winners of the County Cup and Vase Competitions, as detailed in the reports elsewhere in this Handbook

2012/13 will be an important year for rugby development in Somerset, as we move into an updated committee system, we still need to engage more with our clubs to ensure we are delivering what they want.

I am looking forward to the coming season, and I hope that everyone involved in the game remembers the RFU directive to uphold the Core Values of our sport –

Teamwork

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Discipline

Sportsmanship

*John Hole
SCRFU President 2012–2013*

**FOREWORD BY PAUL MURPHY, PRESIDENT,
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
2012–2013**

I am delighted to wish everyone involved with rugby in Somerset a very enjoyable 2012–13 season.

I have greatly enjoyed Somerset's renowned hospitality over the years and my county, Oxfordshire, has also been involved in some memorable matches against Somerset. Like many a county team we have encountered the battling spirit of the Somerset squad before enjoying the camaraderie for which you are famous.

Your hospitality has extended to international touring sides like the Wallabies, All Blacks and Springboks. It's also worth recalling that in 1924, as well as seizing the county title, the Somerset side that took on the mighty All Black Invincibles, unbeaten on their entire tour, managed to hold them to one of their tightest scores - a 6-0 victory. Later, in 1975, in combination with Gloucestershire, Somerset beat the Wallabies 21 – 15.

There's no doubting that, with such a rich rugby history and such fantastic work put in across the county to ensure that the game is in fine form and available to all who want to play and be involved, Somerset is a real rugby stronghold. I am sure that the current upscaling of our RFU staff infrastructure will help to ensure that your clubs are strengthened and enable the game to grow in their communities so that the demand created by Rugby World Cup 2015 can be absorbed.

I truly believe that we are now in a place where we can develop really competitive England teams, heading back to the top of the world game to showcase the sport. This will help create a strong commercial platform and brand in the lead up to the World Cup and beyond.

As sevens continues to develop, both at international level and throughout the game, we can also look forward to its inclusion in the Olympics in 2016. The ever increasing popularity of tag and touch will also help us all to grow rugby union.

I would like to thank your many marvellous volunteers for continuing to grow and serve the game in the county and to wish everyone a successful season as we look forward to hosting Rugby World Cup 2015 on home turf.



*Paul Murphy
RFU President*



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Nominations for Officers of the Union

Members and Honorary Secretaries are reminded that under the Bye-Laws of the RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION nominations for the Representative of the Somerset Clubs must be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the County before 1st March and that under the Rules of the Somerset County RFU Ltd. nominations for Officers must be received by 30th April.

RFU Rule 19 – Election of Constituent Body Representatives to the RFU Council

The election of representatives to the Council shall be made before 1 April each year. All candidates for election or re-election must be proposed by one and seconded by another club comprising the relevant Constituent Body including itself. Every nomination must be in writing and must be received by the Secretary of the Constituent Body by not later no later than 1 March.

Full details can be found on the RFU website at www.rfu.com (RFU Rule 19) and job and person specifications from the County Secretary.

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Rugby Development Partnership

A Bennett (Ch), P Box, B Malpass, T Adams, N Robins, J Wheatley & P Shepherd

Competitions

S Arnold (Ch), D Chalmers, E Cooper, D Smith, A Shorney, N Prince, A Derry

Discipline

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Bath Combination

S Mead, D Smith

Bristol Combination

S Arnold, P Box

ERCA

D Chalmers, A Shorney,

Referees Society

S Mead, D Smith

South West Mutual Benefit Fund

A Shorney, D Chalmers

Community Rugby

P Box, J Hole

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUB COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance

Produce a 3-year rolling County Strategic Plan consistent with the RFU's Plan and review it on an annual basis.

Establish and maintain an infrastructure for the organisation and management of SCRUFU member clubs under the RFU Rules and Regulations.

Assist the RFU in the delivery of the Game and the RFU's policies.

Support the collective and strategic aims of the RFU.

Support the organisation and administration of the Game including providing such expertise to the RFU Council, its Committees and Working Parties as may be required from time to time.

As far as possible, maintain and extend the number of clubs and individual members in membership of SCRUFU.

Provide support and all necessary representation to the RFU and other appropriate bodies and groups.

Provide adequate level of medical facilities at all SCRUFU representative matches and maintain a duty of care to all those who have been seriously injured.

Promote the Game at all levels by actively marketing the SCRUFU's activities, seeking out sponsorship and funding opportunities for SCRUFU and its member clubs.

Provide information and advice to SCRUFU member clubs and individual members on matters of mutual interest.

Provide seminars and forums to facilitate opportunities for all SCRUFU member clubs on matters affecting them.

Act as a communication channel between clubs, districts and the RFU particularly through the Council Member.

Develop links through the media.

Facilitate and encourage links with other recreation and leisure bodies.

Draw up annual budgets and establish budgetary control procedures.

Finance activities in compliance with RFU Regulations.

Competitions

Organise and manage, where appropriate, competitions including cups, leagues and merit tables for SCRUFU member clubs.

Discipline

Deal with disciplinary matters as delegated by the RFU.

Support and liaise with SCRUFU Referees Society and clubs where appropriate.

Rugby Development Partnership

Have responsibility for providing teams at all age levels for SCRUFU representative matches and to provide the ancillary services and organisation for the staging of those matches.

Encourage participation in and have responsibility for the development of players, at all age and ability levels, to their full potential.

Develop coaches, at all age and ability levels, to their full potential.

Encourage links with various target groups such as those with disabilities, those who are underprivileged for whatever reason and foster links with Women's Rugby and encourage its development.

Support the rugby playing and non rugby-playing schools as defined by the RFU within the SCRUFU area.

DISCIPLINE

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee deals with all disciplinary matters on behalf of the Management Committee under powers delegated by the R.F.U.

Club Secretaries and Match Officials are requested to familiarise themselves with the disciplinary procedures in the R.F.U. Handbook and to follow the regulations shown.

All clubs are required to appoint their own Club Discipline Committee.

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will meet as and when required to discharge its duties.

The administration charge for the current season in respect of cases arising is £50 and is payable **before** a case is heard. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee is empowered to levy discretionary fines for any breach or non-conformance with RFU Disciplinary procedures in addition to the administration charge.

It is required that all clubs should report the details of any sending-off, in line with the requirements of the RFU Disciplinary procedures, within 48 hours of the end of a match, to the County Disciplinary Secretary. Match Officials are also required to submit their clear formal reports to the County Disciplinary Secretary within 48 hours after the end of a match.

Both these requirements apply to **all** matches, including youth and junior games.

For information relating to 'Citings' refer to the R.F.U. Handbook. Any queries should be addressed in the first instance to the County Disciplinary Secretary.

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REPORTS ON 2011-2012 SEASON

COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Much of the content of the report has been provided by the Chairmen of the Committees and Sub-Committees we have in place within Somerset County Rugby Football Union and it is a testament to the dedication and expertise that volunteers, SCRUFU staff and RFU staff have to Rugby in the County. I would also like to express my thanks to them all not just for their contributions to the Annual Report but also the help, advice and support they have given to us all throughout the year.

Somerset Rugby could not make the progress it has on its own. Within the County we have a team of RFU staff who are second to none. Andy Blackmore, the Regional Rugby Development Manager and his RDO team of Jon Bendle and Julie Price with limited Community Rugby coaches (CRC's) work throughout the County at schools and clubs as well as with representative groups and work far and beyond their contractual duties. The expertise and enthusiasm that this

group demonstrate cannot but help encourage the development of rugby for the benefit of all. In addition Andy has provided the necessary support and advice to the committee in the preparation and completion of the RFU Planning, Funding and Reporting [PFR] template and subsequent plans which covers every aspect of rugby within the county.

To assist in the expected growth of the Game and to cater for the legacy which will follow the 2015 Rugby World Cup the RFU have employed 120 extra full time CRC's and these will be deployed across the country. The South West in particular will benefit more than most as we have had the leanest cut of the current coaches. These welcome extras will work under the control and supervision of Julie and Jon.

The 2011-12 season finished on time and probably for the first time in the Leagues there was no relegation whatsoever from Western Counties, the level at which the majority of clubs currently play. This was a result of the three bottom clubs in that league coming from Gloucestershire.

Taunton, now renamed Taunton Titans, picked up well following a sluggish start to the season to finish 11th in National League Two South.

Clevedon (3rd) and Oldfield OB's (5th) equipped themselves well in South West One West.

Congratulations go to the following clubs on their league success: -

North Petherton and Chard who have achieved promotion in consecutive seasons and will now both play in Tribute South West One West and to Avon and Wells for their advancement to Western Counties North.

Amazingly Old Reds 2nds, 3rds and 4th won their respective leagues despite although their 1st team dropped to SW1W! Wiveliscombe revert to Somerset Premier. The 2nd XV's of North Petherton, Avon, Chard and Burnham on Sea each move up a league.

In the Cups once again it is pleasing to note Wells' success in the National Cup at Level 7. Having travelled far and wide in the qualifying rounds they were rewarded with winning a well contested final at Twickenham 31-22 against the strong Yorkshire based outfit, Wath upon Dearne RFC. Having attended I can vouch it was a tremendous experience for the club, officials, players and even the Mayor!

Somerset Cup victory went to North Petherton courtesy of a penalty shoot out following a very close last minute long range dropped goal attempt. There was nothing to choose between the two sides with nine points apiece showing on the scoreboard at the end of full time. Petherton partied long into the night and by all accounts part of the morning as well!

In the Somerset Vase Final at Weston-super-Mare Gordano convincingly won the match 31-7 but their opponents, Old Bristolians, fought hard and provided spirited opposition throughout.

Now in their fifth year, the RFU President's XV Awards seek to identify and reward initiatives that promote the development of rugby at a grassroots level. The winning club in each of the 15 categories receives £500, with two highly commended projects in each category receiving £100 for their club. The categories cover a range of areas from recruiting volunteers, referees and coaches to developing facilities and increasing the number of women and girls playing rugby but all entrants must demonstrate outstanding contribution to the development of

grassroots rugby through innovative methods and creative thinking. For the second year running Castle Cary RFC received an award for their new clubhouse facility.

On the subject of rewards Mike Garland, Bristol Barbarians RFC, was chosen as this season's 'Value the Volunteer' and thoroughly enjoyed his weekend at Twickenham for the Ireland match and post match dinner with the teams hosted by the RFU President, Willie Wildash.

There is now, more than ever, a need to look forward. As always we should look back at the experiences of yesterday to use today to plan for tomorrow. RWC 2015 will be with us soon and will provide an opportunity for Clubs and schools to entice a new audience into rugby. The seeds for this are already being sown. New initiatives, the recent integration on 1 July of the Women's Rugby Football Union into the RFU, the 7's game and the several other variants of the game are all being pursued with vigour to provide the platform for the plans for RWC 2015 when not only will the competition be held in England but we will have matches in the region. It is important we embrace RWC 2015 now so that we are an integral part of the preparations that will involve many organisations other than SCRUFU.

The coming year will also be one where the RFU's PFR system of funding assumes even greater importance. Our content, delivery and evaluation will determine our funding from the RFU rather than the previous system. The groundwork we have already put into our present PFR will stand us in good stead for ensuring we subsequently submit plans that potentially increases our funding from the RFU.

Next season will see a number of Law changes to the senior game and a set of revised Rule changes for younger players at Under 7, 8, 9 and 11 years of age. There are also modifications to other age-grade Regulations. The new regulations and guidance have been revised in order to assist in developing children and young players in the most appropriate and safest way, with long term development and retention being the ultimate aim.

In League rugby at Level 5 and below 'rolling substitutes' will be permitted with the number of player interchanges dependant on the number of replacements allowed.

All of these changes can be found at www.rfu.com

I also believe that we will continue to set in place succession schemes that are going to provide us with the leaders of the future in Club and County Rugby. There are platforms for the training of people in the skills and knowledge necessary for sustaining and developing rugby and we will seek to encourage more Clubs to enrol more potential leaders on this programme. It is something we all in rugby at least suffer from - when looking around for someone to do that bit extra, or fill a position, and can't always find that someone.

Nationally, the turmoil witnessed at Headquarters this time last year has subsided and the recommendations of the 'Slaughter and May' review into Corporate Governance are being considered. There will be consultation in the process and a Project Manager, Simon Johnson, has been recently employed to work with the Corporate Governance Steering Group to project manage the consultation on the recommendations with the Game and stakeholders. The aim will be to complete this consultation during the second half of 2012 and to present findings and conclusions to Council early in 2013. Obviously the implementation of any changes will need to be approved by Council and any necessary rule changes

introduced at the AGM in 2013.

It is important, in order for me to represent you properly, that I know the clubs' views on the important issues that are facing the game at the present time. So, if your club has a point of view, please give me a call on 01275 543227.

The year was tinged with sadness by the sudden passing of Brian Saunders at the age of 71 in April. Brian, who was in his 50th year of involvement in Somerset rugby was one of life's gentlemen and was liked by all who came in contact with him, evidenced by a packed Crematorium at Weston-super-Mare. He will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank Jon Whittock for initially chairing the Committee of Management and Des Chalmers for taking up the reigns when Jon was no longer able to. I would also like to thank President John Hole and the other Officers and members of the Committee for their advice and assistance over the year and for giving up much of their leisure time (still free of charge!). On behalf of the Committee and all the clubs, I would also like to thank the Referees Society and its members for all the dedication and hard work that they have put in during the past season. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their support to the Union which is vital in the ever changing times that we are experiencing.

Finally, looking forward is exactly what we should and will be doing to ensure the continuing success and development of Somerset rugby.

*Andy Shorney
County Secretary*

RENAULT SOMERSET CUP REPORT 2011-2012

The switch to a opt in system of entry has proved a success. This season's cup had 12 of the top 16 enter with 100% of the matches played. The two semi finals saw record crowds, and the first competitive match between neighbors Bridgwater & Albion and North Petherton. North Petherton went on to win the cup for the first time in the clubs history. A thank you must go to Renault who sponsored the cup this season.

I would like to thank Bridgwater & Albion RFC. For hosting the two semi finals, and Weston-Super-Mare RFC for hosting the final. I would like to thank Somerset Referee's Society for there assistance in refereeing the games, and making the arrangements for the Devon & Cornwall Society's to take charge in the finals.

A special thanks to all those on the Competitions sub committee for all your support this season.

*Steve Arnold
Competitions Chairman*

SCRFU DISCIPLINE REPORT 2011-2012

The trend towards better discipline last year is ongoing, with the 83 cases considered only marginally higher than last year. This is still proportionately higher than some other larger counties but demonstrates the messages sent out have been heeded. Our thanks to the clubs, who have continued to take a pro-active role in handling discipline matters and we were again able to consider more cases

by post as clubs follow our guidelines and the proper procedures.

We remain concerned about the rising number of disciplinary offences arising from youth rugby, which were the main reason for the increase and we will again pursue these vigorously during the coming season in line with RFU Policy particularly with regard to verbal and physical abuse of referees, and behaviour of players, coaches and spectators both on and off the field.

I would again like to thank the clubs involved for their hard work and co-operation this season and in particular their understanding in travelling up to Keynsham for personal hearings where necessary. I hope we can return to region hearings next season to reduce travelling. At this point I thank the members of our Discipline Panel for their considerable support, help and understanding.

Steve Mead
SCRFU Discipline Secretary

CLUB DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2011-2012

"As I approach the year 2 mark of being Rugby Development Officer (RDO) for Somerset I feel I am getting to grips with rugby in the county but still have lots to learn and importantly lots to help develop. It is fantastic to see so many clubs offering such positive playing experiences for their players by working hard in areas such as facility development, coach education, volunteer reward/recognition and touch rugby. I look forward to year 3 and continuing to work with clubs and Somerset RFU to further improve and grow the rugby in this fantastic county. Please continue to contact me and request support as that's what I'm here for."

Julie Price julieprice@rfu.com 07889 601 018

Accreditation

This year has seen Seal of Approval replaced by Accreditation and Somerset clubs have embraced the opportunity to gain the award. The process involves a club checking themselves against a number of criteria which represent basic standards a club should have in place eg Has an RFU trained Safeguarding Officer who follows RFU CRB requirements and ensures the club has a safeguarding policy. Through liaising with the RDO the club can tick off the criteria, or put in place some actions to meet the criteria in the near future. It is a very simple process as Viv, secretary at Castle Cary describes; "The guidelines are helpful in giving you assistance with implementing procedures and practices that help you to run your rugby club in an orderly and compliant manner. It's certainly helped us in many areas. If your club is already running well, the scheme is not onerous at all to implement".

Frome, Yatton and Gordano received it automatically in recognition of the huge amount of work they had completed to gain Whole Club Seal of Approval. Castle Cary, Winscombe, Walcot and Oldfield Old Boys have just been signed off with Nailsea & Backwell and Ivel booked in. Please can clubs get in touch if they would like to complete Accreditation.

Club Cluster meetings

Somerset RFU and RFU professional staff have worked hard this year to establish Club Cluster Meetings in 3 geographic areas of the county. Somerset is a large county and although there is huge benefit in bringing everyone together it is not always practical. This year the Clubs Conference is not going ahead but is in the

diary for next year when there will be lots of new ways clubs can gain support.

The 3 Clusters are 'North & West' (M5 corridor which covers some of my patch and some of Jon Bendle's), 'BANES ' and 'South & Central'. Neil Loader will also be establishing a cluster for Bristol-based Somerset clubs. Included in this handbook is a timetable of the forthcoming seasons dates to give you as much notice as possible. The agenda's will be confirmed nearer to the time to include 'of-the-moment' content in order for clubs to make the most of the meetings.

New Community Rugby Coach's (CRC's)

As you may have heard Somerset is gaining 2 new Community Rugby Coach's in addition to 12 more positions across the South West. The RFU fully-funded posts will be in BANES and the North & West cluster. The CRC's will be available to support clubs in a range of ways eg Player development/recruitment/retention, Touch rugby, Coach education, school/college/university links. From September onwards clubs will be offered the services of the CRC. Please get in touch if you have a particular need you would like addressing asap.

Touch

Touch rugby is being driven across the country by the RFU, Constituent Bodies and volunteers because the benefits to rugby this variant of the game can offer are HUGE! Following the offer to all Somerset clubs to become O2 Touch clubs the following have taken up the opportunity and are just starting summer programs: Yatton, Winscombe, Wells, Frome, Crewkerne, Castle Cary, Keynsham, Walcot, Stothert. Touch can offer bar income in the closed season, an opportunity for current players to stay fit and involved in the club over the summer, a chance for new players to try rugby in a non-threatening environment, a way to recruit females into the game plus new volunteers who have enjoyed Touch and want to give something back. Its not too late for your club to get involved so get in Touch (excuse the pun!).

Planning, Funding & Reporting (PFR)

The RFU professional staff have worked closely this season with SRFU volunteers to deliver this seasons 11/12 PFR document and to write the plan for 12/13. This new way for constituent bodies to access funding involves each county writing a plan, very similar to the Club Development Plan and submitting it for approval to the RFU. The allocation of funds is based on whether the plan reflects and addresses the needs of the clubs in the county across the spectrum of rugby development eg Coaching, Senior Playing, Safeguarding, Player Development, Competitions, Discipline, Admin & Governance etc.

In September clubs were invited to a consultation in order for the county to gather clubs thoughts and ideas on how the money should be spent. The 12/13 plan has been directly influenced by this consultation.

The current 11/12 plan has offered an opportunity for EVERY club in the county to benefit eg subsidised Scrum Factory courses and the more general Recruitment & Retention fund which clubs have applied to for various projects.

Somerset Rugby Development Newsletter

With 13 two page newsletters (and 1 three-pager!) having been printed so far, the newsletter provides clubs with bite-size chunks of information that may be of interest. Amongst the news items is the regular 'Club Feature' which allows

you to know what is working for other Somerset clubs; recruitment drives, social events, money-making projects, anything that is worth sharing because it could make a difference at your club. Directed at senior and junior sections the key to the newsletter is using it as a single point of communication and so anyone related to rugby in the county is free to send information in and if it is deemed of interest to other clubs it will be published. To get on the mailing list and receive it monthly please E: ME.

Somerset Cluster Meeting Timetable 2012/13

	Cluster meeting 1	Cluster meeting 2	Clubs Conference – Sunday 28th April	SRFU AGM – June/July
South Bristol Somerset Cluster	Wed 26th Sep 7-9pm	Wed 16th Jan 7-9pm		
North & West Somerset Cluster	Wed 12th Sep 7-9pm	Wed 16th Jan 7-9pm		
Bath & North East Somerset Cluster	Wed 3rd Oct 7-9pm	Wed 23rd Jan 7-9pm		
South & Central Somerset Cluster	Wed 26th Sep 7-9pm	Wed 30th Jan 7-9pm		

- Cluster Club meetings take place at a central venue eg North & West Somerset; North Petherton RFC
- Agenda will be devised closer to the time based on NEED of clubs and could include:

Facilities & Funding, Refereeing, Women & Girls, Safeguarding, Committee role-holder training, Schools – club & school/FE/HE link, Somerset RFU – structure, divisional reps, PFR etc, Volunteering, Competitions, Club Development – WCD Workshop, Accreditation, Student rugby, Sport England.

South & Central Somerset Cluster	North & West Somerset Cluster	Bath & North East Somerset Cluster	South Bristol Somerset Cluster
Martock	North Petherton	Avon	Bristol Barbarians
Chard	Bridgwater	Bath	Bristol Harlequins
Crewkerne	Morganians	Bath Old Edwardians	Imperial
Tor	Burnham-on-Sea	Bath Saracens	Old Redcliffians
Chew Valley	Minehead Barbarians	Combe Down	St Bernadettes
Cheddar	Taunton	Keynsham	St Brendans
Wells	Wellington	Midsomer Norton	Old Bristolians
Ivel	Wiveliscombe	Old Culverhaysians	Cotham Park ⁺
Somerton	Weston-Super-Mare	Old Sulians	Bristol Telephones ⁺
Wincanton	Winscombe	Oldfield Old Boys	Bristol Bisons ⁺

Castle Cary	Yatton	Stothert & Pitt	
	Hornets	Avonvale	
	Clevedon*	Walcot	
	Gordano*	Frome	
	Nailsea & Backwell*	University of Bath Spa	
		University of Bath	

* Clubs that are supported by the Somerset RDO but will get CRC support from the Bristol CRC.

+ Clubs that are Gloucestershire clubs that are South of the river in Bristol so form part of the Bristol RDOs South Bristol Cluster of clubs.

SENIOR RUGBY REPORT 2011-2012

It was the aim of the senior playing committee to improve on last season's new initiatives and continue to make playing for the county should you choose to a good experience and one that you want to return to and be proud of. Individual player aspirations are key to us as is the concept that playing for your county is an honour and achievable for all.

We hope that these aspirations keep players involved in rugby at every level.

The Saxons development team continued to be a major talent identification tool for our representative teams at senior level and under 20's.

This season there were more development fixtures involving 83 players, two thirds of those were new to representative rugby at senior level. Some were to be U20's representatives in the season ahead. We had the honour of playing against the Bristol combination team and this also gave us an excellent opportunity to see talent from the Bristol Clubs who are geographically able to play for Somerset. Our Easter Development day this season was held at Weston Super Mare RFC where players were given the opportunity to be coached in some skills sessions and subsequently play in an evening fixture for their county. This was a super day and the variety of clubs from all points of the compass were represented by their players admirably.

The opportunity and idea to hold fixtures in the South of the county and the North encouraged a feeling of a team being inclusive for all. The fixture against the Royal Naval Air Command at Taunton early in the season demonstrated this as well with players from the home club United team, Wellington and Frome combining with others.

Players came from FE establishments, military establishments and clubs within the county to play. Our aim was to find new ways to bring Rugby players to Somerset Rugby.

This was also achieved in our first season of senior ladies rugby where a strong Somerset side played an exciting game of rugby and encouraged participation of all who wanted to be involved.

It is very apparent that many players aspire to play for their county or just wish to be the best they can. We hope that the county is now opening doors for

players from all clubs and rugby avenues to play representative rugby or just be better challenging themselves in this way if they want to. Our development day encourages players to take the skills and ideas that are new to them or honed that day back to their respective clubs and use them in any way they choose.

Our senior county 1st XV played in the Bill Beaumont cup and beat local rivals Devon 33 points to 20 they lost away to Kent 28 – 32.

Both tremendously entertaining fixtures and both featured some outstanding rugby and rugby players. Details of all our senior fixtures can be found on the county website.

The senior team was again very proud to have 8 new players that have come through the Saxons team and development day earlier in the season.

Richard Muskett & Ollie Streeter both Burnham on Sea RFC , Brett Harvey, Sherborne RFC, Darren Bowles, Frome RFC, Matt Parsons, Wellington RFC, Chris Webber, Minehead Barbarians RFC, Sam Steer, Barton Hill RFC, Ross Hickory, Bristol Harlequins RFC.

Ross and Sam also played for the Bristol Combination against the Saxons.

It is part of our plan as we move forward to play the combination under 20's side as well. This will give us a great opportunity to see the talent in Bristol that may want to wear the county shirt.

The new season sees us bring back the county sevens tournament. It is aimed at helping clubs with some early season fitness and has a two tiered senior men's competition and a ladies competition all planned for August.

It is a day that is sponsored by the county. We look forward to it and hope that the county clubs enjoy its return.

We look forward now to the new season and hope that we can continue to make the county one that its rugby clubs and players are very proud of.

Mark Hawkes
Senior rugby chairman

JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT 2011-2012

This year we saw a change in the competition, with the removal of the U17 and U19 cup competitions, and the introduction of the U18 Cup competition. This was far more successful with more teams participating at this age group.

The competitions saw overall 94 teams competing from all parts of the counties and once again the finals were held at Bridgwater and Albion RFC. My thanks go to them for all their help arranging the finals days.

All the finals were competitive and a very high standard of rugby was on display which many of the spectators who attended would agree. The finalists for each age grade were:

Under 14's	Taunton V Avonvale
Under 15's	Winscombe V Keynsham
Under 16's	Walcot V Hornets

Under 18's

Taunton V Keynsham

The winners in age order were:

Taunton Winscombe Hornets Keynsham

My congratulations go to all teams who took part and would like to thank them for their support during the competition.

For next year, the competition will run in the same format, except for the Finals, where to make a celebration of Somerset Youth rugby; we will hold all the Finals on the same day, at Bridgwater and Albion RFC.

SOMERSET RDP 2011-12

In the last year the RDP has used the new funding system of Planning Funding and Review (PFR) as its business plan. Next season the county will be judged against targets set in the plan and the chance to use 2011/12 as a "pilot" has produced positive experiences for the majority of people especially the players. It has also thrown up a few issues in particular for those who don't like change

Sometimes we forget that the vast majority of the work in the county is done by volunteers and my thanks must go to all those volunteers involved with the RDP particularly Anita Heappey, Tony Adams, Paul Box and Ian Smith.

2012/13 will be an important year for rugby development in Somerset, as a committee the RDP is aware we need to improve the lines of communications between ourselves and member clubs but I must add that communication is a two way process and it is to be hoped that clubs will support our initiatives.

The RDP is always keen to hear from member clubs/ educational establishments, should anyone wish to discuss the workings of the group please get in touch.

Educational Links

The RDP has developed an Education Forum but we still need to ensure that there is a strong and robust county schools union. However, this must be led and populated by the schools; my plea is if you want schools competition and coach / player development to continue in schools please come forward so we can re-energise the schools sector.

Coach Development Committee - Ian Smith

Financial Investment in Coach Development

- The Coaching element of PFR continues to evolve to meet the needs of coach development within the county. A successful Coach Development Day in season 2010-11 for County/SoR/Super Six coaches had been well received and the 2011-12 is planned for 15 July at Frome RFC. The format of the day will be a mix of formal RFU CPD and Bath Rugby led sessions.

Coaching Qualification Courses

- The new Level 1 (Coaching Children in Rugby Union) and Level 2 (Coaching the 15-a-side Game of Rugby Union) have been promulgated widely and are being delivered within the county.

- The CPD programme for Somerset remains reactive and driven by the demands of the clubs. The introduction of Coach Licensing will hopefully have a positive effect on the amount of CPD being delivered as CPD is mandatory in order to retain a Coach Licence. There is still a misunderstanding of how to organise CPD events at clubs.

Club Coaching Coordinators

- Hopefully the new CRCs will take an active role in the development of the CCCs in the county to ensure that they are fully engaged with their role and do the best for their coaches. The identification of the right people remains crucial for clubs to be able to have a progressive development programme for its coaches.

Development & Representative Teams

- All Age Groups (up to U18s), SoR and Super Six teams coaching positions were re-advertised for seasons 2012-13 and 2013-14. Applications were received and at a meeting of the CDC a selection meeting took place where coaches were appointed to the various positions available. There still remains an issue with certain Super Six districts with a lack of volunteers. Coaches are doubling up and coaching 2 or more age groups in some of these districts and some only have one coach per squad.
- The application and appointment process for the U20s, Saxons and Senior Squad coaching positions has not yet commenced as apparently this evolution will require significant input by the Senior Playing Committee.
- There had been one complaint this season, submitted through the new complaint procedure, which was dealt with and a satisfactory resolution was reached.

RFU Mentoring Programme

- No funds have been allocated within the Coaching PFR for mentoring under the official RFU programme. However several mentors have been trained locally within the county and it is hoped that coaches at all levels will be able to benefit from the mentoring process, particularly with regard to club and Super Six coaches.

Age Group Representative Rugby – Anita Heapey

The season saw a good commitment from players and a high standard of coaching to develop players, which was not always reflected in the results. Thanks go to all the committed coaches and team managers.

U18's

The following were selected from the Somerset squad to go forward to regional squad – Sam Hanks, Adam White and Tom Ballock

U17's

Somerset vs Millfield	19-29
Somerset vs Cornwall	10-14
Somerset vs Dorset & Wilts	18-22
Somerset vs Devon	15-23

Near misses in all matches but a large, keen and strong squad.

U16's

Somerset vs Gloucester A	24 -14
Somerset vs Gloucester B	0 – 68
Somerset vs Bristol	9 – 13
Somerset vs Cornwall A	25 -17
Somerset vs Cornwall B	22 – 17
Somerset vs Devon A	0 – 37
Somerset vs Devon B	0 - 22

Mixed season, the team only lost in the last minutes to Bristol. This season one player, James Keay from Wellington was selected to go forward to the U16 regional squad.

U15's

The squad was selected from monitoring performances in Super 6, and two teams were put out against Millfield, Somerset and Devon. The final match was played on the Rec against Dorset and Wilts, the boys then went onto to the SW10's. A good season and high standard of players to move on up to U16's

Somerset vs Millfield	29-5
Somerset vs Millfield	53-0
Somerset vs Bristol Schools	17-0
Somerset vs Cornwall	8-5
Somerset vs Cornwall	12-10
Somerset vs Devon	10-17
Somerset vs Devon	19-36

Super Six

The Super Six District Development programme continues to be successful and is now being used as a selection tool by the county teams. The programme has received extremely positive comments from the RFU and Bath Rugby and is the envy of many CB's. Our thanks go to all involved especially Simon Boyd.

School of Rugby

The SoR programme has been well managed by Paul Shepherd and the increased involvement of Bath Rugby has been welcomed. All the SoR coaches now have kit which reflects Somerset and Bath.

SOMERSET VASE REVIEW

The Somerset Vase is open to entry to all but the top 16 placed league clubs in the County and thus provides a knockout cup competition that grass roots clubs across the County can compete for with a realistic chance of progression through the rounds. The competition starts before Christmas and one of its aims is to provide competitive games and associated revenues for clubs on weekends when there is no league rugby.

After involvement since the inception of the competition Blackthorn did not renew their sponsorship this year and the Somerset County RFU provided the necessary funding to allow the competition to go ahead.

Once again bad weather meant that for some weekends in mid winter playing rugby was impossible and the league programme had to be caught up with on dates that were originally planned for the Vase. Regrettably some teams (including

Wells who had the added “burden” of extra fixtures from participation in a national cup competition which they won at Twickenham) withdrew as a consequence of the fixture congestion created but we eventually reached the final.

The final was contested between two clubs neither of which had previously played in a Vase final in front of a good sized crowd on 3 May 2012 at Weston-super-Mare. Gordano emerged as victors over Old Bristolians in a muddy encounter under floodlights. Despite the winning margin of 31-7 the game was well contested throughout.

As always the competition does not run successfully without input from a lot of people across the County. They are too many to mention but the Unions thanks must go to the participating clubs and their volunteers who made sure the games happened, to the referees who officiated and their administrators for making sure the games were appointed to and lastly to the clubs and their members who provided the necessary facilities to host the games. Hopefully all concerned will have derived enjoyment and other benefits from participation in the competition.



Bath United v Somerset RFU

SOMERSET CUP AND SOMERSET BLACKTHORN VASE

Somerset Cup

Taunton v University of Bath
Hornets v Wellington
Burnham-on-Sea v Bridgwater & Albion
Frome v Clevedon

1st Round Byes

Bristol Harlequins
Old Redcliffians
Weston-super-Mare
North Petherton

Somerset Vase

Castle Cary v Stothert & Pitt
Chew Valley v Yatton
Avon v St. Bernadettes
Winscombe v Minehead Barbarians
Gordano v Old Sullians
Imperial v Midsomer Norton
Tor v Crewkerne
Old Bristolians v Wells

Draw Dates For Somerset Cup and Somerset Blackthorn Vase

1st round	WK 10/11	Nov 2012
Quarter Finals	WK 22/23	Dec 2012
Semi Final	WK 23/24	Feb 2013
Finals	WK 30/31	Mar 2013

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012–2013 FIXTURES

Bill Beaumont Cup 2012–2013

11 May Devon v Somerset
18 May Somerset v North Midlands
26 May Pool Final

PLAYING SQUADS WHO REPRESENTED THE COUNTY IN THE 2011-2012 SEASON

Somerset R.F.U v Devon R.F.U – 5/5/2012 at Bridgwater & Albion RFC

- 1 D. Hilton - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 2 A. Bellamy - Dings Crusaders RFC. (C.)
- 3 C. Rowlands - Old Redingensians RFC
- 4 E. Hack - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 5 G. Charlton - Taunton RFC
- 6 T. Vakalutukali - 40 Command Royal Marines & Royal Navy
- 7 W. Webster - Birmingham Solihull RFC
- 8 V. Murrel - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 9 R. McQuire Oldfield Old Boys RFC
- 10 D. Hawkes - Birmingham Solihull RFC
- 11 M. Watkins - Weston Super Mare RFC
- 12 B. Barnes - Oldfield Old Boys RFC
- 13 R. Muskett - (Burnham on Sea RFC
- 14 J. Claydon - Taunton RFC
- 15 J. Hall - Old Redcliffians RFC
- 16 J. Gattford - Taunton RFC
- 17 M. Hudd - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 18 S. Pape - London Scottish RFC
- 19 B. Harvey - Sherborne RFC
- 20 J. Foster - 40 Commando Royal Marines & Royal Navy
- 21 S. Naulago - 40 Commando Royal Marines
- 22 T. Thie - Clevedon RFC

Somerset v Kent – 19 May 2012 at Aylesford Blues RFC

- 1 D. Hilton - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 2 A. Bellamy - Dings Crusaders RFC. (C.)
- 3 C. Rowlands - Old Redingensians RFC
- 4 E. Hack - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 5 S. Pape - London Scottish RFC
- 6 H. Mitchell-Heggs Royal Nay RFU.
- 7 W. Webster - Birmingham Solihull RFC
- 8 V. Murrel - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 9 R. McQuire Oldfield Old Boys RFC
- 10 D. Hawkes - Birmingham Solihull RFC
- 11 M. Watkins - Weston Super Mare RFC
- 12 B. Barnes - Oldfield Old Boys RFC
- 13 R. Muskett - (Burnham on Sea RFC
- 14 J. Claydon - Taunton RFC
- 15 R. Dempsey - Hartpury College
- 16 O. Streeter - Burnham on Sea RFC
- 17 M. Hudd - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 18 S. Steer - Barton Hill RFC
- 19 B. Harvey - Sherborne RFC
- 20 R. Hickory - Bristol Harlequins RFC
- 21 SM. Quoi - Dings Crusaders RFC
- 22 T. Thie - Clevedon RFC

PLAYERS WITH 20 OR MORE APPEARANCES FOR SOMERSET

75	A.J. Spriggs	Bridgwater	24	D.J. Gay	Bath
73	R. Dibble	Bridgwater	24	G.G. White	Gloucester
53	D. Tyler	Bristol	24	A.O. Lewis	Bath
50	*H.T. Gamlin	Wellington	24	J. Palmer	Bath
50	F.W. Williams	Weston & Som. Police	23	G. Buller	Weston-s-Mare
47	*P.F. Hancock	Wiveliscombe	23	*F.W.C. Coles	Devonport Services
47	R.T. Orledge	Bristol	23	S.G.U. Considine	Bath
46	F.C. Goddard	Taunton	23	*F.R. Duckworth	Weston
45	*F.H. Fox	Wellington	23	*P.J. Ebdon	Wellington
45	*F. Soame	Bath	23	R.V. Grove	Bristol
45	*H.E. Shrewing	Bristol	23	P.P. Hope	Bath
45	R.A. Gerrard	Bath	23	L. Hiron	Keynsham
43	N.W. Matthews	Bath	23	A.F. Kitchen	Bath
42	R. Lye	Bath	23	J. Lane	Clifton
39	H.R. Bastable	Bridgwater	23	P.J. Parfitt	Bath
38	W.H. Manfield	Yeovil	23	*R.M. Parsons	Crewkerne
37	B.A. Tuttiert	Clifton	23	B. Perry	Bath
37	J.T. Timmins	Bath	23	M. Reece	Taunton
37	T. Harris	Bridgwater	23	D.L. Roberts	Somerset Police
37	D.L. Hodge	Bridgwater	23	A. Shorney	Avon & Som. Police
36	W. Gibbs	Weston	23	*V. Slade	Bridgwater
36	P.J. Horton	Bath	23	*S.C. Smith	Wellington
35	R.G.B. Quick	Bristol	23	P. Sprague	Weston-super-Mare
35	J. White	Bristol	23	T. Thie	Clevedon
34	N. Edmonds	Bridgwater	22	D.J. Snook	Bridgwater
34	S. Withey	Keynsham	22	M.J. Jordan	Taunton
33	G.G. Gregory	Bristol	22	*H. Gunningham	Bridgwater
33	A.M. Bain	Bristol	22	A.W. Lillicrap	Bristol
33	D. Phillips	Bristol	22	D. Coles	Weston
32	J.D. Currie	Bristol	22	C.W. MacFaydean	Bristol, Loughborough
32	*F.E. Hancock	Wiveliscombe	22	P. Simmons	Bath
32	D. St. G. Hazell	Bristol	21	S. Bennett	Weston-super-Mare
30	T.J.M. Barrington	Bridgwater & Bristol	21	J. Blake	Bristol
30	J. Jarvis	Bridgwater	21	R.G. Collard	Bridgwater
30	M. Merry	Wellington	21	D.M. Davies	Somerset Police
30	C.J. Vernon	Wellington	21	M. Fry	Bristol
30	H.L.B. Wake	Bath	21	W.F. Gainsford	Clifton
30	*S.M.J. Woods	Taunton, Bridgwater and Wellington	21	H.T. Gilmore	Weston
			21	G.V. Kyrke	Oxford, Taunton
29	J. Scott	Bristol	21	S.C. Luxmore	Clifton, Bath
29	P. Stiff	Bristol	21	P. Norris	Bridgwater
29	A. Webber	Bridgwater	21	C. Rees	Bridgwater
28	M. Westcott	Keynsham	21	F.C. Spriggs	Bridgwater, Blackheath
28	G. Williams	Bristol, Somerset & Avon Police	20	G.C. Bartlett	Bridgwater
			20	P. Beard	Taunton
28	*H. Winter	Bridgwater	20	A.R. Challis	Bristol
27	L.W. Bisgrove	Bath, Weston	20	*V.H.M. Coates	Bridgwater, Bath
27	*L.C. Griffin	Bristol	20	T.D. Dorpe	Clifton
27	E. Hancock	Wellington	20	A. Croker	Weston-super-Mare
27	J. Meddick	Bath	20	*A.A. Glass	Wellington
27	M. Rackham	Bridgwater	20	W.E. Hancock	Bath
27	H. Sherman	Bristol	20	J.N. Hazell	Bristol
26	R. Hazzard	Weston, Bristol	20	D. Trick	Bath
26	D. Underwood	Newbury	20	C.C. Kent	Bridgwater
26	*T. Woods	Bridgwater	20	I.W. Macey	Wellington
25	M.C. Beese	Bath	20	D. Masters	Frome
25	*R. Forrest	Taunton	20	G. Maunder	Wellington
25	E.G. Hopton	Bristol	20	G. Redmond	Weston
25	R. Lee	Bath, Wellington	20	R.T. Robinson	Som. & Bath Police
25	P. Simmonds	Bath	20	J. Sainsbury	Weston
25	J.K. Watkins	Royal Navy	20	H. Vowles	Bath
24	J. Price	Taunton, Bristol	20	M. Venner	Henley
24	K.C. Smith	Bristol	20	C. Rowlands	Old Redingensians
24	A.V. Twose	Wellington			

* = Pre World War I

PAST OFFICERS OF THE UNION

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1884-1885	E.J. Stanley, M.P.
1885-1891	The M.Ps for the County
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1901-1902	F.H. Fox
1902-1903	F. Sloane
1903-1905	W.H. Manfield
1905-1934	Wm. S. Donne
1934-1941	Frank West
1946-1947	T.S. Bradford
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1955-1961	R.G.B. Quick
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2011-	J. Hole

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1981-1993	F.J. Ellison
1993-2003	C. MacDonald
2003-	A. Shorney

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1877-1882	H. Fox
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1903-1907	F. West
1907-1912	W.H. Tamlyn
1912-1928	W.S. Growtage
1928-1946	W.H. Tamlyn
1946-1961	Arthur House
1961-1969	T.R.I. Morrish
1969-1979	W.R.G. Pearce
1979-1996	M.J. Wood
1996-2003	A.R. Young
2003-	M.R. Berry

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1875-1877	J.J.E. Wilmott
1877-1878	H. Fox
1878-1879	H.F. Wilmott
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1881-1882	H. Massey
1882-1884	H.G. Fuller
1884-1885	F.E. Hancock
1885-1888	R.A. Glass
1888-1893	F.H. Fox
1893-1896	P.F. Hancock / S.M.J. Woods
1896-1899	F. Sloane
1899-1900	G.M. Carey
1900-1901	F.A. Leslie Jones
1901-1904	H.T. Gamlin
1904-1905	F.W.C. Coles
1905-1906	J.T. Timmins
1906-1907	R. Dibble / W.M. Perry
1907-1908	G.V. Kyrke / T. Woods / H.E. Shewring
1908-1909	R. Dibble / T. Woods / J.T. Timmins
1909-1911	R. Dibble
1911-1913	V.H.M. Coates
1913-1914	R. Dibble
1914-1920	R. Dibble/J. Jarvis/A. Spriggs
1920-1921	R. Dibble/P.P. Hope/J. Jarvis/ S.H. Budd

1921-1927	R.G.B. Quick
1927-1928	H.B.L. Wake
1928-1930	A.J. Spriggs
1930-1931	T.D. Corpe
1931-1932	N.W. Mathews
1932-1933	G.G. Gregory
1933-1937	R.A. Gerrard
1937-1938	R.A. Gerrard / F.W. Williams
1938-1939	R.A. Gerrard / F.C. Goddard
1945-1946	J.H. Biley / D.L. Roberts
1946-1947	D.L. Roberts / I.J.M. Lumsden
1947-1948	D.L. Roberts / F.H. Discombe
1948-1949	D.L. Roberts/F.H. Discombe/ K.O'Shaughnessy
1949-1950	A.H. Burcombe
1950-1951	M.D. Corbett

1951-1952	M.D. Corbett / A.O. Lewis	1980-1981	M. Fry / R. Lye
1952-1953	A.O. Lewis / B.A. Tuttiett	1981-1985	J. Horton
1953-1955	B.A. Tuttiett	1985-1986	S. Jones
1955-1956	B.A. Tuttiett / J.W. Collard / J. Blake	1986-1987	G. Crane / M. Reece
1956-1958	J. Blake / H.F.C. Brown	1987-1988	N. Maslen / J. Horton
1959-1960	J. Blake	1988-1989	C. Lilley
1960-1961	J.D. Currie	1989-1990	G. Crane / M. Reece
1961-1962	G. Williams / J.D. Currie	1990-1991	M. Reece
1962-1963	J.D. Currie	1991-1992	C. Book
1963-1964	D.St.G. Hazel	1992-1993	M. Reece
1964-1965	L. Davies	1993-1994	N. Edmonds / S. Withey
1965-1966	C.W. McFadyean	1994-1995	J. Bamsey / M. Westcott
1967-1968	C.W. McFadyean/G.G. White	1995-1996	M. Westcott
1968-1969	C.W. McFadyean	1996-1998	M. Venner
1969-1970	G.P. Francombe	1999-2001	M. Pells
1970-1971	J.S. Waterman	2001-2002	D. Bird
1971-1972	B.A. Dovey	2002-2003	J. Gordon
1972-1973	R.D.H. Bryce / M.C. Beese	2003-2004	R. Cox
1973-1975	J. White	2004-2005	C. Rowlands / M. Stiles
1975-1976	D.G. Tyler	2005-2006	G. Cooper / A. Glen
1976-1977	C. Kent	2006-2007	M. Styles
1977-1978	C.Kent / J. Waterman / J. Ackerman	2007-2008	G. Cooper / M. Denbee
1978-1979	R. Speed / F. Hartley	2008-2009	M. Rhodes / M. Denbee
1979-1980	G. Parsons	2009-2010	C. McGrath
		2010-2011	C. Rowlands
		2011-2012	C. Rowlands

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION RUGBY FOOTBALL MUTUAL BENEFIT FUND

The fund, founded by the late Tom Lean of Plymouth in 1920 is administered by official representatives of Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire and Somerset, to provide financial assistance to players, officials and referees, or, in the case of death where there is hardship, to relatives of the same. The assistance given over the years has been considerable, but due to the development of the game on a more physical basis the number of injuries is not only increasing, but becoming more serious, and the question of insurance is a matter which should be looked into.

There are still a number of clubs in the South West who have apparently overlooked the important factor of making sure their players are adequately covered against any injury and the attention of every club is therefore drawn to the advantages to be obtained from taking up Membership of the South Western Mutual Benefit Fund.

1. The insurance taken up with the Fund for loss of earnings Benefit will now cover up to £50 PER DAY. (All claims are based on a 6 day week).
2. This year the RFU will pay for the Compulsory and Public/Employers Liability direct. The fund have therefore reduced the Premiums to show this.
3. Maximum period of Benefit is 156 days, although this can be increased in special circumstances at the Committee's discretion.
4. In addition to LOSS OF EARNINGS BENEFIT, cover also includes PHYSIOTHERAPY and DENTAL TREATMENT not available under the D.H.S.S.
5. You will see the Fund was founded in 1920 under the aegis of the South West Constituent Bodies for rugby people.

Full details are available from Roger Farthing,
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WARNING

An upsurge in the number of casual games such as Pub XVs has been reported. Club officials would be well advised to inform their players that they are unlikely to be covered for any form of insurance when playing in games not on a club's normal fixture list.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Death from Heart Failure or Collapse does not come within the cover afforded by the Rules of the Fund.

Death by Natural Causes cover can be obtained from the RFU.

If claims are not notified in accordance with the rules, and the correct information given, then a claim may be rejected.

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS RE PRACTICE MATCHES

Your attention is drawn to the following:

1. RULE 8, CLAUSE C.

Claims for compensation shall be paid only for accidents to players occurring on the field of play during the progress of a bona fide match or practice game.

Note:

Bona fide matches and practice games must either appear on the Club fixture list or official notification must have been sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund. Ordinary club 'kick-about' or practice sessions which do not comply with these conditions are NOT covered.

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

1. Immediately a player is injured in the field of play his Club Secretary must be informed. The Honorary Secretary of the Fund should receive the Claim Form will all relevant documents requested within TWENTY-ONE DAYS of the injury or the claim will be REJECTED.
2. Nett Weekly Wage is the actual amount received by the player after all statutory deductions such as NHS, Tax etc., have been deducted and it is essential copies or proof of wages are sent.
3. As soon as the player has been declared fit to resume his occupation, the final medical certificate should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund, when benefit due will be paid, providing everything is in order.
4. It is primarily the responsibility of the player and his Captain to ensure the Official dealing with insurance is notified without undue delay of any injury to a player.

***This is YOUR FUND for YOUR BENEFIT
and can only succeed with YOUR co-operation.***

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SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT CUP

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1970-71	Bath.....	13	Somerset Police.....	8
1971-72	Bath.....	13	Somerset Police.....	8
1972-73	Bridgwater & Albion.....	15	Old Redcliffians.....	9 (a.e.t)
1973-74	Bath.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	3
1974-75	Bath.....	41	Old Redcliffians.....	3
1975-76	Bath.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	7
1976-77	Bridgwater & Albion.....	18	Old Redcliffians.....	6 (replay)
1977-78	Avon & Som. Police.....	13	Combe Down.....	10
1978-79	Weston-super-Mare.....	14	Midsomer Norton.....	9
1979-80	Midsomer Norton.....	9	Bridgwater & Albion.....	6
1980-81	Weston-super-Mare.....	14	Old Redcliffians.....	6
1981-82	Keynsham.....	6	Old Redcliffians.....	3
1982-83	Bath.....	39	Old Redcliffians.....	10
1983-84	Old Redcliffians.....	22	Keynsham.....	9
1984-85	Old Redcliffians.....	28	Gordano.....	9
1985-86	Taunton.....	22	Combe Down.....	13
1986-87	Old Culverhaysians.....	16	Weston-super-Mare.....	13
1987-88	Combe Down.....	25	Old Culverhaysians.....	12
1988-89	Combe Down.....	10	Taunton.....	12
1989-90	Midsomer Norton.....	10	Old Redcliffians.....	6
1990-91	Combe Down.....	13	Old Culverhaysians.....	12
1991-92	Bridgwater & Albion.....	18	Weston-super-Mare.....	7
1992-93	Bridgwater & Albion.....	21	Old Redcliffians.....	5
1993-94	Clevedon.....	10	Bridgwater & Albion.....	15
1994-95	Hornets.....	14	Keynsham.....	12
1995-96	Bridgwater & Albion.....	12	Weston-super-Mare.....	11
1996-97	Bridgwater & Albion.....	26	Hornets.....	15
1997-98	Clevedon.....	10	Keynsham.....	36
1998-99	Bridgwater.....	27	Keynsham.....	21
1999-2000	Old Redcliffians.....	23	Gordano.....	6
2000-01	Bridgwater & Albion.....	20	Clevedon.....	21
2001-02	Weston-super-Mare.....	29	Walcot.....	6
2002-03	Weston-super-Mare.....	41	Clevedon.....	17
2003-04	Weston-super-Mare.....	17	Bridgwater & Albion.....	9
2004-05	Bridgwater & Albion.....	53	Clevedon.....	0
2005-06	Bridgwater & Albion.....	29	Hornets.....	20
2006-07	Weston-super-Mare.....	33	Bridgwater & Albion.....	7
2007-08	Taunton.....	48	Clevedon.....	18
2008-09	Bristol Harlequins.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	53
2009-10	Taunton.....	8	Weston-super-Mare.....	15
2010-11	Weston-super-Mare.....	41	Clevedon.....	19
2011-12	North Petherton.....	12	Clevedon.....	9

THE SOMERSET R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2012–2013

DEFINITIONS

- “Club” means a club entitled under Regulation 3.1 to take part in the Competition
- “Committee” means the Competitions Sub-Committee of the County Union
- “Competition Administrator” means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of the Competition
- “County Union” means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited
- “Home Club” is defined by Regulations 4.1.2 and 4.1.3
- “IRB” means the International Rugby Board
- “R.F.U.” means the Rugby Football Union
- “Society” means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited
- “Weather Conditions” shall be deemed to include but not be limited to bad or inadequate light as decided by the match referee

DESCRIPTION AND FORM

- 1.1 The Competition shall be called “The Somerset R.F.U Cup” (“the Competition”).
- 1.2 All matches in the Competition shall be played under the IRB Laws of the Game and the Regulations of the IRB and the R.F.U current at the commencement of the Competition in so far as the same are not varied by or inconsistent with these Regulations. Where there is any conflict between the IRB and/or the R.F.U. Regulations and these Regulations then these Regulations shall prevail.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Competition shall be organised and administered by the Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee shall have the power to delegate any of its duties, powers or obligations under these Regulations to a Competition Administrator.
- 2.3 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 13.2 decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding on any matter not provided for in and on the interpretation of these Regulations.

ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS/PLAYERS

- 3.1 The competition is open to the top 16 member clubs of the County Union. The top 16 clubs shall be decided by the Committee taking into account their position in The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship at the end of the season immediately preceding that in which the competition takes place after promotions and relegations have been determined. However with regard to a University or College that does not take part in The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship then the Committee may at its absolute discretion place that team in the competition after giving consideration to its playing strength in the previous season.
 - 3.2.1 Any club wishing to participate must signify its wish to do so to the Competitions Administrator no later than seven days prior to the date of the County Union’s A.G.M.
 - 3.2.2 In making its application a club must lodge with the Competitions Administrator the sum of One Hundred Pounds (£100.00).
 - 3.2.3 The Competition will proceed with the number of clubs that have signified a wish to enter.
 - 3.2.4 If a club fulfils its fixture(s) in the Competition then upon the conclusion thereof such sum will be returned to the club.
 - 3.2.5 If a club unjustifiably fails to fulfill a fixture then such sum either in whole or in part may (at the discretion of the Committee) be used to defray any proven reasonable expense(s)/loss(es) incurred by an opponent or other club.
 - 3.2.6 If a club breaches any other Regulation the same forfeit provisions shall apply but only when the proposal to do so has completed the appropriate disciplinary process and during the course thereof consent has been given to that course of action.

- 3.2.7 In the event of a club unjustifiably failing to fulfill a fixture the Committee may expel it from the Competition.
- 3.3.1 A club shall only play or select as replacements players who on the date of the match hold Effective Registration with that club in accordance with the current RFU Registration of Player Regulations. In the case of a club that is a University or College they shall only play Eligible Participants as defined by The British Universities & Colleges Sport Regulations.
- 3.3.2 A club shall not be represented in the front row of a scrummage by any player under 18 years of age whether the scrummage is contested or uncontested.
- 3.3.3 A club shall not be represented by a player who has either played or been selected as a replacement for another club in the Competition or played or been selected as a replacement in the County Union's Vase Competition.
- 3.3.4 **A club may select/play up to seven replacements/substitutes. If selecting a match** squad of twenty two players then it must contain six players capable of playing in the front row.
- 3.3.5 In the interest of safety each team playing in each match in the Competition must have at least five players in their nominated match squad, all at least eighteen years old, who are suitably trained and experienced to be capable of playing in the front row to ensure that on the first or second occasions (whether due to injury or consequent to a player(s) being temporarily suspended or ordered off) that a front row player is required to be replaced, the team can continue to safely play with contested scrums.
- 3.3.6 If in any match on the first or second occasion any front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement player at least eighteen years old to play in such position in the front row of the scrum to enable the teams to continue to safely play with contested scrums (the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the captain of the team or such other person nominated by the Club as the manager or other person responsible for the team) the match will continue with uncontested scrums and the offending team will be prevented from replacing the injured player(s). Subject to Regulation 3.3.9 below the final result will stand.
- 3.3.7 Subject only to the proviso contained in Regulation 3.3.8 below if in any match in the Competition on the third or subsequent occasion any front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement player to enable the teams to continue to safely play with contested scrums (the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the team captain or other person nominated by the Club as manager or other person responsible for the team) the match will continue with uncontested scrums and subject to Regulation 3.3.9 below the final score will stand.
- 3.3.8 Where a player or players is/are temporarily suspended from the field of play (which includes a blood injury) which creates a third or subsequent occasion that a front row player needs to be replaced and his team cannot provide a replacement or other player aged eighteen years of age or older suitably trained and experienced to enable the team to safely play with contested scrums the referee having made enquiry of the team captain (or other person nominated by the Club as manager or responsible for the team) of the side affected the match shall continue with uncontested scrums (but such uncontested scrums shall only continue for the duration of the temporary suspension). The match result will not be deemed to be invalidated by reason of part of it being played with uncontested scrums.
- 3.3.9 The Committee will review the circumstances in every case where a match in the Competition is completed with uncontested scrums. The Committee will be entitled to take any such action as it deems appropriate (such action may include reversal of the match result, a fine and/or payment of compensation, and/or disqualification from the Competition in the Season and/or the following season, the inclusion of the non offending team in the next round of the Competition and/or requiring that the match be replayed) where the Committee finds that there has been a breach of any Regulation governing the Competition or that a Club in a match in the Competition acting other than in good faith has taken advantage of the provisions of this Regulation 3.3 and in particular 3.3.6 and 3.3.7.
- Note: The intention of Regulations 3.3.5 to 3.3.9. (inclusive) is to penalise Clubs who try improperly to take advantage of a situation to ensure a match is played (or finished) with uncontested scrums. For the avoidance of doubt any aggrieved Club has a right of appeal under Regulation 13.2 against any decision taken under the said Regulations.

THE COMPETITION FORMAT AND DRAWS

- 4.1.1 The Competition shall comprise the number of rounds appropriate to the number of clubs participating including semi-finals and a final.
- 4.1.2 The first named club to be drawn in a match prior to the semi-finals shall be the home club, and unless otherwise agreed, the venue for that match shall be the ground of the home club.
- 4.1.3 The home club in the semi-finals and final (all of which shall be played at neutral venues) shall be determined by the Committee.
- 4.1.4 Draws shall be arranged by the Committee as and when appropriate
- 4.1.5 All matches shall be played on fixed dates determined by the Committee unless some other date is specified by the Committee or the clubs concerned mutually agree to re-arrange the date and such re-arrangement has been approved by the Committee. Matches in the Competition take precedence over all other fixtures save for those in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship and R.F.U Cup Competitions.
- 4.1.6 A match may be played on a date in advance of the fixed date or at a different venue if both clubs agree in writing to that effect at least 48 hours before the match is due to take place and such rearrangement(s) has/have been approved by the Committee
- Note: Clubs must bear in mind the effect of any re-arrangement(s) on (i) the following rounds of the Competition to ensure that they are not unnecessarily delayed and (ii) the availability of Match Officials

DRAWN MATCHES

- 5.1 In all matches if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, there shall be a five-minute break. After this break, the teams will change ends and there shall be a period of extra time between the teams of 10 minutes each way, with a one-minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall go forward into the next round. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored the most goals from tries shall go forward into the next round. If the scores, numbers of tries and goals from tries are still equal the visiting team shall go forward into the next round.
- 5.2 In the semi-finals and final if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, there shall be a five-minute break. After this break, the teams will change ends and there shall be a period of extra time between the teams of 10 minutes each way, with a one-minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall be the winner. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored most goals from tries shall be the winner. If no result is then achieved, the result shall be decided in the following manner.

Each team shall nominate one player from its number **on the field of play at the final whistle** to participate on its behalf in a "sudden death" place kicking competition.

Each kicker in turn shall attempt a place kick from pre-determined positions until such time as after an equal number of attempts one kicker has kicked more goals than the other.

These attempts will be made towards the goal posts (determined by the Referee) and the first kick shall be taken by the team that kicked-off at the commencement of the match.

The attempts will be taken from the following positions (in turn) repeating the sequence until a decision is reached:-

- a. The centre of the 22m line.
- b. Intersection of the 22m line and 15m line to the left of the posts facing.
- c. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the left of the posts facing.
- d. Intersection of 22m line and 15m line to right of the posts facing.
- e. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the right of the posts facing.

POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 6.1 If weather conditions prevent a match being played or a match is abandoned because of such conditions with less than 60 minutes having been played it shall be played or re-played before the date of the next round on a day and at a time agreed by the two clubs concerned and by the Committee. If there is no agreement within 4 days of the date of the match which was not played or abandoned or if the date and

time agreed between the two clubs is not acceptable to the Committee, the date and kick-off time will be as directed by the Committee upon the application of either club.

- 6.2 If a match is abandoned because of weather conditions when 60 or more minutes have been played then the score at the moment of abandonment shall stand and be deemed the final score in the match. The Referee's decision as to the necessity for abandonment and the number of minutes played at the moment of abandonment shall be final.
- 6.3 If the Referee finds it necessary to abandon a match for any reason other than weather conditions, then, irrespective of the number of minutes played, the result of that match may be determined by the Committee. The Committee may order the match to be replayed in which event the match will take place on a date decided by the Committee.

GROUNDS

- 7.1 The home club (other than in the semi-finals and final) is responsible for correctly and clearly marking its pitch. In addition, it must make proper provision to ensure that (with the exception of the touch judges, fourth official, doctor or first aider/other suitably medically qualified person and one water carrier from each club) all spectators, replacements, coaches replacements and others are kept at a reasonable distance from the field of play.
- 7.2 When a late decision (i.e. a decision made or to be made within 3 hours of the scheduled kick-off time) as to the fitness of a pitch for the playing of a match is necessary, it shall be made by the respective captains (or nominated representatives) of the clubs involved, but if the captains are not able to agree, an opinion as to the fitness of the pitch shall be made by the appointed referee.
Note: The referee's responsibility is limited to deciding whether or not the pitch is in his opinion playable. Any decision reached that a game should or should not commence is the decision of the Clubs concerned.
- 7.3 Whenever possible the home club should ensure that a Registered Medical Practitioner or other suitably medically qualified person is in attendance throughout the match.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- 8.1 The Society shall appoint or arrange for the appointment of match officials for all matches. The home club shall be responsible for liaising with (i) the appointed match officials as to the match arrangements (ii) the Society at the earliest opportunity in relation to any proposed change in the match arrangements and (iii) with the appointed official(s) directly to ensure that such official(s) is/are aware of rearrangements and has/have the appropriate directions to the venue of the match (or any change of venue).

CLASH OF COLOURS/IDENTIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 9.1 In the event of clubs having similar or clashing colours, the home club shall be responsible for changing its colours subject to the satisfaction of the appointed referee.
- 9.2 The jerseys of teams competing in the Competition shall be numbered in accordance with IRB requirements to ensure the correct identification of all players and replacements during a match.

KICK-OFFS AND DELAYED ARRIVALS

- 10.1 All scheduled matches shall start at the time notified by the home club to its opponent club not less than 3 days prior to the match, and shall be between 2pm and 3pm on weekends and public holidays and between 7pm and 8pm on weekdays. An alternative kick off time may be agreed by the Committee. A kick-off time may be specified by the Committee if upon appeal by the opponent club the Committee deems the time specified by the home club unreasonable. Any delay in kicking-off from the pre-determined time may be reported by the non-offending club to the Committee which may impose such penalty as it sees fit.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- 11.1 The Secretary of the club qualifying for the next round is responsible for informing the Competition Administrator of the result of a match within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.
- 11.2 Each club shall if requested by the Competition Administrator deliver to him a match result card specifying the result of the game and a list of the players and replacements. That card shall be signed by a club official and the match referee.

FINANCE

12.1 All matches in the Competition shall be “gate taking” matches and shall be “all pay” save for those attending who are under 16 years of age. In the first round and quarter finals the gross gate takings are to be divided equally between the participating clubs but so that in any event the opponent club receives a minimum of £50. The gross receipts from the semi finals and final shall be delivered to the Competition Administrator who shall deduct proper expenses and the balance shall be divided as to one third to each of the participating clubs and one third to the County Union.

PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND TRANSGRESSIONS

13.1 Any complaint of an alleged breach of these Regulations must be made to the Competition Administrator immediately by telephone and written confirmation thereof be sent to him within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint, setting out the grounds of such complaint in full. The Committee shall have absolute discretion (and using such procedure as it in its absolute discretion deems appropriate) to resolve any such complaint as it shall think fit and may decline to accept a complaint validly made if it considers doing so to be in the interests of the Competition generally or the game of Rugby Football. Subject only to the provisions of Regulation 13.2 the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

13.2 Where any party having an interest in the matter is aggrieved by any decision of the Committee taken pursuant to Regulation 13.1 above or otherwise in relation to the Competition it shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Management Committee of the County Union by so notifying the Secretary of the County Union in writing (within 48 hours of the decision of the Committee being announced) giving full details of the grounds of such appeal and supplying all evidence upon which it wishes to rely. In submitting its application the complainant Club must lodge a fee of £100; which payment will be refunded in full if the appeal is upheld.

13.3 The Management Committee in dealing with any appeal may use such procedures as in its absolute discretion it may decide.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

14.1 Each club in consideration of the monies received by it from the County Union or any funding from a sponsor(s) whether or not received direct from the sponsor(s) or any third party for participating in the Competition agrees that by commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union and separate obligations with each other club in the Competition and with any sponsor(s) of the Competition that it will fulfill its fixtures in the Competition, comply with these Regulations and will indemnify any club which suffers loss due to failure to fulfill a fixture subject to the duty of the loss sustaining club to mitigate its losses so far as reasonably practicable.

14.2 Any club agreeing to play in the Competition agrees that by entering or commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union, any sponsor of the Competition and as a separate covenant with each other Club in the Competition, Referee, Touch Judge or Match Official involved in any match in the Competition or cancellation or abandonment thereof that it will not hold liable or make any claim against such official, the Committee or the County Union:-

- for any loss charge compensation or expense arising out of or in connection with any kind of injury or illness suffered by any player, spectator or other person,
- for any damage to property of any kind,
- for any other loss, cost, charge, expense or damages be it financial or consequential loss of profit or additional expense incurred or otherwise and whether directly or consequential or in relation to the result of any match,
- arising out of or due to any decision or action that may taken under the Laws of the Game these Regulations or any other rules or regulations published by the RFU or in respect of the normal procedures to hold, play, control, cancel or abandon a match.

SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT VASE

SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT VASE FINALS

2007–08	Avon.....	18	Wells.....	56
2008–09	Tor.....	16	Burnham on Sea.....	15
2009–10	Bristol Harlequins	11	Wells	6
2010–11	Wellington.....	13	Stoherth & Pitt.....	0
2011–12	Old Bristolians	7	Gordano.....	31

THE SOMERSET R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT VASE COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2012–2013

DEFINITIONS

“Club” means a club entitled under Regulation 3.1 to take part in the Competition

“Committee” means the Competitions Sub-Committee of the County Union

“Competition Administrator” means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of the Competition.

“County Union” means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited

“Home Club” is defined by Regulations 4.2.1 and 4.2.2

“IRB” means the International Rugby Board

“R.F.U”. means the Rugby Football Union

“Society” means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited

“Weather Conditions” shall be deemed to include but not be limited to bad or inadequate light as decided by the match referee

DESCRIPTION AND FORM

- 1.1 The Competition shall be called “The Somerset R.F.U Vase” (“the Competition”).
- 1.2 All matches in the Competition shall be played under the IRB Laws of the Game and the Regulations of the IRB and the R.F.U current at the commencement of the Competition in so far as the same are not varied by or inconsistent with these Regulations. Where there is any conflict between the IRB and/or the R.F.U Regulations and these Regulations then these Regulations shall prevail.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Competition shall be organised and administered by the Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee shall have the power to delegate any of its duties, powers or obligations under these Regulations to a Competition Administrator.
- 2.3 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 13.2 decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding on any matter not provided for in and on the interpretation of these Regulations.

ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS/PLAYERS

- 3.1 Those clubs entitled to take part in the Competition are the County Union member clubs which are not eligible to play in the County Union’s Cup Competition.
- 3.2.1 Any club wishing to participate must signify its wish to do so to the Competitions Administrator no later than seven days prior to the date of the County Union’s A.G.M. In making its application a club must lodge with the Competitions Administrator the sum of One Hundred Pounds (£100). If a club fulfils its fixture(s) in the Competition then upon the conclusion thereof such sum will be returned to the club.
- 3.2.2 If a club unjustifiably fails to fulfil a fixture then such sum in whole or in part may (at the discretion of

the Committee) be used to defray any proven reasonable expense(s)/loss(es) incurred by an opponent or other club.

- 3.2.3 If a club breaches any other Regulation the same forfeit provisions shall apply but only when the proposal to do so has completed the appropriate disciplinary process and during the course thereof consent has been given to that course of action.
- 3.3.1 A club shall only play or select as replacements players who on the date of any match are bona fide paid up members of that club. Should the club play at a level where the current R.F.U Registration of Players Regulations apply then such players must have Effective Registration
- 3.3.2 A club shall not be represented in the front row of a scrummage by any player under 18 years of age whether the scrummage is contested or uncontested.
- 3.3.3 A club shall not be represented by a player who has either played or been selected as a replacement for another club in the Competition or played or been selected as a replacement in the County Union's Cup Competition
- 3.4.1 Clubs may select and play up to seven replacements/substitutes. If selecting a match squad of twenty two players then it must contain six players capable of playing in the front row.
- 3.4.2 In the interest of safety each team playing in each match in the Competition must have at least five players in their nominated match squad, all at least eighteen years old, who are suitably trained and experienced to be capable of playing in the front row to ensure that on the first or second occasions (whether due to injury or consequent to a player(s) being temporarily suspended or ordered off) that a front row player is required to be replaced, the team can continue to safely play with contested scrums.
- 3.4.3 If in any match on the first or second occasion any front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement player at least eighteen years old to play in such position in the front row of the scrum to enable the teams to continue to safely play with contested scrums (the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the captain of the team or such other person nominated by the Club as the manager or other person responsible for the team), the match will continue with uncontested scrums and the offending team will be prevented from replacing the injured player(s). Subject to Regulation 3.4.6 below the final result will stand.
- 3.4.4 Subject only to the proviso contained in Regulation 3.4.5 below if in any match in the Competition on the third or subsequent occasion any front row player requires to be replaced and his team cannot provide a suitably trained and experienced replacement player to enable the teams to continue to safely play with contested scrums (the referee having made enquiry of and confirmed this fact with the team captain or other person nominated by the Club as manager or other person responsible for the team) the match will continue with uncontested scrums and subject to Regulation 3.4.6 below the final score will stand.
- 3.4.5 Where a player or players is/are temporarily suspended from the field of play (which includes a blood injury) which creates a third or subsequent occasion that a front row player needs to be replaced and his team cannot provide a replacement or other player aged eighteen years of age or older suitably trained and experienced to enable the team to safely play with contested scrums the referee having made enquiry of the team captain (or other person nominated by the Club as manager or responsible for the team) of the side affected the match shall continue with uncontested scrums (but such uncontested scrums shall only continue for the duration of the temporary suspension). The match result will not be deemed to be invalidated by reason of part of it being played with uncontested scrums.
- 3.4.6 The Committee will review the circumstances in every case where a match in the Competition is completed with uncontested scrums. The Committee will be entitled to take any such action as it deems appropriate (such action may include reversal of the match result, a fine and/or payment of compensation, and/or disqualification from the Competition in the Season and/or the following season, the inclusion of the non offending team in the next round of the Competition and/or requiring that the match be replayed) where the Committee finds that there has been a breach of any Regulation governing the Competition or that a Club in a match in the Competition acting other than in good faith has taken advantage of the provisions of this Regulation 3.4 and in particular 3.4.3 and 3.4.4.
- Note: The intention of Regulation 3.4 is to penalise Clubs who try improperly to take advantage of a situation to ensure a match is played (or finished) with uncontested scrums. For the avoidance of doubt any aggrieved Club has a right of appeal under Regulation 13.2 against any decision taken under this paragraph 3.4.

THE COMPETITION FORMAT AND DRAWS

- 4.1 The Competition shall comprise a number of rounds appropriate to the number of clubs participating including semi finals and a final.
- 4.2.1 The first named club to be drawn in a match up to and including the quarter finals shall be the home club, and unless otherwise agreed, the venue of that match shall be the ground of the home club.
- 4.2.2 The home club in the semi finals and final (which shall be played at neutral venues) shall be decided by the Committee
- 4.3 Draws shall be arranged by the Committee as and when appropriate.
- 4.4 All matches shall be played on fixed dates determined by the Committee unless some other date is specified by the Committee or the clubs concerned mutually agree to re-arrange the date and such re-arrangement has been approved by the Committee. Matches in the Competition take precedence over all other fixtures save for those in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship and R.F.U Cup Competition.
- 4.5 A match may be played on a date in advance of the fixed date or at a different venue if both clubs agree in writing to that effect at least 48 hours before the match is due to take place and such rearrangement has been approved by the Committee
- Note: Clubs must bear in mind the effect of any re-arrangement on (i) the following rounds of the Competition to ensure that they are not unnecessarily delayed and (ii) the availability of Match Officials.

DRAWN MATCHES

- 5.1 In all matches if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, there shall be a five-minute break. After this break, the teams will change ends and there shall be a period of extra time between the teams of 10 minutes each way, with a one-minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall go forward into the next round. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored the most goals from tries shall go forward into the next round. If the scores, numbers of tries and goals from tries are still equal the visiting team shall go forward into the next round.
- 5.2 In the semi finals and final if after 40 minutes of play each way the scores are level, there shall be a five-minute break. After this break, the teams will change ends and there shall be a period of extra time between the teams of 10 minutes each way, with a one-minute interval. If the scores are then still equal, the team that has scored the most tries shall be the winner. If this does not produce a result, the team that has scored most goals from tries shall be the winner. If no result is then achieved, the result shall be decided in the following manner.

Each team shall nominate one player from its number **on the field of play at the final whistle** to participate on its behalf in a "sudden death" place kicking competition.

Each kicker in turn shall attempt a place kick from pre-determined positions until such time as after an equal number of attempts one kicker has kicked more goals than the other.

These attempts will be made towards the goal posts (determined by the Referee) and the first kick shall be taken by the team that kicked-off at the commencement of the match.

The attempts will be taken from the following positions (in turn) repeating the sequence until a decision is reached:-

- a. The centre of the 22m line.
- b. Intersection of the 22m line and 15m line to the left of the posts facing.
- c. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the left of the posts facing.
- d. Intersection of 22m line and 15m line to right of the posts facing.
- e. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the right of the posts facing.

POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 6.1 If weather conditions prevent a match being played or a match is abandoned because of such conditions with less than 60 minutes having been played it shall be played or re-played before the date of the next round on a day and at a time agreed by the two clubs concerned and by the Committee. If there is no agreement within 4 days of the date of the match which was not played or abandoned or if the date and

time agreed between the two clubs is not acceptable to the Committee, the date and kick-off time will be as directed by the Committee upon the application of either club.

- 6.2 If a match is abandoned because of weather conditions when 60 or more minutes have been played then the score at the moment of abandonment shall stand and be deemed the final score in the match. The Referee's decision as to the necessity for abandonment and the number of minutes played at the moment of abandonment shall be final.
- 6.3 If the Referee finds it necessary to abandon a match for any reason other than weather conditions, then, irrespective of the number of minutes played, the result of that match may be determined by the Committee. The Committee may order the match to be replayed in which event the match will take place on a date decided by the Committee.

GROUNDS

- 7.1 A home club (other than in the semi finals and final) is responsible for correctly and clearly marking its pitch. In addition, it must make proper provision to ensure that (with the exception of the touch judges, fourth official, doctor or first aider/other suitably medically qualified person and one water carrier from each club) all spectators, coaches, replacements and others are kept a reasonable distance from the field of play.
- 7.2 When a late decision (i.e. a decision made or to be made within 3 hours of the scheduled kick-off time) as to the fitness of a pitch for the playing of a match is necessary, it shall be made by the respective captains (or nominated representatives) of the clubs involved, but if the captains are not able to agree an opinion as to the fitness of the pitch shall be made by the appointed referee.
Note: The referee's responsibility is limited to deciding whether or not the pitch is in his opinion playable. Any decision reached that a game should or should not commence is the decision of the Clubs concerned.
- 7.3 Whenever possible the home club should ensure that a Registered Medical Practitioner or other suitably medically qualified person is in attendance throughout the match.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- 8.1 The Society shall appoint or arrange for the appointment of match officials for all matches. The home club shall be responsible for liaising with (i) the appointed match officials as to the match arrangements (ii) the Society at the earliest opportunity in relation to any proposed change in the match arrangements and (iii) with the appointed official(s) directly to ensure that such official(s) is/are aware of rearrangements and has/have the appropriate directions to the venue of the match (or any change of venue).

CLASH OF COLOURS/IDENTIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 9.1 In the event of clubs having similar or clashing colours, the home club shall be responsible for changing its colours subject to the satisfaction of the appointed referee.
- 9.2 The jerseys of teams competing in the Competition shall be numbered in accordance with IRB requirements to ensure the correct identification of all players and replacements during a match.

KICK-OFFS AND DELAYED ARRIVALS

- 10.1 All scheduled matches shall start at the time notified by the home club to its opponent club not less than 3 days prior to the match, and shall be between 2pm and 3pm on weekends and public holidays and between 7pm and 8pm on weekdays. An alternative kick off time may be agreed by the Committee. A kick-off time may be specified by the Committee if upon appeal by the opponent club the Committee deems the time specified by the home club unreasonable. Any delay in kicking-off from the pre-determined time may be reported by the non-offending club to the Committee which may impose such penalty as it sees fit.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- 11.1 The Secretary of the club qualifying for the next round is responsible for informing the Competition Administrator of the result of a match within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.
- 11.2 Each club shall if requested by the Competition Administrator deliver to him a match result card specifying the result of the game and a list of the players and replacements. That card shall be signed by a club official and the match referee.

FINANCE

12.1 Should a gate be taken, then in all rounds up to and including the quarter finals the gross gate takings are to be divided equally between the participating clubs. The gross receipts from the semi finals and final shall be delivered to the Competition Administrator who shall deduct proper expenses and the balance shall be divided as to one third to each of the participating clubs and one third to the County Union

PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND TRANSGRESSIONS

13.1 Any complaint of an alleged breach of these Regulations must be made to the Competition Administrator immediately by telephone and written confirmation thereof be sent to him within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint, setting out the grounds of such complaint in full. The Committee shall have absolute discretion (and using such procedure as it in its absolute discretion deems appropriate) to resolve any such complaint as it shall think fit and may decline to accept a complaint validly made if it considers doing so to be in the interests of the Competition generally or the game of Rugby Football. Subject only to the provisions of Regulation 13.2 the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

13.2 Where any party having an interest in the matter is aggrieved by any decision of the Committee taken pursuant to Regulation 13.1 above or otherwise in relation to the Competition it shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Management Committee of the County Union by so notifying the Secretary of the County Union in writing (within 48 hours of the decision of the Committee being announced) giving full details as to the grounds of such appeal and supplying all evidence upon which it wishes to rely. In submitting its application the complainant Club must lodge a fee of £100 which payment will be refunded in full if the appeal is upheld.

13.3 The Management Committee in dealing with any appeal may use such procedures as in its absolute discretion it may decide.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

14.1 Each club in consideration of the monies received by it from the County Union or any funding from a sponsor(s) whether or not received direct from the sponsor(s) or any third party for participating in the Competition agrees that by commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union and separate obligations with each other club in the Competition and with any sponsor(s) of the Competition that it will fulfill its fixtures in the Competition, comply with these Regulations and will indemnify any club which suffers loss due to failure to fulfill a fixture subject to the duty of the loss sustaining club to mitigate its losses so far as reasonably practicable.

14.2 Any club agreeing to play in the Competition agrees that by entering or commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union, any sponsor of the Competition and as a separate covenant with each other Club in the Competition, Referee, Touch Judge or Match Official involved in any match in the Competition or cancellation or abandonment thereof that it will not hold liable or make any claim against such official, the Committee or the County Union:-

- for any loss, charge, compensation or expense arising out of or in connection with any kind of injury or illness suffered by any player, spectator or other person.
- for any damage to property of any kind.
- for any other loss, cost, charge, expense or damages be it financial or consequential loss of profit or additional expense incurred or otherwise and whether directly or consequential or in relation to the result of any match.
- arising out of or due to any decision or action that may taken under the Laws of the Game these Regulations or any other rules or regulations published by the RFU or in respect of the normal procedures to hold, play, control, cancel or abandon a match.

THE SOMERSET R.F.U. JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITIONS – REGULATIONS 2012–2013 SEASON

DEFINITIONS:

Committee	means the County Union's Competitions Sub-Committee
Competitions Administrator	means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of a Competition
County Union	means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited
Home Club	means the first named club to be drawn in respect of a fixture or as otherwise determined by the Committee
iRB	means the International Rugby Board
RFU	means the Rugby Football Union
Society	means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited

DESCRIPTION & FORM:

- 1.1 All matches shall be played under the iRB Laws of the Game (as appropriate to the Age Grade) and the Regulations of the iRB and the RFU in so far as the same are not varied by or inconsistent with these Regulations. Where there is any such variation or inconsistency then these Regulations shall prevail.
- 1.2 All matches in each Competition shall be played on Sundays determined by the Committee. Clubs may mutually agree to play a match (other than a semi-final or final) prior to any fixed date and on any other day of the week.
- 1.2.1 Any club refusing to play a match on the date determined by the Committee shall not be eligible to enter a Competition or to continue participation as the case may be.
- 1.3 Matches shall be played on the ground of the club drawn first in each round except for the finals which shall be played on neutral grounds to be determined by the Committee.
- 1.4 A Home club is responsible for the correct and clear marking of its pitch and must make proper provision to ensure (that with the exception of touch judges, fourth official, Registered Medical Practitioner or other suitably medically qualified person and one water carrier from each team) all spectators, coaches replacements and others are kept a proper distance from the field of play.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

- 2.1 The Competitions shall be organized and administered by the Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee shall have the power to delegate any of its duties, powers or obligations under these Regulations to a Competition Administrator.
- 2.3 Decisions of the Committee or the Competitions Administrator shall be final and binding.

ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS & PLAYERS:

- 3.1 All clubs in membership of the County Union shall be eligible to enter a team in any Competition but must signify to the Competition Administrator their wish to do so no later than 30th October
- 3.2 The Committee shall have the power to exclude any team from any Competition at any time.
- 3.3 Players shall be eligible to play in any Competition provided that they are under the relevant age at midnight on 31st August.
- 3.4.1 Players must be properly registered under the Rugby Union's Youth Registration Scheme (as administered by the County Union) or hold Effective Registration (as the case may be) with the team/club for which they play.
- 3.4.2 Any club wishing to enter a Competition shall provide to the Competition Administrator a list of its Registered Players no later than 10th November
- 3.4.3 Prior to any match in any Competition all players' Registration Lists shall be mutually inspected by the coach (es)/team manager(s) of each team and unjustifiable failure to produce such cards for inspection will lead to expulsion from the Competition.
Note: the home club should, when confirming kick-off times and other arrangements, remind the away team of the need to produce their players' registration lists on the day of the match.

- 3.5 Clubs shall not be represented by a player who has played for another club in any Competition.
- 3.6 A maximum of seven replacements are allowed in any match.

MATCH OFFICIALS:

- 4.1 The Society shall wherever possible appoint a referee for each match plus two touch judges for the finals.
- 4.2 Any club entering any Competition will nominate at least one person (who shall hold an RFU refereeing qualification) to be available to referee matches between teams other than those involving a team from his own club.

DETERMINATION OF MATCH RESULTS:

- 5.1 If the scores in a match (other than a final) are level at the end of normal playing time the following shall apply:-
- the team that scored the more/most tries shall be the winner but
 - if this does not produce a result, the team that scored the more/most goals from tries shall be the winner but
 - if neither produces a result then the away team shall be the winner.
- 5.2 If the scores in a final are level at the end of normal playing time and neither a. or b. above produce a result then the Competition trophy shall be shared. Which club shall hold the trophy for the first six months and which the second six months shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The winner of the "coin toss" shall have the option to decide for which six month period the trophy will be held.

NOTIFICATION OF MATCH RESULTS:

- 6.1 Results of all matches in the any Competition (save for the finals) shall be notified to the Competitions Administrator within 48 hours of the end of the match.

CLASH OF COLOURS:

- 7.1 In the event of clubs having similar or clashing colours the home club shall be responsible for changing its colours subject to the satisfaction of the match referee.
- 7.2 The shirts of teams shall be numbered in accordance with iRB requirements to ensure the correct identification of all players and replacements during a match.

KICK-OFFS AND DELAYED ARRIVALS:

- 8.2 Matches (except the finals) shall start at a time notified by the home club to their opponents (not less than 3 days prior to the date prescribed for the playing of the match) but it shall not be later than 2.30pm unless the opponents agree otherwise. A kick-off time may be determined by the Committee if, upon appeal by an opponent club, the Committee deem the time specified by the home club to be unreasonable. Any delay in kicking-off from the agreed or pre-determined time may be reported by the non-offending club and the Committee may impose any sanction it sees fit, which may, for the avoidance of doubt, mean the expulsion from the Competition of the offending club.

DISPUTES:

- 9.1 Any matter in dispute between participating clubs shall be notified to the Competitions Administrator as soon as it becomes apparent or, if occurring during a match, within 24 hours of the end thereof. Written confirmation of a complaint or dispute must reach the Competitions Administrator within 72 hours after the initial notification and shall set out fully the nature of the complaint or dispute. The Committee shall have full power to determine any such matter (using any procedure in its absolute discretion it considers appropriate) and it may decline to investigate any such matter if it considers doing so to be in the best interest of the Competition generally or the game of Rugby Football.

POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES:

- 10.1 If weather conditions (which includes bad light) prevent a match from being played or a match is abandoned because of such conditions with less than two thirds of the proper playing time having been played it shall be played or re-played before the date of the next round on a day and at a time agreed between the clubs or failing agreement as determined by the Committee. If there is no agreement within 48 hours of the match which was not played or was abandoned or if the date and time agreed is not

acceptable to the Committee, then the date and time of kick-off shall be determined by the Committee.

10.2 If a match is abandoned because of weather conditions with two thirds of the proper playing time or more having been played then the score at the moment of abandonment shall be deemed the final score in the match. The referee's decision as to the necessity for abandonment and the number of minutes played at the moment of abandonment shall be final and binding.

10.3 If a match is abandoned for any reason other than weather conditions then, irrespective of the number of minutes played the result of that match shall be determined by the Committee who may order the match to be replayed in which case the match will take place at a venue and a time determined by it.

REMINDERS:

11.1 Trophies must be returned to the Competitions Administrator no later than 1st April 2013.

11.2 Clubs must ensure that all teams are insured in accordance with RFU Guidelines.

11.3 Subject to confirmation the Finals will be held on Sunday 28 April 2013 at Bridgwater and Albion RFC.

NOTES:

12.1 The Age Grade Rugby Regulations can be found in the current RFU Handbook p.187 et seq.

12.2 Effective Registration is defined on p.76 of the same Handbook.

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STRUCTURED COMPETITIONS SEASON 2012–2013

			National 1 & 2	National 3 / Divisional	
			16 Team Leagues plus PO	14 Team Leagues plus PO	12 Team Leagues plus PO
Saturday	Internationals	Eng Counties	LEVEL 3/4	LEVEL 5/6	LEVEL 7 & BELOW
Sep 1			Lge 1	Lge 1	Lge
Sep 8			Lge 2	Lge 2	Lge
Sep 15			Lge 3	Lge 3	Lge
Sep 22			Lge 4	Lge 4	Lge
Sep 29			Lge 5	Lge 5	Lge
Oct 6			Lge 6	Lge 6	Lge
Oct 13			Lge 7	Lge 7	Reserve/Cup
Oct 20			Lge 8	Lge 8	Lge
Oct 27			Lge 9	Lge 9	Lge
Nov 3			Lge 10	Lge 10	Lge
Nov 10	Eng v Fiji		Lge 11	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Nov 17	Eng v Aus		Lge 12	Lge 11	Lge
Nov 24	Eng v SA		Lge 13	Lge 12	Lge
Dec 1	Eng v NZ		Reserve	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Dec 8			Lge 14	Lge 13	Lge
Dec 15			Lge 15	Lge 14	Lge
Dec 22			Lge 16	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Dec 29					
Jan 5			Lge 17	Lge 15	Lge
Jan 12			Lge 18	Lge 16	Lge
Jan 19			Lge 19	Lge 17	Lge
Jan 26			Lge 20	Lge 18	Lge
Feb 2	Eng v Sco		Lge 21	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Feb 9	Ire v Eng	Ire v Eng	Reserve	Lge 19	Lge
Feb 16			Lge 22	Lge 20	Lge
Feb 23	Eng v Fra	Eng v Fra	Reserve	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Mar 2			Lge 23	Lge 21	Lge
Mar 9	Eng v Ita		Lge 24	Lge 22	Lge
Mar 16	Wal v Eng		Reserve	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Mar 23			Lge 25	Lge 23	Lge
Mar 30 ES			Lge 26	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup
Apr 6			Lge 27	Lge 24	Lge
Apr 13			Lge 28	Lge 25	Lge
Apr 20			Lge 29	Lge 26	Lge 22
Apr 27			Lge 30	PO	PO
May 4			PO		Cup
May 11					
May 18					
May 25					
Jun 1					

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Reserve/Cup
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PO

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ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH WEST LEAGUES 2012–2013 SEASON

Clubs playing in the South West Leagues of the English Clubs Championship are subject to the Laws of the Game and the Regulations laid down for the competition.

In addition Clubs are bound by the South West Administration Instructions which lays down procedures relating to the method of submitting registrations, reporting results/postponements, sending in result cards and the appeal procedure.

The Instructions (which are unchanged for 2012–2013) are below.

Full details of the RFU Regulations are available in the RFU Handbook. Clubs playing in the “deregulated leagues” have opted out of certain regulations.

Modifications to the English Clubs Championships (ECC) Regulations relating to the playing of league rugby at Level 8 and below in Somerset (revised July 2012)

The regulations relating to the playing of league rugby in Somerset will be modified in so far as matches played at Level 8 (Somerset Premier League) and below (together “the modified leagues”) are concerned. The modified leagues are subject to all ECC Regulations in so far as these are not varied by or inconsistent with these Regulations.

The modifications are:

1. Second, third and lower teams of a Club may play in the modified leagues with the approval of and at the level agreed by the South West Organising Committee (SWOC), who shall consider the advice of the Somerset County RFU Limited (SCRFU).
2. A second, third or lower team may not be promoted above Level 8. In the event of such a team winning the Level 8 league or getting into a Play Off position then the next highest placed eligible side in that league shall, subject to the agreement of SWOC, take its place.
3. At Levels 8 & 9 all players must be registered with their club in accordance with the Player Registration Regulations.
4. At Level 10 and below teams may contain players who are not registered with that club. They should however be made up of bona fide club members; although if this is not possible then players may be borrowed from other clubs to make up the numbers and encourage participation in the game. However such teams may not knowingly play players holding Effective Registration with another club at Level 8 or above.
5. Notwithstanding point 4 above and subject to point 6 below clubs at all levels are encouraged to continue to register their players.
6. Players of a club whose first team plays at Level 4 in the League or above may play for the Club's second, third or lower team in a modified league subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Players who wish to participate in league rugby at Level 10 and below may choose not to be registered with their club.
 - b. Players who wish to participate in league rugby at Levels 8 or 9 must be registered with their club and also comply with the following conditions:
 - i. Any player playing in the modified leagues is not permitted to and will not receive any Material Benefit as the same is defined in RFU Regulation 1 which for the avoidance of doubt shall include being paid or subsidised (including any arrangement for future payment bursary or subsidy in cash or in kind) in any way to play rugby by any club, sponsor, person or organisation.
 - ii. Contracted Players (as defined in RFU Regulation 1) or members of any club academy may not play in the modified leagues. A player who is or has been registered as a

Contracted Player for any club in the previous 12 months will for the purposes of this regulation continue to be classified as a Contracted Player until a period of 12 months has elapsed from the date such player competed in his last match when being or registered as a Contracted Player or his contract expired or was terminated whichever is the later.

- iii. A player who has played for any club in its first XV, in any League match at Level 4 or above (to include being nominated as a replacement) will not be permitted to play in the modified leagues for a period of twelve months from the date of such playing or selection as a replacement.
 - iv. Players recruited or otherwise taken on for the purpose of being part of the first team squad of a club whose 1st XV plays at Level 4 or above shall not be eligible to play in a modified league during the Season for which they were recruited and if such player played for the first team of such a Club in a League match Regulation 6 b iii above shall also apply.
7. If a team at level 10 and below justifiably cannot field a front row then the match will proceed with uncontested scrums. No league points will be deducted providing the fixture is honoured.
 8. Two teams from the same club may not play in the same league. Subject to this, and point 14, normal promotion and relegation rules will apply except that a team may decline promotion with the approval of SWOC; who in reaching their decision shall consider advice from SCRUFU. Should a team decline promotion then point 13 will apply. For the avoidance of doubt the next highest placed side in that league has no automatic right to promotion in such circumstance.
 9. Where the first or higher team of a club does not have a match (but does have a lower team league fixture) on an appointed day then the club must field a genuine team(s) commensurate with the level of match (es) being played. That will include situations where a club fields a lower team but cancels a higher team's fixture on the same day. Clubs are reminded that such first team (or any other team in the Club) may also suffer penalty for non-compliance. The League Secretary may enquire into such circumstances and impose any sanction in accordance with Game Regulations.
 10. In the interests of encouraging participation in the game at Level 10 or below the captains may agree prior to a match to more than 3 replacements being used by the teams in any match. At Level 10 and below teams with surplus players are encouraged to lend the opposition surplus players to make up even numbers per side.
 11. At Level 10 and below match result cards must be completed and posted to First Eleven in accordance with the SWOC Administrative Instructions although the names of participating players may be omitted.
 12. Where a team finishes in a promotion or relegation spot but cannot be promoted or relegated by virtue of these regulations (e.g. because a club team would gain promotion to the same league as another side in their club) then SWOC (having taken advice from the SCRUFU) will make appropriate arrangements for promotion or relegation within the leagues affected. In the case of relegation causing two teams from the same club to be in the lowest league then if no other suitable arrangement is appropriate this could include two sides from the same club being in the same league.
 13. Where anomalies occur within the modified leagues that are not provided for within these regulations or that are contrary to the objectives of providing competitive, structured and enjoyable rugby to relevant teams of Somerset clubs then SWOC (having taken advice from SCRUFU) reserves the power to make appropriate arrangements to fulfil those objectives.
 14. Providing it is otherwise possible under these regulations and SWOC agrees then the winners of Somerset 2 (North & South) shall be promoted to Somerset 1 and the bottom two placed sides in that league relegated. The winners of Somerset 3 (North & South) shall be similarly promoted to Somerset 2 (North & South) and the bottom side in each of those leagues relegated. There will be no play off matches for the second placed sides in either of these leagues.
 15. The League Secretaries of Somerset Premier, Somerset 1, Somerset 2 (North & South) and Somerset 3 (North & South) shall be appointed from nominees submitted by SCRUFU.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

68 MEMBER CLUBS BY DIVISIONS

Division A (19)

Avon; Avonvale; Bath RFC; Bath Rugby Ltd; Bath Combination; Bath Old Edwardians; Bath Old Players; Bath Saracens; Bath Spa University College; Combe Down; Frome; Keynsham; Midsomer Norton; Old Culverhaysians; Oldfield Old Boys; Old Sulians; Stothert & Pitt; University of Bath; Walcot.

Division B (10)

Avon & Somerset Police; Cheddar Valley; Chew Valley; Clevedon; Gordano; Hornets; Nailsea & Backwell; Weston-super-Mare; Winscombe; Yatton.

Division C (11)

Avon Fire Brigade; Bristol Combination; Bristol Harlequins; Bristol Barbarians; British Overseas Sports Association; Broad Plain; Imperial; Old Bristolians; Old Redcliffians; St. Bernardette's Old Boys; St. Brendan's Old Boys.

Division D (11)

Bridgwater & Albion; Burnham-on-Sea; Minehead Barbarians; Morganians; North Petherton; Pelicans; Spaxton; Taunton; Wellington; Wiveliscombe; Wyvern.

Division E (17)

Apple Growers; Butleigh Amateurs; Castle Cary; Chard; Crewkerne; Evercreech Barbarians; Ivel Barbarians; Martock; Milborne Port; Millfield Old Boys; North Wootton; Somerton; Tall Trees Necessariums; The Tor; Wells; Wincanton; Yeo Villagers.

CLUB DETAILS

Apple Growers RFC

(King's School Bruton Old Boys)

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Avon

(Founded 1925)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/avonrfc

Chairman: John Sutherland, 22 Borokfield Park, Weston, Bath BA1 4JF

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Secretary: Steve Mead, 10 Ludlow Close, Willsbridge, Bristol BS30 6EA

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Treasurer: As for secretary

Fixtures Secretary: Paul Kirby, 10 Badminton Gardens, Bath. BA1 2XS

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Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary.

Coach: Mr. C. Book, Upper Weston Farm, Weston, Bath (01225 337387)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Bob Leeming, 33 Garstons, Bathford, Bath BA1 7TE

(H: 01225 859855; M:07751 241 220; E: leemingbob@aol.com)

Colours: Black and amber hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: purple

Ground: Hick's Field, London Road, Batheaston, Bath (01225 852446). A4 towards Batheaston, approx. half mile from junction of A46/A4. Ground on right-hand side.
Teams: 1st, 2nd, U15, U13

Avon & Somerset Police

Secretary: Kevin Instance, Police HQ, Valley Road, Portishead BS20 8QJ
(01275 816519; M: 07766 695974;
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Ground: Gordano RFC
Teams: friendlies and service matches

Avonvale

(Founded 1883)

League: Dorset & Wilts 1 North

Club Website: www.avonvalerfc.org.uk

President: Maurice Hall, 4 Dehavillabd Place, Bowerhill, Melksham SN12 6TY

Chairman: Martin Bath, 30 Forrester Green, Colerne, Wilts SN14 8FB
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Treasurer: Jayne Hobbs, 1 Elm Road, North Colerne, Wilts. SN14 8QB
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Fixtures Secretary: Steve Vowles, 72 Locksbrook Road, Lower Weston, Bath
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Club Coach: Andrew Ball, Park Bungalow, Buckland Dinham, Frome BA11 2RG
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Youth Secretary: Chris Hobbs, 1 Elm Road, North Colerne, Wilts. SN14 8QB
(H: 01225 744309)

Colours: Navy blue and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red and white.

Ground: Crown Fields, Bathford, Bath. Opposite the Crown Pub at the junction of the A4 and A363 (01225 858295).

Teams: 1st XV, U18, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Bath RFC

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Teams: play friendlies

Bath Rugby Ltd

(Founded 1865)

League: 1st, Guinness Premiership; 2nd, "A" League

Club Office: Farleigh House, Farleigh Hungerford, Bath BA2 7RW.
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General Enq: Anna Butler - Administrator, info@bathrugby.com

Ticket Office: 08444 481865, E: tickets@bathrugby.com

Chief Executive: Nick Blofeld

MD: Jeremy Wilton

Chairman: Andrew Brownsword, 11 Argyle Street, Bath

Team Manager: Dave Guyan (E: dave.guyan@bathrugby.com)

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Treasurer: Mark Wilson (W: 01225 325200; E: mark.wilson@bathrugby.com)

Referee Contact: Dave Guyan, as Team Manager

Club Coach: TBA

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Marketing Manager: Jamie Warren, jamie.warren@bathrugby.com

Junior & Youth Secretary (Bath Academy/Youth Development): Frank Butler
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Play Department: Dave Guyan, Team Manager (E: team@bathrugby.com)

Club Colours: Blue, black & white. 2nd Choice of Colours: Blue, black, white & yellow hoops.

Clubhouse Manager: Dean Quintin The Recreation Ground, Spring Gardens Bath BA24DS (01225 469230)

Ground: The Recreation Ground, Spring Gardens (just off Great Pulteney Street), Bath BA2 6PW (01225 469230). M4 junction 18 to Bath taking A4 into City Centre.

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV

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Bath Combination (Founded 1901)

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Secretary: R.V. Garraway, 2 Westfield Park South, Lower Weston, Bath BA1 3HT
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Treasurer: Vernon Edwards, 1 Baytree Road, Fairfield Park, Bath BA1 6NA
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Bath F.C. Old Players Association (Founded 1951)

Chairman: Mr. Chris Perry, Ragge Farm, 1 High Street, Colerne, Wilts.
SN14 8DB (H: 01225 743087)

Secretary: Mike Curling, 27 Hensley Road, Bath BA2 2DR (01225 424134;
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Treasurer: Mr. Brendan Perry, Burningham & Brown, 20 Queen Square, Bath.
BA1 2HB (W: 01225 320090; E: 6perry@burningham-and-brown.co.uk)

Bath Old Edwardians (Founded 1926)

League: Somerset 3 North

Chairman: Ben Jelly, 89a Thicketmead, Midsomer Norton BA3 2SL
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Secretary: Andy Todd, 8 Kensington Gardens, Bath BA1 6LH (M: 07980 505585;
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Treasurer: Richard Shipp, 4 Spring Vale, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6QT
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Coach: Tom Isherwood and Mike Darcy, 24 Longfellow Avenue, Bath BA2 4SJ (H: 01225 319474; M: 07849 091209; E: lileman33@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: c/o Club Secretary

Club Colours: Maroon, gold and navy blue.

Ground: King Edward's School Playing Field, Bathampton. Leave Bath on A4 towards Chippenham; before Bathaston, turn right at sign to Bathampton. Cross toll bridge and continue past George pub, over canal bridge, ground on left hand side.

Teams: 1st XV

Bath Saracens

(Founded 1947)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 North

Club Website: www.bathsaracens.co.uk

Chairman: Mr. D. Pyles, 237 Wellsway, Bath BA2 4RZ (H: 01225 310319)

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Referees Contact: See Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Tom Wildsmith (M: 07595 754948; E: tomwildsmith@gmail.com)

Club Colours: Navy Blue, cardinal red, gold

Ground: Sulis Sports Ground, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AU (01225 837259). From Bath take A367 to Frys Garage mini roundabout. First left, straight on for 2 miles, on right immediately after Ralph Allen School.

Teams: 1st XV only

Bath Spa University RFC

(Founded 1981)

League: BUCS West 3A

Club Address: Bath Spa University Students' Union, Newton Park, Newton St. Loe, Bath BA2 9BN (07540 309012; Web: bathspasu.co.uk)

Chairman: Philip Smith, 109 Lymore Ave., Bath (term time) / 1 Moth Farm Cottage, Brown Candover, Hants. SO24 9TS (M: 07540 309012; E: philip.philsmith@gmail.com)

Secretary: Shaun Dodson (M: 07528 993066; E: shaun-dodson@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mike Gill (M: 07706 929520; E: michael.gill@bathspa.org)

Fixtures Secretary: Philip Smith (as Chairman)

Referee Contact: Shaun Dodson (as Secretary)

Coach: TBA

Club Colours: Blue/Navy/White

Ground: Newton Park (01225 875588; speak to Chris Murrell). Just off the A4 towards Corston, 100 yards from the Globe Inn.

Teams: 1st, Womens

1st XV only play on Wednesdays in BUSA. Some players play at Stothert & Pitt on weekends. Women play friendlies on Wednesdays. Some play for Avon Ladies on weekends.

Blagdon RFC

(Founded 1957)

League: Vets team only

Chairman: Andy Neal, 15 Lye Mead, Winford, Bristol. BS40 8AU
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Secretary: Henry King, 12 Lewmond Avenue, Wells. BA5 2TS
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Treasurer: John Phillips, Pentire, 14 Fallowfield, Blagdon. BS40 7TN
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Referee Contact: Andrew Mildon (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Colours: Green & Black

Ground: Chew Valley RFC, c/o Lobbingtons, Chew Lane, Chew Stoke Bristol. BS40 8UE (01275 333660) E: blagdonrfc@google.com. Between Chew Stoke and Chew Magna, next to Chew Valley School.

Teams: Vets team only

Bridgwater & Albion

(Founded 1875)

League: 1st, South West 1 West; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.barfc.co.uk

Club Address: College Way, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (01278 428900;
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Chairman: Steve Smith, Old Farm House, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RE (H: 01278 455375; M: 07760 172677;
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Fixtures Secretary: Steve Bryant, 18 Withiel Drive, Cannington. TA5 2LY (H: 01278 652796; M: 07766 989136; E: bryant76@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: Steve Bryant (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coaches: Kevin Innalls (07976 957936); Simon Martin (07814 979070); Darren Crompton (07990 572071). All c/o B&ARFC Ltd, College Way, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (01278 423008; F: 01278 446608; E: michelle@barfc.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Paul Brookes, c/o B&ARFC Ltd, College Way, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (M: 07788 452183; E: pib806@btinternet.com or paul@barfc.co.uk)

Club Colours: Red, amber and black. 2nd choice of colours: white and black.

Ground: From centre of Bridgwater take A39 Glastonbury - ground on right after railway bridge; From M5 (jctn 23) take A39 Glastonbury, turn right at lights - follow A39 Bridgwater - ground on left before railway bridge.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Bristol & District Rugby Football Combination

(Founded 1901)

Chairman: Adrian Siddorn, (H: 01275 542490; M: 07879 825630;
E: as007c4536@blueyonder.co.uk)

Secretary: A.E. (Tony) Swash, 6 Downs Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS89 3TX (H: 01179 629047; F: 01179 625420; W: 01179 160090;
M: 07970 433156; E: tonyswash@hotmail.com)

Ground: Meetings are held at the Portway Rugby Development, 2nd Thursday of each month throughout the season

Bristol Barbarians (Founded 1998) (formerly British Gas [Bristol])

League: 1st, Tribute Somerset 1; 2nd Gloucester Reserves South 1

Club Website: www.bristolbarbarians.co.uk

Chairman: Steve Billingham, Bristol Barbarians RFC, Norton Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0BT (M: 07786 374643; E: steve.billingham@colstonltd.co.uk)

Secretary: Jason Bowley, 13 Kensington Park Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3HP (H: 01179 721834; M: 07780 983512; F: 01179 71834; E: jasonbowley796@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: John Bane, 1 Staunton Way, Whitchurch, Bristol. BS14 0TU (M: 07815 794701; E: m.bane@sky.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hillier, 38 Grangeville Close, Longwell Green, Bristol BS30 9YJ (M: 07968 041606; E: ian.hillier@everythingeverywhere.com)

Referees Contact: Ian Hillier (as Fixture Secretary)

Club Coach: Neil Roberts, 5 Cottle Gardens, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8QS (H: 01275 839862; M: 07887 911918; E: neil.rps@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior and Youth Secretary: Ian Hillier (as Fixture Secretary)

Club Colours: Black and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Green

Ground: Norton Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0BT. Leaving Bristol on the A37 at Whitchurch, go over a hump-backed bridge. Norton Lane is first right, ground is first gate on right. (01275 833514).

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Bristol Harlequins (Founded 1926)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 2 North; 3rd, Gloucestershire Reserves League South 4

Club Website: www.bristolharlequins.com

Chairman: Richard Hill, 25 The Crest, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3JB (M: 07958 582298; E: chairman@bristolharlequins.com)

Secretary: Dave Watson, 74B Shellards Road, Longwell Green, Bristol BS30 9DT (M: 07950 699108; E: secretary@bristolharlequins.com)

Treasurer: Steve Ralph, 52 Ducie Road, Staple Hill, Bristol BS16 5JY (H: 0117 9092720; E: treasurer@bristolharlequins.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Mark Ralph, 52 West Park Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 5SJ (M: 07828 333184; E: info@bristolharlequins.com)

Referees Contact: Mark Ralph, as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Mark Rodgers

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mark Clutterbuck, 4 Nympsfield, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1XP (M: 07786 918900; E: mlcbristol@hotmail.co.uk)

Club Colours: Blue, black and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Maroon.

Ground: Valhalla, Broomhill Road, Brislington, Bristol (01179 721650). Entering Bristol on A4 northwards, turn right at Park and Ride and right again at McDonalds. 2nd gate on left and sharp left up lane.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

British Overseas Sports Association (Founded 1972)

Chairman: Glyn Maddocks, Sunnymead, Beechen Cliff, Bath BA2 4QR (01225 420257)

Secretary: Andy Munden, Steps Cottage, Littleton Drew, Wilts. SN14 7NB (W: 0117 971 0251; M: 07768 458186; E: andrewc.munden@virgin.net)

Treasurer: Garth Morris, Alipore, 10 Stoke Paddock Road, Bristol BS9 2DJ (0117 968 1123)

Fixtures Secretary: Andy Munden, see above.

Referees Contact: Andy Munden, see above.

Club Colours: Navy blue. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red and black.

Ground: varies

Teams: occasional invitation and touring teams

Broad Plain RFC

(Founded 1909)

League: 1st, Gloucester 2; 2nd: Gloucester Reserve South 3

Club Website: www.broadplainrfc.com

Chairman: Paul Fortune, 59 Whitehall Road, Whitehall, Bristol. BS5 9BG

(H: 0117 935 0842; M: 07769 883488; E: budgiefortune@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary: Kelly Daveridge, 115 Ravenhill Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 5BL

(W: 01249 765668; M: 07775 692334; E: kellydaveridge@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Sav Lagana, 11 Oakdale Road, Hengrove, Bristol BS14 9TN

(M: 07966 573405; E: sav.lagana@blueyonder.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Ollie Nowell, 24 Bickford Close, Barrs Court, Bristol BS30 8SF

(M: 07748 155505)

Referees Contact: Ollie Nowell, as Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: Bob Hesford (M: 07830 186393)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mrs. Jayne Smith, 227 Dundry Lane, St. George

Bristol. BS5 8SU (H: 0117 967 7177; M: 07919 921883;

E: jaynesmith05@hotmail.co.uk)

Club Colours: blue, maroon, and gold hoops

Ground: Broad Plain RFC, St. Johns Lane, Bedminster, Bristol. BS3 5AZ

(0117 966 5050). From the A37 Wells Road at the Totterdown traffic lights turn to B3122 St. Johns Lane, from A38 around one way system into Bedminster Road entrance to grounds is signposted.

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV, U17, U14, U11, Mini

Burnham-on-Sea

(Founded 1947)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 2

Club Website: www.burnhamonsearfc.org

Chairman: Caine Harding, 21 Southernlea Road, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 2EP

(H: 01278 795069; W: 01278 792735; M: 07730 066463; F: 01278 792735;

E: caineharding@yahoo.co.uk)

Secretary: Lisa Mcken, 22 Thorndike Way, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1QR

(M: 07976 362373)

Treasurer: Don Bowerman, 14 Priestley Way, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1QX

(H: 01278 793412; E: bower@donj78.fsnet.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary & Referees Contact: Chris Jones, 21 Links Close,

Burnham-on-Sea TA8 2JD (M: 07817 528996; E: chris_m_jones@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Contact: Andrew Prewitt (E: andrew.prewitt@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Blue and white shirts, white shorts, blue/white socks. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black and red

Ground: Burnham Assoc. of Sports Clubs, Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-Sea

TA8 2NZ (01278 788355; www.burnhamonsearfc.org.uk). From Junction 22, M5, follow signs to Burnham-on-Sea. At Tesco's roundabout take the 3rd exit on to Stoddens Road, Ground is 1 mile on the right.

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV, U18, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Butleigh RFC
Sunday Fixtures

(Founded 1976)

President: A.J.C. Berkeley, 20 Plough Close, Street. BA16 0UF
(H: 01458 447115)

Chairman: Chris English, Riverside Grange, N. Wootton, Shepton Mallet
BA4 4AE (H: 01749 890761; W: 0148 837516; M: 07756 957645;
E: cje@millfieldprep.com)

Secretary: H.C. Harding, 10 The Cheviots, Overbury Road, Parkstone, Dorset
BH14 9JL (H: and F: 01202 733694; E: harding588@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: Susanna Maunder, Peace Close Cottage, Kingweston, Somerton
TA11 6BD (E: suzie_maunder87@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Chris English (as Chairman)

Referees Contact: Chris English (as Chairman)

Technical Advisor: C. Gravatt (H/F: 01963 351528)

Club Colours: Multi. 2nd Choice of Colours: Extra Multi

HQ: Rose & Portcullis, Butleigh (01458 850287)

Ground: Kingweston Park. On the B3153 between Somerton and Keinton Mandeville

Teams: 1st XV only

Castle Cary

(Founded 1888)

League: 1st, Somerset 1 South; 2nd, Somerset 3 South

Chairman: Paul Lester-Hinchliffe, 10 Cumnock Terrace, Castle Cary, Somerset,
BA7 7HY (H: 01963 351124; W: 03067 934432; M: 07983 557878;
E: paulhinchliffe725@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Vivien Armson, Sweet Apple Barn, Rodgrove, Wincanton BA9 9RU
(H: 01963 370642; W: 07836 275437; M: 07875 701581; E: v.armson@sky.com)

Treasurer: Martin Trott, 836 North Barrow, Yeovil BA22 7LZ (H: 01963 240405;
M: 07980 843247; E: martin.trott52@gmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Gareth Watts, 15 Woodford Green, Castle Cary, Somerset
BA7 7LD (H: 01963 350162; M: 07894 86202 E: gareth-2705@hotmail.co.uk)

Referee Contact: Gareth Watts (as Fixtures Secretary)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Karen Travers, 11 Clarks Meadow, Shepton Mallet
BA4 4FD (H: 01749 346059; M:07799 506898; E: j.a.e.travers@btinternet.com)

Club Coach: Chris Hurd, 1a Rossendale Close, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset,
BS22 9HA (M: 07748 741519; E: chris09@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Red and black hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Plain blue.

Ground: Brook House Field, Alhampton, Ditcheat BA7 7PF (01963 351178;
castlecaryrfc.co.uk). The ground is located off the A371, approx. 2 miles from
Castle Cary town centre in the direction of Bristol/Bath.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Women's, Vets', U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Chard

(Founded 1876)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 2 South, 3rd, Somerset 3 South

Chairman: Mick Duffy, 29 Fairway Rise, Chard, Somerset (01460 63304
E: mick.duffy@numatic.co.uk)

Secretary: Mrs G Margetts (H: g.margetts1@btinternet.com;
W: gillmargetts@coombefarm.com)

Treasurer: Philip Cook, Combe Farm, Roundham, Crewkerne. TA18 8RR
(H: 01460 279501; W: 01460 279501; E: philipcook@combefarm.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Richard Adams, 15 Cribb Close, Chard TA20 1EE
(M: 07738 643204; E: rpadams@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact : as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Steve Broome (H: 01460 64234; M: 07926 274181;
E: stephenbroome@numatic.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: J. McNair, 11 Higher Street, Merriott. TA16 5PJ
(H: 01460 271274; E: jim.mcnair811@mod.uk)

Club Colours: Black, with red and gold hoops, 2nd Choice of Colours: White/
blue hoops

Ground: The Park, Essex Close, Chard (01460 62495). Bottom of Chard High Street
(by Wetherspoons – The Cerdic), 100 yds. up Essex Close.

(2nd & 3rd Pitches: Crewkerne Road, Chard, approx 2 miles out on A30
towards Crewkerne.)

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U18

Cheddar Valley RFC

(Reconstituted 1963)

League: Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.cheddar-rugby.co.uk

Chairman: Patrick Cullen, West End Farm, Wedmore BS28 4BD
(M: 07989 434701; E: patrick.cullen@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

Secretary: Gary Higgins, Flat 2 Winden, Cheddar Road, Axbridge BS26 2RE
(07872 020996; gary.higgins@gbrsuk.com)

Treasurer: Simon Charles 10 Dunstan Way, Cheddar BS27 3GA
(M: 07711 492784; E: simon.charles@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Fixture Secretary: Paul Stevens, 6 Yeo Close, Cheddar
BS27 3XL (07980 465568; E: pstevens@backwellschool.net)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Steve Lorimer (as Secretary)

Club Colours: Scarlet and sky blue hoops.

Ground: Sharpham Road, Cheddar BS27 3DR (01934 743623). From the A38 follow
the A371 at Cross, signposted for Cheddar and Wells. Continue past Axbridge and
upon entering Cheddar go past the petrol station, keeping it on your left (ie. stay
on the A371). Follow the straight stretch of road until it takes a sharp left turn and
then turn RIGHT over the old railway bridge. After the bridge, turn immediately
RIGHT again (into Sharpham Road) and follow this until you reach the iron gates
to the reservoir. The entrance to the club car park is on the right before the gates.

Teams: 1st XV, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Chew Valley RFC

(Founded 1969)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2 North

Chairman: Dean Wring, Fairfield Cottage, Stoke Hill, Chew Stoke, Bristol
BS40 8XQ (H: 01275 333773)

Secretary: Matthew Burke, Maple Lodge, Sutton Yard, Bishop Sutton, Bristol
BS39 5UR (H: 01275 333452; M: 07584 258323; E: mjb@cityfinancialplanning.co.uk)

Treasurer: James Coward, 4 Fair View, North Bruton Somerset BA10 0JT
(M: 07846 078028; E: mjb@cityfinancialplanning.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hall, 2 Chalk Farm Close, Norton Malreward, Pensford,
Bristol BS39 4HQ (01275 837987; E: consettonian@aol.com)

Referees Contact: Ian Hall, as above

Club Coach: Doug Woodman, 14 Eastnor Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0HG
(01275 835458)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Matt Burke, see above

Club Colours: Green and white.

Ground: Lobbingtons, Chew Lane, Chew Stoke, Bristol BS40 8UE (01275 333660; E: chewvalleyrugby@aol.com). Between Chew Stoke and Chew Magna, next to Chew Valley School.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Vets, U19s through U7s.

Clevedon (Founded 1921)

League: 1st, Dorset & Wilts 2 North; 2nd, Dorset & Wilts 3 North

President: Michael Thomas, 46 Treefield Road, Clevedon. BS21 (01275 875497)

Chairman: Jeff Durant, c/o The Clubhouse (01275 877772)

Secretary: Paul Squires, Manesty, Duck Lane, Kenn. BS21 6TP (01275 877271; E: paulsquires@atworkappointments.co.uk)

Treasurer: Terry Sulley, c/o Clevedon RFC, Coleridge Road, Clevedon (01275 877772)

Fixtures Secretary: Michael Thomas (as President)

Referees Contact: Michael Thomas (as President)

Club Coach: Nick Hill, c/o The Clubhouse (M: 07774 000643)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Neil Tucker, 10 Kingston Avenue, Clevedon, Avon BS21 6DS (H: 07751 916454, W: 01275 874238, E: neiltucker@sky.com)

Club Colours: Black and pink hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Navy blue shirts.

Ground: Coleridge Vale Playing Fields, Southey Road, Clevedon BS21 6PF (01275 877772; www.clevedonrfc.co.uk). Leave M5 at J20, down slip road, straight over the roundabout towards the town centre, straight over 2nd roundabout. Morrisons on right hand side, turn left at traffic lights. After 200 yards turn left, then take 2nd left, you will see the clubhouse in front of you.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U16, U15

Combe Down (Founded 1896)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Dorset & Wilts 2 North, 3rd, Dorset & Wilts 3 West

Chairman: Mark Holmes. (M: 07761 779060; E: tugboat@talk21.com)

Secretary: Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath BA2 1JN (M: 07983 888129; E: steve.cdfixtures@google.com)

Treasurer: Colleen Hill, Selway Court, North Road, Combe Down, Bath (H: 01225 830431)

Fixtures Secretary: Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath BA2 1JN (M: 07983 888129; E: steve.cdfixtures@google.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: to be confirmed

Junior & Youth Secretary: Giles White. (M: 07775 686919; E: giles.white@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Black and amber. 2nd Choice of Colours: pink and black

Ground: Holly's Corner, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5DE (01225 832075; www.combedownrfc.com). Follow A3062 out of Bath to Combe Down.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Colts & mini /junior section from U7 through to U17

Crewkerne

(Reconstituted 1975)

League: 1st, Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.crewkernerfc.co.uk

Chairman: Simon Shackelford, 111 Park View, Crewkerne TA18 8JG
(H: 01460 78490; M: 07921 942699; E: simon.shackelford@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Rachel Morris, 9 Middle Path, Crewkerne. TA18 9BG

(H: 01460 74105; W: 01935 702524; M: 07971 855282;

E: racheljmorris@aol.com)

Treasurer: Fiona Emm, 135 South Street, Crewkerne TA18 8AA

(H: 01460 75292; M: 07984 189270; E: fi@miglio.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Trevor Boyer, 55 St. James, Beaminster, Dorset DT8 3PW

(H: 01308 863169)

Referees Contact: Scott Johnson, 4 Bartlet Close, Rose Lane, Crewkerne

TA19 7EQ (M: 07875562776; E: scott@sjohnson79.orangehome.co.uk)

Club Coach: Stuart Kingston, 7 Chestnut Avenue, Middle Hill, Crewkerne TA18

(M: 07720 428443; E: stuart@beadon.biz)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Simon Shackelford, see Chairman.

Club Colours: Scarlet and black hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Green body and sleeves with red collar.

Ground: The Sports Club, Henhayes La, South Street, Crewkerne TA18 7JJ

(01460 76422). Upon entering Crewkerne head for the main car park in South Street. Find the Crewkerne Aqua centre and the clubhouse and grounds are directly behind this.

Teams: 1st, Vets, Mini

Evercrech Barbarians RFC

(Founded 2005)

Club Address: c/o The Bell Inn, Bruton Road, Evercrech, Shepton Mallet BA4 6HY (01749 830287)

Chairman: Ken Hawker, 2 Rockleaze, Evercrech, Shepton Mallet BA4 6JP
(M:07773 690345)

Secretary: Emma Watson, 14 Shapway Road, Evercrech, Shepton Mallet BA3 6JT (E: emma155@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: Paul Sealey, 1 Fosse Road, Oakhill, Radstock BA3 5HU

(H: 01749 841496; W:01249 814700; M: 07719 937359;

E: paulsealey@lineone.net; F: 01249 821529)

Fixtures Secretary: as Chairman

Referees Contact: as Chairman

Coach: N/A

Junior & Youth Secretary: N/A

Club Colours: Pink and black quarters

Ground: Go to Pecking Mill Inn and look for the rugby posts

Teams: Sunday XV, Vets

Frome

(Founded 1883)

League: 1st, Southern Counties South; 2nd, Dorset & Wilts 2 South;
3rd, Dorset & Wiltshire 3 South

Chairman: Shane Lewis, 63 Packsaddle Way, Frome BA11 2RW

(H: 01373 462765; W: 07979 593 868; M: 07979 593 868;

E: chairman@fromerfc.org & shanelewis777@aol.com)

Secretary: C.G. Hodge, 7 Yeomans Lodge, Frome BA11 4SA (H: 01373 301555; W: 01225 473679; M: 07974 697556; E: secretary@fromerfc.org)

Treasurer: Dave Winduss, Glebe House, Buckland Dinham, Frome BA11 2QW (H: 01373 474114; M: 07545 929916; E: treasurer@fromerfc.org)

Fixtures Secretary: Trevor Osborne, 3 Stafford Close, West Knighton, Dorchester, Dorset (H: 01305 854831; M: 07725 427662; E: fixtures@fromerfc.org)

Referees Contact: Trevor Osborne, as above

Director of Rugby: Dave King, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset BA11 2NA (H: 01373 463013; M: 07966 559582; E: rugby@fromerfc.org)

Club Coach: Kevin Moggridge, 41 Mountain Wood, Bathford, Bath BA1 7RZ (M: 07912 540950; E: kevin.moggridge@rfu.com)

Junior & Youth Chairman and Fixtures Secretary: Sean Porter, 14 Innox Hill, Frome BA11 2LW (H: 01373 452787; W: 01373 452787; M: 07735 037796; E: junior.chair@fromerfc.org & sean.porter@talktalk.net)

Club Colours: Red, black and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black.

Ground: The Clubhouse, Gypsy Lane, Frome BA11 2NA (T/F: 01373 462506; www.fromerfc.co.uk). Signposted from the Bath Road/Princess Anne Road traffic lights.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, Boys' Mini, Girls' Mini

Gordano

(Founded 1970)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.gordanorfc.co.uk

Chairman: Geoff Collins, 8 Lodway, Pill. BS20 0DH (H: 01275 374757; W: 01275 845499; M: 07974 571260; E: geoff@sportsfields.org)

Secretary: Neil Steer, 9 Lynton Close, Portishead BS20 6YS (H: 01275 844000; M: 07899 805358; E: n.steer@sky.com)

Treasurer: Keith Leaker, 30 Slade Road, Portishead. BS20 6BS (H: 01275 848986; W: 0117 966 7176; M: 07973 121289; E: sales@bristolsafetyware.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: John Critchley, 58 Ridgeway Road, Long Ashton, Bristol (M: 07875 734260; E: john.critchley@axawealth.co.uk)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Kevin Instance, 2 Glenwood Rise, Portishead, Bristol BS20 8EH (H: 01275 399180; E: instancekevin@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Ian Pope (M: 07976 651232; E: iapope@tiscali.co.uk)

Club Colours: Red with black hoop. 2nd Choice of Colours: Green or blue.

Ground: Gordano RFC, Caswell Lane, Portbury, Bristol BS20 9UF (01275 373486). M5 Junction 19 (Gordano Services); take A369 to Bristol, turn first right into Portbury village. Follow road along side of motorway, heading south; turn left after village green (at Club sign)

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women's, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Hornets

(Founded 1962)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 2 North; 3rd Somerset 3 North

Chairman: Nigel Richardson, c/o Hornets RFC (M: 07767 831561)

Secretary: Jenny Cockayne, 34 Anson Road, Locking BS24 7DE (H: 823561; M: 07717 790838)

Treasurer: Stuart Simmons, 138 Milton Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 2US

(H: 01934 623418; M: 07792 99830; E: stuart.simmons@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Dave Pollard, 216 Locking Road, Weston-s-Mare BS23 3LU

(M: 07903 467177; E: kay-polly@02.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Neil Cowlin, Flat 2 Trinity Mansions, 14 Atlantic Road,

Weston-super-Mare. BS23 3DQ (H: 01934 414659; M: 07786 477166)

Club Coach: Phil Hogarth, 14 Greengage Close, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8GG

(H: 01934 613541; ML 07506 771460; E: hulkhogarth@yahoo.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Ian Humphries, c/o Hornets RFC (M: 07770 626169;

E: ianhumphris@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Black and amber. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black and red.

Ground: Hutton Moor Park, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8LY

(01934 621433; www.hornetsrugby.net). Leave M5 Motorway at Junction 21.

Follow the Somerset Way (signs marked for the 'beach') a couple of miles down

the road. After the elevated section you will approach a set of traffic lights. Turn

right at these lights and you will see the ground on your right hand side (opposite

the Leisure Centre on your left.)

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Women's, U19, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Imperial

(Founded 1905)

League: Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 3 North

Club Website: www.imperialrfc.org.uk

Chairman: Aaron Binns, c/o Imperial Athletic Club, West Town Lane, Knowle,

Bristol BS14 9EA (M: 07968 788596; E: aaronbinns4@google.com)

Secretary: Craig Pullinger, c/o Imperial Fire & Security, 369 Bath Road, Arnos Vale,

Bristol BS4 3EW (M: 07970 782060; E: craig@imperialfireandsecurity.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mark George, 76 Great Hayles Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0SI

(W: 07976 389060)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hopkins, 42 Hawkridge Drive, Pucklechurch, Bristol

BS16 9SN (M: 07904 056240; E: i_hopkins@sky.com)

Referees Contact: Ian Hopkins (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coach: Dean Payne (M: 07807 489453; E: deanpayne16@yahoo.co.uk)

Club Colours: Myrtle green and amber. 2nd choice of colours: Red

Ground: South Bristol Sports Centre (formerly the Imperial Ground), West Town

Lane, Knowle, Bristol. BS14 9EA (0117 903 8681). From Wells Road turn right at

'Happy Landings' public house, proceed to mini roundabout, ground opposite.

From Bath Road turn left at traffic lights into West Town Lane, at mini roundabout

ground is on left hand side.

Teams: 1st, 2nd

Ivel Barbarians RFC Ltd.

(Founded 1995)

League: 1st, Dorset & Wilts 1 South; 2nd, Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.ivelrugby.co.uk

Chairman: Harold (H) Williams, 13 Abbots Road, Ilchester. BA22 8NB

(H: 01935 840177)

Secretary: Alison Bennett, 36 The Glebe, Queen Camel, Yeovil. BA22 7PR

(H: 01935 850004; W: 01935 845369; M: 07732 788777; F: 01935 478883;

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Treasurer: Julian Thomsett, Marsh Hill Farm, Marsh Lane, Yeovil. BA21 3QA

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Fixtures Secretary: Rich Gaston, 12 Combe Park, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3BD (H: 01935 472371)

Referees Contact: Rich Gaston, as above

Club Coach: Neil Mathieson, The Wardroom, RNAS Yeovilton, Ilchester, BA22 8HT (W: 01935 456686; M: 07887 703030; E: neil800@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Lidia Morgan, Glynde Reach, Lambrook Road, Shepton Beauchamp, Ilminster TA19 0LZ (H: 01460 240310; M: 07891 703163; E: pandlmorgan@waitrose.com)

Club Colours: Black & white quarters. 2nd Choice of Colours: various.

Ground: Dorchester Road, Yeovil BA22 9TR (01935 474591). Ivel Barbarians are situated at the Yeovil Showground, accessed from Barwick Lane at The Red House Inn roundabout on the A37 Yeovil to Dorchester Road.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Women's, Vets', U19, Colts', U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini and reception

Keynsham

(Founded 1923)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 3rd, Somerset 2; 4th, Somerset 3 North

Club Website: www.keynshamrugby.co.uk

Chairman: Brian Balingier, 4 Esson Road, Bristol. BS15 1NP (H: 0117 935 2691; M: 07939 040080; E: brianballinger@aol.com)

Secretary: Mrs. Chris Wetton, High Trees, The Glen, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3JP (H: 01225 874604; M: 07813 895962; E: wettoncccj@aol.com)

Treasurer: Craig Wetton, High Trees, The Glen, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3JP (H: 01225 874604; M: 07866 686796; E: wettonccc@aol.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Ashton Broad, The Pantiles, 157 Bristol Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0PU (01275 831605; E: ashtonbroad@tiscali.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Ashton Broad, as above

Club Coach: Jason Wheatley/Mike Jeffries/Kevin Appleton, c/o Keynsham RFC (E: info@keynshamrugby.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Andy Davies (M: 07771 820140; E: davesandyp@hotmail.com)

Colts Manager: Stuart Robbins (M: 07818 421730. E: stuartrobbins@o2.co.uk)

Club Colours: Amber and black. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black.

Ground: Crown Fields, Bristol Road, Keynsham BS31 2DE (01179 872520). From Bristol follow signs for Bath (A4). At Hicks Gate roundabout follow the sign to Keynsham.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Vets, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Martock

(Founded 1992)

League: Somerset 2 South

Chairman: Rob Trainor, Portway House, Butleigh Road, Street BA16 0DA (H: 01458 444559; M: 07525 270715; E: trainortrash@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Philip Jackson, Church Lodge Cottage, Church Street, Martock TA12 6JL (H: 01935 823514; M:07714 244049; E: pbj@captopbj.com)

Treasurer: Dave Rawlings, 10 Old Market, Martock. TA12 6DU (H: 01935 824389; M: 07762 013282; E: david.r.rawlings@talktalk.net)

Fixtures Secretary: John Hole, 13 Hollies Close, Bower Hinton, Martock TA12 6LB (H: 01935 823444; M: 07718 317932;

E: john.hole@britishcollegessport.org)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Coach: As Fixtures Secretary.

Junior & Youth Secretary: Rob Trainor, as Chairman

Club Colours: Green and black quarters. 2nd Choice of Colours: Yellow and black quarters.

Ground: Stoke Road Recreation Ground, Stoke Road, Martock TA12 6AF (M: 07717 477093; www.martockrugby.co.uk). Take Martock exit from A303 at Percombe Hill. Turn left at T-Junction to join Stoke Road. Ground is on left hand side after about a mile.

Teams: 1st

Midsomer Norton

(Founded 1936)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 2 North; 4th Somerset 3 North

Chairman: Neil Denning, 10 Orchardleigh View, Frome BA11 3SB

(H: 01373 463345; W: 07773 567887; E: njdenning@blueyonder.co.uk)

Secretary: Ian Tiley, 9 Maytree Road, Radstock. BA3 2TU (H: 01761 437670; M: 07765 053225; E: ian.tiley@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Robin Browning

Fixtures Secretary: Tyrone Dallimore, 9 Waterloo Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5HG (H: 01749 344672; M: 07544 713117; E: t.dallimore@sky.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: Tom Lovell (M: 07714 088179; E: t-lovell@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Kath Adams, 11 Withies Park, Midsomer Norton BA3 2NN (H: 01761 414561; E: kath@robadamns.wanadoo.co.uk)

Club Colours: Red & white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black

Ground: Norton Down Playing Fields, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton BA3 2UE (01761 412827). From centre of Midsomer Norton, take B3355 towards Shepton Mallet. Continue up Silver Street for approx 800 yds.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women's, U19, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Milborne Port

Sunday fixtures

Chairman: Stan Vaughan, 10 Redwing Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne ST9 5DB (M: 07541 223870)

Secretary: Lisa Murrin, 10 Redwing Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne ST9 5DB (M: 07796 340796; E: lisamurrin@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer: Malvern Carvell, 1 East Street, Milborne Port DT9 5DR

(H: 01963 250131; M: 07743 927453; E: malvern.carvell@tiscali.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Jason Perryman, White House, Osborne, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4JY (M: 07855 035175)

Referee Contact: Malvern Carvell, as above

Club Coach: Nigel Domoney, 50 Simons Road, Sherborne DT9 4DN (01935 816532; M: 07971 537363)

Club Colours: Emerald green and gold.

Ground: Memorial Ground, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset. Arrive at crossroads in centre of village, turn north into North Street, which reverts to Station Road. Springfield Road is the 3rd turning on the right.

Teams: 1st XV, Vets (sometimes)

Millfield Old Boys (Founded 1985)
Secretary: Angela C. Leslie, c/o PO Box 24, Ware SG12 0YN (H: 01920 486534;
F: 01920 464462)
Ground: Harrow RFC, Wood Lane, Stanmore, Middx.

Minehead Barbarians (Founded 1946)
League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2; 3rd, Somerset 3
Club Website: www.mineheadbarbarians.co.uk
Chairman: Graham Symes, c/o Minehead Barbarians RFC (H: 01643 707155;
M: 07974065038; E: fayeandgrahame@aol.com)
Secretary: Colin Howells, 46 Lower Park, Minehead TA24 8AY (H: 01643 702487;
W: 01643 703924; M: 07887 987619; E: candj@audley46.fsnet.co.uk)
Treasurer: Mike Willes, Steart Farm, Timberscombe, Minehead TA24 7UQ
(H: 01643 841238; W: 01643 841238; F: 01643 841125; M: 07974 567011;
E: mikewilles@hotmail.com)
Fixtures Secretary: Grahame Symes (as Chairman)
Referee Contact: Grahame Symes (as Chairman)
Club Coach: Andrew Stevens, c/o Minehead Barbarians (H: 01643 707155;
M: 07917 632234; E: andrew.stevens@cjlynch.co.uk)
Junior and Youth Secretary: Nick Mouzouri, c/o Minehead Barbarians
(H: 01643707155; M: 07891 479498; E: nicolas.mouzouri@edf-energy.com)
Club Colours: Black and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black, white and
red hoops.
Ground: The Tom Stewart Field, Ellicombe Lane, Ellicombe, Minehead TA24 6TR
(01643 707155). A39 to Minehead from Bridgwater/Taunton, turn left at first
roundabout signposted Ellicombe, ground is 100m.
Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Morganians (Founded 1921)
League: Somerset 2 South
Website: www.morganiansrfc.co.uk
Chairman: Royston Grimstead, c/o The Clubhouse, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater
TA7 8QW (M: 07977 352590; E: royston.grimstead@btinternet.com)
Secretary: Andrea McBain, 126 Taunton Road, North Petherton TA6 6NN
(H: 01278 662396; E: andreamcbain@hotmail.co.uk)
Treasurer: Mike Donnachie, 109b Beanacre, Melksham Wilts. SN12 7PZ
(H: 01225 709095; E: r.a.donnachie@btinternet.com)
Fixtures Secretary: Paul Grimstead, 3 Bryants Buildings, Bath Road, Bridgwater
TA6 4PJ (01278 439390; M: 07939 696585; E: paulgrimstead@talktalk.net)
Referee Contact: Paul Grimstead, (as Fixtures Secretary)
Club Coach: Matt Foad, White Willows, Morland, Somerset TA7 0AX
(M: 07581 188458; E: mfoad@englandathletics.org)
Club Colours: Blue with red and gold hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red with
blue and gold hoops.
Ground: The Clubhouse, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater TA7 8QW (01278 423434).
Bath Road from Bridgwater, A39 Bridgwater to Glastonbury road, over Motorway
bridge, turn left opposite Mole Valey Farmers, then left into Club.
Teams: 1st, Vets

Nailsea & Backwell

(Founded 1972)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 3 North

Club Website: www.nbrfc.co.uk

Chairman: Jeff Morris, 1 Broom Farm Close, Nailsea. BS48 4YJ

(H: 01275 852807; 07717 781964; E: jeffsue.morris@blueyonder.co.uk)

Secretary: Phil Terry, N & B RFC, West End Park, West End Lane, Nailsea BS48 4BY (M: 07823 443697; E: philipaterry@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Mark Richardson, c/o Clubhouse (01275 810818; M: 07760 232730; E: mikerichardson1@blueyonder.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Sally Stokes, N+B RFC, West End Park, West End Lane, Nailsea BS48 4BY (M: 07917 606709; E: daveandsallystokes@live.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Sally Stokes, as Fixtures Secretary

Junior & Youth Secretary: Pete Reakes (Junior Chairman); c/o Clubhouse (01275 810818; M: 07971 464054; E: petereakes@blueyonder.co.uk)

Club Coach: Leo Costello, N+B RFC, West End Park, West End Lane, Nailsea BS48 4BY (M: 07818 260146; E: leocostello@talktalk.net)

Club colours: Black/white. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red.

Ground: West End Park, West End Lane, Nailsea. BS48 4BY (01275 810818). New direction signs now in place.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Vets, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

North Petherton

(Founded 1893)

League: 1st, Western Counties West; 2nd, Somerset 2 South; 3rd, Somerset 3 South

Club Website: www.north-petherton-rfc.co.uk

Chairman: Bill Frost, 1 Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton TA6 6QP (01278 663535; M: 07808 811999; E: billnprfc@aol.com)

Secretary: Clive Pearn, 48 Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton TA6 6QT (01278 663032; E: clive@pearn.go-plus.net)

Treasurer: Mrs Kirsty Roberts, Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton TA6 6QS (H: 01278 662246; M: 07894 665 078; E: kirstytett23@aol.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Neil Prescott, 25 Gordon Terrace, Bridgwater SOMERSET TA6 5JP (H: 01278 420795; M: 07796 768959)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Mr Tito Elisara (M: 07733 206860; E: titoelisara@yahoo.co.nz)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mr Lee Jackson (M: 07903 722390;

E: lee.jackson@qas.com)

Club Colours: Black/white. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black/white/red/blue.

Ground: Beggars Brook, Taunton Road, North Petherton TA6 6NW (01278 663028). Leave the M5 at Junction 24. After approx. 250m turn south on to the A38/Taunton Road in the direction of Taunton. Keep going south right through the village of North Petherton. As you come out of the village, the clubhouse can be found after approx. half a mile on the left-hand side off the lay-by.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

North Wootton

(Founded 1996)

Sunday fixtures

Chairman: James Phillips, 42 Ashgrove, Greengates, Bradford. BD10 0DP (M: 07989 321806; E: jamatz74@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Charlie Hare, Withial Hill Farm, East Pennard, Shepton Mallet. BA4 6UF (M: 07590 642957; E: chare84@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Chris English, Riverside Grange, North Wootton, Shepton Mallet. BA4 4AE (H: 01749 890761; W: 01458 837516; E: cje@millfieldprep.com; chrisenglishuk2000@yahoo.co.uk)

Club Colours: Green, brown, navy blue, maroon, grey

Club Address: Riverside Grange, Tanyard Lane, North Wootton BA4 4AE (01749 890761)

Ground: No home ground. We play our 'Home' fixtures at Butleigh RFC ground at Kingweston

Teams: 1st

Old Bristolians

(Founded 1925)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Gloucs. Reserve Premier; 3rd, Gloucs. Reserve South 1; 4th Gloucs. Reserve South 3

Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldbristolians

President: Rich Berry, 97 Longmead Avenue, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8QE (H: 01179 243182; M: 07917 133721; E: richberry@blueyonder.co.uk)

Chairman: Dan Grzonka, 32 Flax Bourton Road, Failand, Bristol BS8 3UW (H: 01275 392492; M: 07971 428018; E: dan@brond.co.uk)

Secretary: Charles van der Lande, 74 Berkley Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8HG (W: 0845 241 9503; M: 07891 693944; E: obsrfc@yahoo.co.uk)

Treasurer: Neil Davies, 2 Queen Victoria Road, Westbury Park, Bristol BS6 7PD (M: 07824 367270; E: neilkdavies@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Thomas Myers, 27A St Johns Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2HD (M: 07540 305 201; E: thomas.myers@edf-energy.com)

Referees Contact: Lyndon Davies (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coach: Rich Berry, 97 Longmead Ave., Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8QE (H: 01179 243182; M: 07917 133721; E: richberry@blueyonder.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Chairman: Mark Bolton-Jones (M: 07956 858852; E: markbj@blueyonder.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Jen Berry, 97 Longmead Ave., Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8QE (H: 01179 243182; M: 07799 768502; E: jenberry@blueyonder.co.uk)

Juniors Coaching: Charlie Thompson, 12 Milton Park Road, Milton, Weston-super-Mare. BS22 8DY (M: 07795 955604; E: charliet76@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Maroon, amber and green

Ground: Memorial Playing Field, Failand, Bristol BS8 3TQ (01275 392137; W: www.obsrfc.com). Off B3219 Beggar Bush Lane, Failand, Bristol, behind Corus Hotel (formerly called Redwood Lodge Country Club).

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Vets, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Old Culverhaysians

(Founded 1959)

League: Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.oldculverhaysians.com

Chairman: Mr Mike Harding (M: 07887 508883; E: mike@bigdug.co.uk)

Secretary: Wayne Miller, 19 Chantry Mead Road, Bath BA2 2DE (H: 01225 340717; M: 07981 438147; E: waynemiller1@blueyonder.co.uk)

Treasurer: Nick Harding, Westend Cottage, Number 1, Hunstrete, Bristol BS39 4NT (H: 01761 490186)

Fixtures Secretary: Nigel Frankcom, 58 Haycombe Drive, Bath BA2 1PG (M: 07780 622405; E: nigelfranky@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: as above

Club Coach: Dafydd Evans (M: 07977595641; E: dafydd@scrumfit.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Secretary

Club Colours: Black. 2nd Choice of Colours: Amber

Ground: Odd Down Playing Fields, Chelwood Drive, Odd Down, Bath (01225 832081).

Take Wells Road out of city for approx 1-1½ miles. Turn right at roundabout (Harvester Pub). Follow to traffic lights, turn right for 200 yards and turn right into Chelwood Drive.

Teams: 1st, Mini

Old Redcliffians

(Founded 1919)

League: 1st, National League 3 SW; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 2 North

Chairman: Christopher Fry, 30 Dunedin Way, St Georges, Weston-super-Mare, N. Somerset, BS22 7RN (H: 01934 510023; M: 07778 595968; E: chris@o2.co.uk)

Secretary: John Price, 5 Sherwell Rd, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4JX (01179 9771560, M: 07939 138196, E: j_price@sky.com)

Treasurer: Roy Hicks, 56 Downs Park East, Henleaze, Bristol BS6 7QE (H: 01179 071931; W: 01179 071931; F: 01179 870863; M: 07747 123470; E: roy.hicks@gifford.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Russell Yandell, 5 High Street, Portbury, Bristol BS20 7JW (H: 01275 373444; M: 078287 96504; E: yandellmike@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: Richard Yandell, 11 Imperial Walk, Knowle, Bristol BS14 9AD (H: 01179 777657; W: 01179 030395; F: 01179 030397; M: 07763 466655; E: richardyandell@hotmail.com)

Club Coach: Graeme Beveridge, info to club (M: 07710 186287)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Jonathan White, 2 Royal Oaks Cottages, Old Mills, Paulton BS31 7SP (M: 07904 522065; E: whi616@aol.com)

Club Colours: Red and black hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Blue

Ground: Scotland Lane, Brislington, Bristol (01179 778501). Take A4 for Bath for approx 3 miles through Brislington village. Right at McDonalds, into Scotland Lane – approx. ½ mile right hand side.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women's, U17, U16, U15, U14, U12, U11, Mini

Old Sulians RFC Limited

(Founded 1926)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 3 North

Chairman: Tom Shaw, Flat 4, Belvedere, Bath BA1 5ED (M: 07789 980162; E: t0m0shaw@gmail.com)

Secretary: Terry Haines, 16A Rockliffe Avenue, Bath BA2 6QP (H: 01225 465107; W: 0117 9797540; E: terry.haines@virgin.net)

Treasurer: Jon Wrigley, 30 Horsecombe Brow, Combe Down, Bath (01225 832006; E: jon54wrigley@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Maria Davies, 6 Highfield Road, Peasedown St John, Bath BA2 8HF (H: 01761 435701; E: bigtd190461@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: Maria Davies, as for Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: Mike Richardson, 5 Lyme Road, Bath BA1 3LN (H: 01225 319713; M: 07799 065903; E: mike.richardson@awp.nhs.uk)

Club Colours: Red & blue. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black.

Ground: Lansdown Road, Bath (01225 310201; www.oldsulians.com). Follow Lansdown Road from city centre. Ground is on left 400m past MOD site.

Teams: 1st, 2nd

Oldfield Old Boys

(Founded 1950)

League: 1st, South West 1; 2nd, Somerset 2 North;
3rd, Somerset 3 North

Chairman: Pat Bunton, Valley View, St Julian Rd, Shoscombe, Bath BA2 8NB
(H: 01761 439807; W: 01225 480000; M: 07977 453694; E: pb@lcplc.co.uk)

Secretary: Steve Godwin, 12 Lime Grove Gardens, Bath BA2 4HE (H/F: 01225 318612;
W: 01453 837109; M: 07977 275548; E: stevegodwin36@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Pat Bunton, Valley View, St. Julian Road, Shoscombe, Bath BA2 8NB
(H: 01761 439087; W: 01225 480000; M: 07977 453694; E: pb@lcplc.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Chris Quintin 36 Magdalen Avenue, Bath BA2 4QB
(M: 07973 839499; E: chris.quintin@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: Chris Quintin (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coach: Shaun Williams (M: 07966 226218; E: s.williams3@bath.ac.uk)

Club Colours: Home kit: maroon & amber. Away kit: navy & amber

Ground: The Clubhouse, Shaft Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 7HP (01225 834135;
www.oldfieldrfc.com) Shaft Road is situated off Claverton Down Road, close to the
Bath Clinic Private Hospital in Combe Down, Bath and our clubhouse entrance is
past the pitches on the right hand side.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Vets

Pelicans

(Founded 1968)

Secretary & Fixtures Secretary: Ed Hawkins, South View, Hobbs Lane,
Kingston St Mary, Taunton. (01823 451999; E: aluredian@hotmail.com)

Ground: King's College, South Road, Taunton

Somerton RFC

(Founded 1998)

League: 1st, Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.somertonrfc.co.uk

Club contact no: 07870 861731

Chairman: Goff Rumbles, Gardeners Cottage, Kingsdon, Somerton TA11 7JZ
(H: 01935 840132; M: 07836 521665; F: 01935 840157;

E: goff@rumbles.uk.com)

Secretary: Mike Fullegar, 16 May Pole Knapp, Somerton TA11 6HR
(H: 01458 270226; M: 07840 600968; E: mikefullegar@live.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mike Fullegar (as Secretary)

Fixtures Secretary: Eirian Williams, 67 Behind Berry, Somerton TA11 6JY
(H: 01458 274225; M: 07870 861731; E: eiriantracey@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Coaches: Eirian Williams, 67 Behind Berry, Somerton. TA11 6JY (H: 01458 274225;
M: 07870 861731; E: eiriantracey@btinternet.com)

Paul Farmer, Moortown Farm, Moortown Lane, Langport, Somerset TA10 0AB
(M: 07515 652321; E: paul@moortownfarm.plus.com)

Club Colours: Blue and yellow

Ground: Somerton Sports Field, Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane
(01458 273808). The ground can be found on the B3153 (Langport Road). Turn
into Gassons Lane, by the side of the ground and turn right into the car park.

Teams: 1st

St. Bernadette's Old Boys

(Founded 1964)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Gloucester Reserve; 3rd: Gloucester Reserve

Chairman: Martin Hagan, 72 Eden Grove, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0TH

(W: 07710 544829; E: m.hagan801@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Olle James, 26 Haycombe, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0AJ

(H: 01275 545784; M: 07738 091307; E: ollejames@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer: Matthew Morgan, 12 Paddock Gardens, Whitchurch, Bristol

BS14 0TG (H: 01275 541355; M: 07877 716641;

E: mattmorgan67@blueyonder.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Rich Blacker, 44 Paddock Garden, Bristol BS14 0TG

(M: 07887 855477; E: richardblacker@sky.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Junior & Youth Secretary: Andy Farrell, 29 Stoneleigh Crescent, Knowle, Bristol

BS4 2RF (H: 01179 044630; M: 07976903796; E: andy.farrell@emelco.co.uk)

Club Colours: Green and blue hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Blue and yellow

Ground: Hengrove Park, Bamfield Road, Whitchurch, Bristol (01275 891500;

www.stbernadettesrhc.co.uk). A4 Bath Road. Turn into Westown Lane for about 2

miles. Turn left at traffic lights by Happy Cock pub. Continue for about half a mile.

Clubhouse is on the right.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U13, U11, Mini.

St. Brendan's O.B.

(Founded 1929)

League: 1st, Gloucester 2; 2nd, Gloucester Reserve 2 South

Club Website: www.stbrendansrhc.co.uk

President: Mike Rafter, 3 Tyne Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS27 8EE

(0117 9421338)

Chairman: Chris Groves, 48 Birchall Road, Redland, Bristol BS6 7TS

(H: 01179 248905; M: 07988 811175; E: chairman@sbobrfc.co.uk)

Secretary: Richard Kolanko, 91 Church Road, Horfield, Bristol BS9 3PZ

(H: 01179 241390; M: 07786 573292; E: secretary@sbobrfc.co.uk)

Treasurer: Stephen Power, 196, Westons Brake, Emersons Green, Bristol

BS16 7EQ (M: 0779 193 5918; E: Stephen.power@gmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Dominic Shield (M: 07881 503737)

Referees Contact: Dominic Shield, as above

Coach: Anthony Hall, 11 Rannoch Road, Filton, Bristol BS7 0SA

(M: 07837 021140; E: hall3311@gmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Richard Kolanko (as Secretary)

Club Colours: Maroon and old gold hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Maroon and old gold quarters.

Ground: Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, Coombe Lane, Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2BJ (Reception: 01179 626718; M: 07881 503737). From Jct 17 of the M5: Leave the Cribbs Causeway roundabout (Jct 17) 2nd exit towards Westbury on Trym (A4018); at mini roundabout take 1st exit (A4018); at Old Crow roundabout take 2nd exit along Passage Road (A4018) which leads onto Falcondale Road; at traffic lights with Henbury Road go straight across and then get into right hand lane; at traffic lights turn right into Canford Lane; carry on along Canford Road past the cemetery; turn left into Coombe Lane (3rd turning after cemetery).

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Stothert and Pitt

(Founded 1903)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 3 North

Club Website: www.stothertandpittRFC.co.uk

Chairman: Tony Adams, 29 Roseworn Close, Whiteway, Bath BA2 1PB

(H: 01225 404048; M: 07906 546887; E: tonyadams29@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary: R.V. Garraway, 2 Westfield Park South, Lower Weston, Bath BA1 3HT

(H: 01225 316863)

Treasurer: Allan Gore, 25 Stanley Road West, Bath. BA2 3HU (H: 01225 315551;

E: allanlesley81@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Carlos Orzabal, 7a Clarence Street, Walcot, Bath BA1 5NS

(01225 314845; E: clorzabal@yahoo.com)

Referees contact: Carlos Orzabal, as above

Club Coach: Steve Withey, c/o The Club

Junior & Youth Secretary: Tony Adams, 29 Roseworn Close, Whiteway, Bath

BA2 1PB (H: 01225 404048; M: 07906 546887; E: tonyadams29@hotmail.co.uk)

Youth Fixtures: Bob Morlands (M: 07853 221961)

Club Colours: Blue, black and amber. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red, black and amber

Ground: Adamsfield, Corston, Bath BA2 9DJ (01225 874802). Situated on the

A4, past junction of the A39 (Globe Inn Roundabout) on the Bristol side of Bath.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U18, U15

Taunton R.F.C. Ltd.

(Founded 1875)

League: 1st, National 2 South; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 3rd, Somerset 2 South

Chairman: Mr Pete Stone, 19 Farm View, Taunton TA2 7QY (M: 07751 524451;

E: tiger66ps@aol.com)

Secretary: Mr Ben Goddard, 10 Fullands Road, Taunton TA1 3DD (H: 283770;

M: 07876 798702; E: ben.goddard@tauntonRFC.co.uk)

Treasurer: TBC

Fixtures Secretary: Barry Morgan, 24 Seeley Crescent, Street BA16 0RN

(H: 01458 840850; M: 07971 017184; E: barry@barrymorgan.f2s.com)

Referees Contact: Barry Morgan (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Director of Rugby: Mr. Lee Waddon, c/o Taunton RFC Ltd.

(W: 01823 347922; M: 07789 426684; E: lee.waddon@tauntonRFC.co.uk)

Club Coach: Simon Martin, c/o Hyde Park, Hyde Lane, Bathpool, Taunton

TA2 8BU (M: 07989 577915)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mr. Pete Stone, c/o Taunton RFC Ltd.

(M: 07748 452310; E: tiger66ps@aol.com)

Club Colours: Crimson, black and white. 2nd choice of colours: Black

Ground: Hyde Park, Hyde Lane, Bathpool, Taunton TA2 8BU (01823 336363;

F: 01823 336767; E: general.manager@tauntonRFC.co.uk; web: www.tauntonRFC.co.uk).

From Junction 25 of M5 head towards Taunton. At the first roundabout, go straight

over, get into righthand lane and at the Creech Castle traffic lights turn left at the

onto the A38. After approx. ½ mile at the Bathpool Inn turn right into Hyde Lane.

Taunton RFC is situated ½ mile on the right hand side.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Girls' (U18, U15, U13), U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Tor

(Founded 1954)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2 South; 3rd, Somerset 3 South

Club Website: torrhc.co.uk

Chairman: Richard Hopkins, 10 Keens Close, Street, BA16 0HQ

(M: 07836 611460; E: rc.hopkins@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary: Matt Sturgess, , 9 Irving Road, Keinton Mandeville, Somerton

TA11 6ET (M: 07769 865016; E: matthewsturgess1@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Mark Edwards, Wearne Court, Wearne, Langport, TA10 0QJ

(H: 01458 251368; M: 07979 371601)

Fixtures Secretary: Keith Elver, 18 Hurmans Close, Ashcott, Bridgwater

TA7 9PT (H: 01458 211044; W: 01278 441162; M: 07974 567851;

E: keithelver@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: Keith Elver, as above

Club Coach: Andy Gibbens, 88 Behind Berry, Somerton TA11 6SF

(M: 07900 566092; E:andy.gibbens@virgin.net)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Toby Payne, 28 Underwood Road, Glastonbury

BA6 9BQ (M:07725 599827; E: tpayne_01@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior Fixtures: John Flagg, 37 The Withys, Street BA16 9PJ (H: 01458 440433;

M: 07833 988102; E: flaggits59@talktalk.net)

Club Colours: Maroon shirt, navy shorts. 2nd Choice of Colours: Maroon hoops with white or navy.

Ground: Lowside Park, Lowside Lane, Glastonbury. BA6 9BH (01458 832236).

Signposted off the A39 Glastonbury Relief Road.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

University of Bath

(Founded 1967)

League: 1st, BUCS Premiership South A; Womens, BUCS Western Conference

1A; 2nd, BUCS Premiership B South; 3rd, BUCS Western Conference 2A; 4th

BUCS Western Conference 3A

Club Address: University of Bath RFC, Sports Association Students' Union, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY (Chairman: 07793 560043;

Head of Rugby: 07979 536919; www.teambath.com;

E: SUSA rugby@lists.bath.ac.uk or SUSA@bath.ac.uk)

Chairman: Ben Loosmore, c/o Bath University Student Association, Claverton

Down Road BA2 7AY (M: 07955154786; E: loosmore5@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary: Ben Loosmore (as Chairman)

Treasurer: Ben Loosmore (as Chairman)

Club Coach: Aaron James, Sports Department, University of Bath, Claverton

Down BA2 7AY (M: 07979 536919; E: aaronjames12@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Aaron James (as Club Coach)

Referee Contact: Aaron James (as Club Coach)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Aaron James (as Club Coach)

Club Colours: Royal blue. 2nd choice of colours: Gold & royal blue.

Ground: From A36 in Bath follow signs to University. Up Bathwick Hill, turn left into University. In the Main Campus Sports Grounds go to the Sports Training Village Reception for directions and changing room/pitch allocation.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women's, Intramural/social teams (x4)

Walcot

(Founded 1882)

League: 1st, Southern Counties (South); 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 2 North

Chairman: Kevin Davis, 66 Bath Old Road, Radstock, Bath BA3 3HE

(M: 07886 787581; E: relaxinradstock@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Alan Book, 9 Woodlands Park, Bath BA1 7BQ (M: 07733 881705; E: alanbook@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: Simon Chambers, 33 Church Street, Bath. BA1 4BY

(H: 01225 317382; M: 07770 730331; E: simon.chambers@lpctrull.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Nick Parkyn, 13 Mendip Gardens, Bath BA2 2UT, (01225 843143, M: 07713 877257)

Referees Contact: John Gifford, 131 Lymore Road, Bath, BA2 1AU (01225 428524; E: Johngiff44@hotmail.com)

Club Coach: Andy May (M: 07540 477448)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Gary Dagger, 65 Marsden Road, Southdown, Bath. (H: 01225 330497; M: 07909 983127; E: gary.dagger@yahoo.com)

Club Colours: Black and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black

Ground: Albert Field, Lansdown, Bath BA1 9BJ (01225 330199; www.Walcotrfc.freeseerve.co.uk). Follow signs from the city centre to Lansdown. Up Lansdown Road to Park and Ride. Ground is opposite.

Teams: 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rdXV, 4thXV, Women's, Other (3 Social/Intramural teams)

Wellington RFC Ltd.

(Founded 1874)

League: 1st, Western Counties West; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 3 South

Chairman: Ashley Colman, 101 Galmington Road, Taunton (01823 325772, M: 07787 142648, E: jcolman215@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Kevin Shore, 1 Sylvan Road, Wellington TA21 8EG (H: 01823 661803; W: 01823 664548; M: 07833 166126; E: kevin.shore@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: Matt Colman, Rosaville, 43 Waterloo Road, Wellington TA21 8JQ (H: 01823 666898; M: 07989 687818; E: matt.colman@E: centre.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Paul Smith, 10 Rockwell Gate, Rockwell Green, Wellington TA21 9EB (M: 07515 626319; E: smudge190@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: Kevin Shore (see Secretary)

Coach: Dave Sims, c/o Wellington RFC Clubhouse

Director of Rugby: Bill Sherwin, 10 Peacocks Close, West Buckland, Wellington TA21 0AX (H: 01823 665262; M: 07736 807858; E: billsherwin@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Anna Price, 12 Walkers Gate, Wellington TA21 8DJ (H: 01823 661577; M: 07971 147782; E: anna@annaprice6.orangehome.co.uk)

Club Colours: Red and black staggered hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Blue
Ground: The Athletic Ground, Corams Lane, Wellington TA21 8LL (01823 663758; www.wellingtonrugby.co.uk). Leave M5 at J26 or from A38 from Taunton, turn right at traffic lights in centre of Wellington into North Street, proceed approximately ½ mile and turn left at the Sportsman pub (follow signs for Sports Centre). Enter via Sports Centre car park.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Vets, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Wells

(Founded 1876)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 1; Somerset 3 South

Club Website: www.wellsrfc.co.uk

Chairman: Richard Hickman, Sunset, Mount Pleasant, Pilton BA4 4BL
(H: 01749 890746; M: 07747 880908; E: contact@wellsrugbyclub.co.uk)
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(01749 890746; W: 07946 742462; E: contact@wellsrugbyclub.co.uk)
Treasurer: Paul Treby, 9 Martins Paddock, West Cranmore, Shepton Mallet
BA4 4QY (H: 01749 880949)
Fixtures Secretary: Dawn Hickman, see above
Referees Contact: Dawn Hickman, see above
Club Coach: Peter Kennedy (M: 07834658908)
Junior & Youth Secretary: David Maxwell, c/o Wells RFC (M: 07747600222;
E: david@maxwell.uk.net)
Club Colours: Black & white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Yellow.
Ground: Wells RFC, Charter Way, The Portway, Wells BA5 2FB (01749 672823).
Take the Weston-super-Mare/Cheddar Road (A371) out of Wells and follow signs
for the Leisure Centre.
Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Weston-super-Mare (Founded 1875)
League: 1st, National 3 South West; 2nd, Somerset Premier, 3rd, Somerset 2 North
Chairman: Jack Russell, 22, Cecil Rd, Weston-s-Mare BS23 2NT
(H: 01934 631690 F: 01934 440690; M: 07747 867788; E: tonyrussell2@aol.com)
Secretary: Rob Solomon, 5, The Retreat, Camp Rd, Weston-s-Mare BS23 2EN
(H: 01934418377; M: 0796250859; E: robsolomon@btconnect.com)
Treasurer: Barry Sparks, c/o Clubhouse (W: 0117 9357524;
E: barry-sparks@hotmail.com)
Fixtures Secretary: Dave Simpson, 27 Quantock Road, W-s-M BS23 4DD
(H: 01934 413011; F: 01934 643694; M: 07899 668778;
E: maggiesimpson@maggiesimpson.plus.com)
Referees Contact: Jack Russel for 1st team, Dave Simpson for others (see above)
Coach: Alec Chase, c/o The Clubhouse
Junior & Youth Secretary: Mrs Diana Cope, Orchard House, 27 Main Road,
Hutton BS24 9SP (H: 01934 812377; M: 07751 743477; E: dianacope@aol.com)
Club Colours: Red shirts with blue and white. 2nd choice of colours: Blue shirts
with white and blue.
Ground: Recreation Ground, Drove Road, W-s-M BS23 3PA (Office: 01934 625643;
Clubhouse: 623118; www.westonrfc.co.uk). Directions from North: Junction 21 off
M5, dual carriageway. Follow signs to Town Centre at 5th roundabout. Ground is
over roundabout on left. Directions from South: Junction 22 off M5. Follow signs to
Weston/Sea Front. 400m past Hospital, turn right at Squash Club into Devonshire
Road and keep on this road. Left at first roundabout. Club is on left.
Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Vets, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Wincanton (Founded 1982)
League: Dorset & Wilts 3 South
President: Steve Hewett, 2 Station Road, Templecombe. BA8 0JR
(H: 01963 371183; M: 07974 207324)
Chairman: Charles Spencer, Search Farm, Stourton, Wilts (H: 01747 840153;
M: 07860 417972; E: spencers@onetel.net)
Secretary: Chris Hoadley (E: hoaders01@yahoo.co.uk)
Treasurer: Claire Singleton, 161 Park View, Crewkerne TA18 8JH (01460 77745)

Fixtures Secretary: Scott Johnson, 4 , Bartlett Court , Rose Lane , Crewkerne , Somerset TA18 7ER (M: 07875 562776; E: scott@sjohnson79.orangehome.co.uk)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Junior & Youth Secretary: Justin French, 11 Penn View, Wincanton BA9 9NE (M:07957 168441; E: fronco6@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Black and yellow. 2nd Choice of Colours: Yellow.

Ground: Wincanton Sports Centre, West Hill, Wincanton BA9 9EJ (01963 31815; www.wincantonrugby.co.uk). Approaching Wincanton from the A303, past Safeway and take the first right-hand turning after the Fire Station into Moor Lane. Continue for about ½ mile under the bridge and the ground is on the left-hand side.

Teams: 1st XV

Winscombe

(Founded 1962)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.winscomberfc.co.uk

Chairman: Geoff George, 10 Kingston Mead, Winford, Bristol (H: 01275 472819; M: 07973 233399; E: geoffgeorge44@gmail.com)

Secretary: David Howell, Ty Unllawr, Star, Winscombe BS25 1PS (H: 01934 842201; E: tyunllawr@yahoo.com)

Treasurer: Brian Peat, Archway, The Abbey, Banwell BS29 6BW (01934 822024; E: brian.peat@lloydtsb.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Ted Sands, 7 Belmont Road, Winscombe BS25 1LE (H: 01934 843463; Mobile: 0870 904 4424; E: tedsands7@aol.com)

Referees Contact: Ted Sands, as above

Club Coach: Mike D'Arcy, 12 Borgie Place, Worle, Weston super Mare BS22 9HG (H: 01934 522548; M: 07545 508348)

E:mikedarcy@live.co.uk

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mike Williamson, 9 Broadleaze Way, Winscombe. BS25 1JX (H: 01934 843511; E: mgwilliamson@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Black with white band. 2nd Choice of Colours: Black

Ground: Longfield Recreation Ground, The Lynch, Winscombe (01934 842720). Turn off A38 into Winscombe, turn left into The Lynch. The Recreation Ground is on the first right hand bend.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Vets, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Wiveliscombe

(Founded 1872)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 2 South

Chairman: Peter Rawson, 6 West Road, Wiveliscombe TA4 2TF (H: 01984 623087; W: 01452 727744; E: rawsonp@aol.com)

Secretary: Arthur Moore, Rose Cottage, Blagdon Hill, Taunton TA3 7SN (H: 01823 421166; M: 07813 154176; E: awm.blagdon@yahoo.co.uk)

Treasurer: Jacky Bellamy, Gordon House, 9 South Street, Wiveliscombe TA4 2LZ (01984 624191)

Fixtures Secretary: Bruce Keay 19 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2PN (H: 01984 624835; W: 01984 624055; M: 07792 755009;

E: bruce.keay@webbers.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Arthur Moore (as Secretary)

Club Coach: Dean Horton / Paul Bristow / Gary Sharland

Junior & Youth Secretary: Peter Hughes, School Cottage, Pontispool, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton TA4 1BG (H: 01823 461661;

E: pete.pontispool@btinternet.com)

Junior Fixtures Secretary: Peter Stone (as Chairman)

Club Colours: Navy blue with red sash. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red

Ground: Recreation Ground, West Road, Wiveliscombe TA4 2TB (01984 623897).
Take B3227 Taunton to Barnstaple Road. Ground on left as you leave town.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U18, U17, U15, U14, U13, U12

Wyvern

(Founded 1970)

Somerset 2 South

Club website: www.wyvernrfc.co.uk

Chairman: Martin Howe, 11 Bluebell Close, Taunton TA1 3XQ

(H: 01823 334159; E: chairman@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

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Referee Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Tom Knell (E: coach@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

Club Colours: Scarlet

Ground: Wyvern Club, Mountfields Road, Taunton TA1 3BJ (01823 284591). From Taunton town centre follow the signs for Corfe and Honiton (taking South Road). Past Kings College and Richard Huish College. Take second turning on the right after Huish. Bear right at fork in road. (See www.wyvernrfc.co.uk).

Teams: 1st

Yatton

(Founded 1968)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 3 South

Club Website: www.yattonrugby.co.uk

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Treasurer: Peter Spellissy, 4 Hillcrest Road, Nailsea BS48 2JB
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Fixtures Secretary: Clive Hall, 37 Seaview Road, Portishead BS20 8HJ
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Referees Contact: Clive Hall, as above

Club Coach: Mark Osborne, 10 Silver Street, Congresbury BS49 5EY
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Junior & Youth Secretary: Alun Harris, 51 Wemberham Crescent, Yatton
BS49 4BD (H: 01934 877547; E: alunharris@bbccustomerpublishing.com)

Colts Manager: Ian Rudge, 41 Park Road, Congresbury BS49 5HJ
(H: 01934 838873; M: 07900 981411; E: ian@tincansolutions.co.uk)

Club Colours: Amber & black hoops, 2nd colours: Green

Ground: The Park, North End, Yatton BS49 4AB (01934 832085; www.yatton.homeip.net). 4 miles east of Clevedon on B3133. From M5, J20 (Clevedon), head towards Yatton. Ground is on left-hand side as you enter the village.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Vets, Women's U19, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

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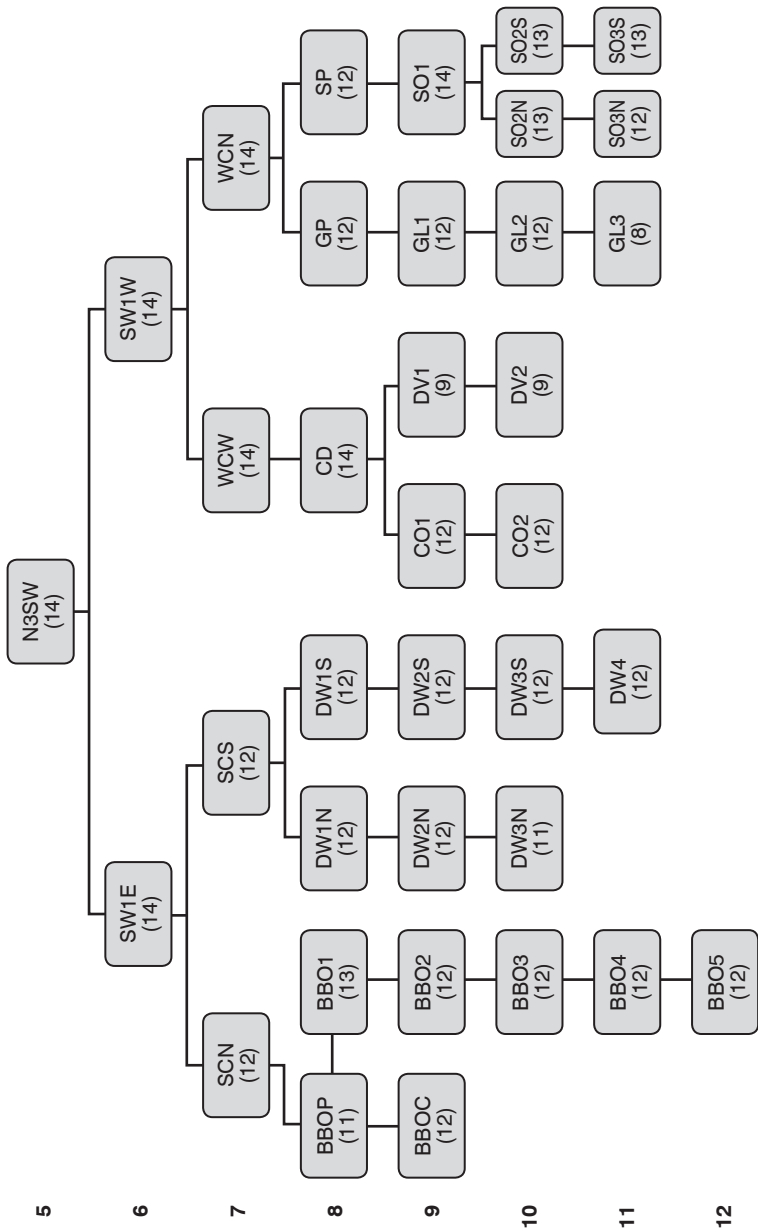
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SCRFU REFEREES SOCIETY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT

The 2011/2012 season continued to be one of improvement and advancement for the Society. A vast amount of work was undertaken by the appointments team of Mike Purse, Mike Fullegar and Reg Lewis who provided active members with a broad range of appointments and overall the Society covered more than 95% of the fixtures – even those advised to us at the last minute!

The Society use a new web based appointment system “Whos the Ref” which has greatly improved communication between the Appointments Committee, Match Officials and Clubs.

Over the last few years it has been the intention of the Society to watch as many Referees as possible during the season over and above the Referees coming into Somerset on exchange. More referees retiring from active service have taken up assessing and in the main most Somerset referees have been watched twice during the season and this will continue going forward.

The feedback from Referees travelling on exchanges to other counties has been positive and already exchanges have been set up for the 2012/2013 season. The new season is likely to prove a challenge for the Society with more level 6 clubs than ever before requiring appropriate match officials.

Thanks to Jason Wallis for his excellent work on maintaining and updating the Society’s website which to his great credit won a Gold Award from RugbyRefs.com.

Regular society meetings have been well attended with a range of speakers and activities and plans are already underway to set the meeting dates and speakers for the 2012/2013 season.

The Committee continued to work well together which can be evidenced by the brevity of the Society committee meetings and the number of chocolate biscuits consumed!!

Congratulations must go to all active and non active referees at all levels for their involvement on and off the pitch and to Andrew Walker for being promoted to the South West Group and Lloyd Jackson for becoming an RFU Coach.

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

WHEN REFEREEING YOUNG PLAYERS MATCH OFFICIALS SHOULD:

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating young players
- Provide verbal feedback in a positive way during games
- Appreciate the needs of the players
- Be a positive role model
- Recognise that safety is paramount
- Explain decisions – most young players are still learning
- Do not tolerate verbal abuse

OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT:

- Change in the same area as young players
- Shower with young players – agree with the coaches a timetable
- Be alone with young players at any time – if a young player comes into the dressing room ensure another adult is present
- Check studs without the coach being present
- Administer first aid
- Allow a young player to continue playing if you have doubts about their fitness
- Tolerate bad language from young players
- Engage in any inappropriate contact with young players
- Give a lift to a player unless there are other young people or adults in the car and the parents are aware
- Take a young player to your home
- Overtly criticise young players or use language which may cause the player to lose confidence or self esteem
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players even in fun

OFFICIALS MUST ALWAYS

- Report, in writing, to the Club or CB Welfare Officer and/or Society Secretary, behaviour by adults which you feel contravenes RFU Child Protection Policy
 - Verbal bullying by coaches/parents/spectators
 - Physical Abuse by coaches/parents/spectators
 - Inappropriate or aggressive contact by an adult to a young person
 - Verbal abuse directed at you by young people or adults

REMEMBER: THE WELFARE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IS PARAMOUNT

SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

RULES

I. NAME, OBJECTS AND POWERS

1. NAME

The Society shall be called the 'Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited'.

2. DEFINITIONS

Except where the context otherwise permits or requires, the words and expressions listed in the Schedule of Definitions set out in Rule 33 shall bear the meanings given to them therein.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the Constituent Body shall be:

- 3.1 To administer the Game in the County of Somerset together with that part of the City of Bristol situated south of the true course of the River Avon (as recognised prior to the reorganisation of Local Government in 1971 ('the County') on behalf of the Union.
- 3.2 To promote, encourage and extend the Game throughout the County including (but not limited to) the coaching thereof, its development in Schools and at all youth levels and the recruitment, administration and training of referees.
- 3.3 To ensure that the Game is played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and is administered in accordance with the IRB Regulations and the Rules of the Union.
- 3.4 To arrange and undertake representative and other matches as the Committee may decide.

4. POWERS OF THE CONSTITUENT BODY

To further its objects the Constituent Body shall have the power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the objects of the Constituent Body including (but not limited to) all or any of the following:

- 4.1 Either directly or indirectly to employ, invest and deal with the assets and funds of the Constituent Body for the objects of the Constituent Body in such manner as shall be considered by the Committee to be expedient, and to do all such other acts and things and carry on all such other activities (including (but not limited to) leasing, subleasing, releasing, renting, acquiring, altering, erecting, holding, selling, improving, developing, repairing, hiring, lending with or without security or otherwise dealing with real and personal property of any kind) as shall be considered by the Committee to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Constituent Body or the advancement of its interests.
- 4.2 To raise or borrow money for the purposes of or in connection with the activities of the Constituent Body or any of them as the Committee thinks fit in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 4.2.1 Any sum or sums raised or borrowed may be on mortgage, charge, bonds or debentures of all or any of the funds or property of the Constituent Body whether or not including any floating charge of the whole or part of the undertaking property and assets of the Constituent Body both present and future.
 - 4.2.2 At the time of any borrowing the sum of the amount then remaining undischarged of monies borrowed and of the amount of the proposed borrowing shall not exceed 100,000 pounds or such sum as the members in General Meeting may from time to time determine.
 - 4.2.3 The rate of interest payable at the time the terms of borrowing are agreed on any money borrowed shall not exceed the rate of interest which in the opinion of the Committee represents the market rate of interest for borrowings of similar amount and on similar terms prevailing at that time except that in the case of a mortgage loan the Committee may delegate the determination of the interest rate within specified limits to an Officer, Committee Member or Sub-Committee.

- 4.2.4 The Committee may determine from time to time (subject to Rules 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3) the terms and conditions upon which money is raised or borrowed or security is issued and may vary such terms and conditions.
- 4.2.5 No person lending money to the Constituent Body shall be concerned to see or enquire whether either of the limits imposed by Rule 4.2.2 or Rule 4.2.3 is exceeded at the time of the borrowing or issue and if either or both of such limits were to be exceeded no borrowing incurred in excess of such limits shall be invalid unless such person had received express notice to this effect at the time of borrowing.
- 4.3 To give any security or securities whether by way of mortgage or otherwise for the performance of any contracts or any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Constituent Body or any of its subsidiaries or other persons or corporations in whose business or undertaking the Constituent Body is interested, or to whom or in respect of whom the Constituent Body has given any personal covenant, guarantee or indemnity, whether directly or indirectly, and collaterally or further to secure any obligation of whatever nature of the Constituent Body by a trust deed or other assurance.
- 4.4 To accept and grant sponsorship and franchises and make such arrangements in connection therewith as the Committee shall think fit.
- 4.5 To apply for and hold any licences, consents, certificates, permissions and approvals that may be required for or in connection with the activities of the Constituent Body and (among other things) to provide catering and such other facilities as the Committee shall consider desirable.
- 4.6 To invite, receive and make donations for or otherwise promote or assist in the development or continuance of facilities for, or the prestige of, the Game or any other sport or recreation.
- 4.7 To assist clubs in the playing of the Game and in the provision of playing facilities including (among other things) playing fields and sports accommodation.
- 4.8 To support (whether by direct subscription, the giving of guarantees or otherwise) any charitable, benevolent or educational fund, institution or organisation, or any event or purpose of a public or general nature, the support of which will or may in the opinion of the Committee, directly or indirectly benefit, or is calculated so to benefit, the Constituent Body or its activities or its employees, ex-employees, players, former players or their dependents.
- 4.9 To promote, arrange and organise leagues, competitions and tournaments for and between clubs. To engage such official and employees upon such terms and at such remuneration as the Committee may deem appropriate, and to dismiss or retire any of them as may be necessary.
- 4.10 To provide pensions, insurances and other benefits to employees or to ex-employees of the Constituent Body or the dependents and relatives of any such persons and to establish and maintain or concur in establishing and maintaining trusts, funds, schemes or other arrangements (whether contributory or non-contributory) with a view to providing such benefits including (but not limited to) retirement benefits and/or life assurance schemes.
- 4.11 To maintain bank accounts in credit or overdrawn on such terms as the Committee shall think fit including the giving of guarantees and indemnities in respect of direct debits and other money transmission or collection systems whether pursuant to Rule 15.5 or otherwise.
- 4.12 To pass such resolutions, regulations and instructions which shall be binding on all members as are considered necessary for the better management, organisation, administration and regulation of the Constituent Body.
- 4.13 To settle, conduct, enforce or resist either in a court of law or by arbitration and suit, debt, liability or claim by or against the Constituent Body.

II MEMBERSHIP

5. MEMBERS

- 5.1 The Members of the Constituent Body shall be the corporate bodies and individual persons whose names are for the time being entered in the Register of members and in the case of individual persons who are nominees of unincorporated bodies the name of the unincorporated body whose nominee the Member is shall be entered against the name of the member concerned.

- 5.2 All Members of the Committee excluding those Members co-opted under Rule 11.2 shall be Members for such period as they are Committee Members.
- 5.3 Subject to Rule 5.2 the admission of Members shall be under the control of the Committee which shall from time to time determine the criteria and conditions applicable for the approval of membership.
- 5.4 The Committee shall have power to admit to membership of the Constituent Body:
 - 5.4.1 A Club which is incorporated.
 - 5.4.2 The secretary (or subject to the approval of the Committee any other officer or official) as its nominee of a Club which is unincorporated.
 - 5.4.3 Individual Members.
 - 5.4.4 Honorary Life Members.
- 5.5 Any association of persons of which the principal object is the playing of the Game and which desires to apply to be a Member or if unincorporated nominate a person to be a Member shall be proposed and seconded by two Members. Applications for membership may be submitted at any time.
- 5.6 Each Club which is in membership with the Constituent Body at the date these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26 shall be admitted to membership in accordance with Rule 5.4 and must immediately send a copy of its rules if incorporated or if unincorporated confirm the name and address of its secretary for entry in the Register of Members as its nominee and thereafter every Club the secretary of which is a Member as its nominee must immediately following a change of its secretary notify the Honorary Secretary of the name and address of its new secretary or other nominated officer or official for the Register of Members to be amended accordingly.
- 5.7 A Member may withdraw from the Constituent Body at any time by giving to the Honorary Secretary written notice of the intention so to do provided that the Member shall remain liable for all monies then due and owing to the Constituent Body.
- 5.8 A Club shall be liable to suspension or termination of its membership or privileges as the Committee may determine if:
 - 5.8.1 It shall not have paid its annual subscription by 1st November each year.
 - 5.8.2 It shall cease to satisfy the criteria and conditions for membership as determined by the Committee under Rule 5.3.
 - 5.8.3 It does not conform to any reasonable directive by the Committee as to its standards of play, administration or general behaviour.
- 5.9 A Member shall be liable to termination or suspension of membership or to other appropriate punishment by the Constituent Body for any infringement of these Rules, any Regulation or any Rules or Regulations of the union, the Laws of the Game or the IRB Regulations or any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Constituent Body or the Game, and the Constituent Body shall have power to discipline any Club whose nominee is a Member or any player, official, member or employee of a Club for any offence. The procedure for the exercise of this power shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by the Members at all reasonable times.
- 5.10 A Member shall cease to be a Member:
 - 5.10.1 On resignation.
 - 5.10.2 In the case of a corporate member on ceasing to be corporate.
 - 5.10.3 On termination of membership by the Committee.
 - 5.10.4 On replacement as the nominee of a Club:

6. SHARE CAPITAL

- 6.1 The capital of the Constituent Body shall consist of shares of the value of £1 each.
- 6.2 Every Member shall hold one share and no more in the capital of the Constituent Body. No person who is not a Member shall be issued with a share.
- 6.3 Each Member of the Constituent Body at the date these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26

who or which is eligible to be a Member or to appoint its secretary as its nominee under Rule 5.6 shall be allotted one share in the name of the Member or the name of the Nominee as the case may be.

- 6.4 Any Member or nominee of a Club admitted to membership after the date on which these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26 shall be allotted one share on admission.
- 6.5 In the case of every Club the share allotted to it or its nominee shall be paid up in full by applying one pound of the subscription next received from it after the date of admission to membership.
- 6.6 No share shall be held jointly, be withdrawable or subject to Rule 6.7 be transferable by any Member and no interest, dividend or bonus shall be payable on any share. Any Member transferring or attempting to transfer a share other than under the provisions of Rule 6.7 shall if the Committee so decides be deemed to have withdrawn from the Constituent Body as from the date of such transfer or attempted transfer.
- 6.7 Shares held by nominees of Clubs shall be transferable to succeeding nominees in such manner as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 6.8 The share of a Member shall be forfeited to the Constituent Body when that Member for whatever reason ceases to be a Member and any amount then due to the Member in respect of such share shall thereupon become the property of the Constituent Body.
- 6.9 The Constituent Body shall not be required to issue a certificate to any Member in respect of the share allotted to that Member.

III GENERAL MEETINGS

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 7.1 All General Meetings shall be held at such location within the geographical region of the Constituent Body as the Committee may determine and any such meeting other than an Annual General Meeting shall be called a Special General Meeting.
- 7.2 The Chairman of all such meetings shall be the President of the Constituent Body or the Immediate Past President or President Elect or a Member of the Committee appointed at the Meeting concerned to take the Chair for that Meeting.
- 7.3 Every Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting and in the case of a corporate Member its representative to attend and vote on its behalf at any General Meeting shall be appointed under the hands of two members of its committee and its secretary. The procedure for the casting of votes shall be determined by the Chairman of the Meeting.
- 7.4 The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 20 Members.
- 7.5 If within thirty minutes after the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved, and in every other case it will stand adjourned to such other day and at such time and place, or be dissolved, as the Committee shall determine.
- 7.6 All resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded except where:
 - 7.6.1 these Rules provide for a special resolution which shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes recorded or
 - 7.6.2 a resolution is put to an Annual General Meeting as contemplated by Rule 8.1.7.2 in which case the provisions of the Act as to voting shall apply
- 7.7 A declaration by the Chairman of a General Meeting to the effect that a particular resolution has been passed or not or passed by a particular majority or not shall (subject to the Act) be final and binding on all Members.
- 7.8 A General Meeting shall not be invalidated by reason only of any Member accidentally failing to receive a notice thereof of any accompanying document relating thereto.
- 7.9 The procedure for conduct of General Meetings shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Not later than 31st July in every year a General Meeting shall be held (to be known as the Annual General Meeting) for the transaction of the following business:
 - 8.1.1 To consider and approve (with or without amendment) the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.2 To receive and approve a report from the Committee on the affairs of the Constituent Body since the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.3 To receive and approve a Financial Statement for the preceding financial year and where necessary in law or where the members require the Auditors' Report thereon.
 - 8.1.4 To elect the Officers for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.5 To elect Patrons.
 - 8.1.6 To elect Members of the Committee for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.7 Where necessary in law or where the members require:
 - 8.1.7.1 To appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year or
 - 8.1.7.2 To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors
 - 8.1.8 To consider as a special resolution any addition or alteration to these rules duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.5
 - 8.1.9 To consider any other motion or business duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.5
 - 8.1.10 To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.
 - 8.1.11 To hear any other relevant matter for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year, but on which no voting shall be allowed.
- 8.2 Notice of every Annual General Meeting stating the date, time and venue of such Meeting shall be sent to all Members so as to be received not less than two clear weeks prior to the date of the Meeting with the agenda of the business to be considered thereat and with a copy of the Constituent Body's Financial Statement for the preceding financial year.
- 8.3 The election of the Officers shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - 8.3.1 Any Member shall have the right to make nominations, with the written consent of a candidate, for election to any one or more of the offices named in or created under the provisions of Rule 12.1. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by 30th April. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of Officers.
 - 8.3.2 The election of each Officer shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded.
 - 8.3.3 In the event of an equal number of votes being cast for two or more candidates for any office a further election for that office shall immediately be held between those candidates for whom the votes cast are equal in number. If there shall still be equality of votes the members of the retiring Committee present at the time shall decide who shall from those candidates receiving an equal number of votes in the second election be the holder of the office concerned for the ensuing year.
- 8.4 The election of Committee Members shall be subject to the following provisions:
 - 8.4.1 The Constituent Body is divided into five Divisions covering the local government areas as follows:
 - Division A Unitary Authority of Bath & North East Somerset.
 - Division B Unitary Authority of North Somerset.
 - Division C The part of the City of Bristol situated south of the true course of the River Avon.
 - Division D The Districts of Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane and West Somerset.
 - Division E The Districts of Mendip and South Somerset.
 - 8.4.2 Each Division is entitled to nominate two Divisional Representatives to serve on the Committee but where the number of Clubs in a Division exceeds twelve on 1st January

- for two consecutive years that Division may nominate one additional Divisional Representative. When the number of Clubs allocated to a Division which is entitled to a third Divisional Representative falls below thirteen on 1st January for two consecutive years that Division shall cease to be entitled to a third Divisional Representative.
- 8.4.3 Clubs of each particular Division of the Constituent Body shall alone nominate their own Representatives for that Division prior to 30 April in each year. Nominations shall be made in writing (signed by duly authorised officers or representatives of both the club nominating and the club seconding such nomination) on an official form issued by the Constituent Body for this purpose and shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body at least seven days prior to the above date. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies then a ballot will be held. Clubs shall have a number of votes per club equal to the number of Representatives in that particular Division. The nominations will be confirmed by members at the Annual General Meeting. The Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited shall also nominate prior to 30 April one of its members to sit on the Committee.
- 8.4.4 In the event of the Clubs in a particular Division not being able to agree the permitted number, an election for the Divisional Representatives in that Division shall be by the Members of the Constituent Body and Voting Papers shall be issued to all Members prior to the Annual General Meeting and such votes shall be valid whether the present at the Annual General Meeting or not.
- 8.4.5 A Representative nominated for a particular Division need not necessarily be resident in that Division.
- 8.5 Proposals for additions or alterations to the Rules or for any other motion to be submitted to an Annual General Meeting shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 8.5.1 Any proposal shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary by 30th April duly proposed by one Member and seconded by another.
- 8.5.2 Copies of all such proposals and copies of all proposals put forward by the Committee shall be sent to all Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.5.3 Amendments to any proposal notified to Members under Rule 8.5.2 shall be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded not less than twenty-four hours before the time for which the Annual General Meeting is convened.
- 8.5.4 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.2.3 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Committee may convene at any time a Special General Meeting by giving to all Members two clear weeks written notice thereof stating the date, time and venue thereof and the resolution or resolutions to be moved or other business to be transacted thereat.
- 9.1.1 Amendments to any resolution proposed by the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.5.3 for an Annual General Meeting.
- 9.1.2 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.1.1 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.
- 9.2 The Committee shall also convene a Special General Meeting on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written requisition so to do, duly signed by not less than 20 Members. Each requisition must clearly state the specific resolution to be moved.
- 9.2.1 Two clear weeks notice of such a Meeting stating the date, time and venue thereof and the specific resolution to be moved thereat shall be sent to all Members by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of the receipt of the requisition.
- 9.2.2 Amendments to such a resolution shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.5.3.
- 9.2.3 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.2.2 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.

10. RULES

- 10.1 No new Rule shall be made, nor shall any Rule be amended or rescinded, except by a special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.5 or at a Special General Meeting convened by the Committee in accordance with Rule 9.1.
- 10.2 The Honorary Secretary shall register in accordance with the Act any new Rule or amendment to these Rules and no new Rule or amendment to the Rules shall be valid until so registered.
- 10.3 A copy of the Rules shall be delivered by the Honorary Secretary to any person on demand on payment of such sum (not exceeding ten pence) as may from time to time be determined by the Committee.

IV OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

11. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Constituent Body shall be administered by the Committee which shall exercise all the powers of the Constituent Body expressed in Rule 4 and without limiting the generality thereof:

- 11.1 The Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees as are considered necessary to deal with the affairs of the Constituent Body
 - 11.1.1 The Committee shall determine the composition, powers and terms of reference of each Sub-Committee.
 - 11.1.2 The Chairman of any Sub-Committee shall have a second or casting vote, and the quorum necessary for the transaction of business by a Sub-Committee shall be one-third of its appointed members or as the Committee may determine.
 - 11.1.3 A Sub-Committee may exercise the power of co-option subject to the provisions of Rule 11.2.
- 11.2 The Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members to serve on it provided that the number of such co-opted members shall not exceed thirty-three per cent of the number of members elected to hold office on the Committee (the Officers and the Representative(s) for the purposes of this computation being deemed to be elected members) and to approve the co-option of additional members to serve on any Sub-Committee, in both cases either for general or special service and with or without voting rights.
- 11.3 The Committee shall not exercise its powers in any way or for any purpose inconsistent with the objects of the Constituent Body.
- 11.4 The procedure for the conduct of meetings of the Committee shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.
- 11.5 References in these Rules to any acts or activities or opinion (including, without limitation, decisions, directions, requests, exercises of discretion and the giving of consent) of the Committee shall mean such acts or activities or opinions as shall have been sanctioned or effected or (at the case may be) expressed by (a) a resolution of the Committee or (b) a resolution of the relevant Sub-Committee where the power to act or authority being exercised has been delegated by the Committee to a Sub-Committee or (c) the relevant Officer where that power or authority has been delegated by the Committee to an Officer.

12. OFFICERS

- 12.1 The Officers of the Constituent Body shall be a President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and such other Officers as the Constituent Body may in General Meeting from time to time determine.
- 12.2 The Officers of the Constituent Body shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.3.
- 12.3 Each Officer on election at an Annual General Meeting shall hold office from the end of that Meeting until the end of the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.

- 12.4 If any such offices shall fall vacant between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee for the period of the vacancy.

13. COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Committee shall consist of:
- 13.1.1 The Officers.
- 13.1.2 Fourteen members (or such other number not exceeding twenty as may be determined from time to time by the Constituent Body in General Meeting) duly elected in accordance with Rule 8.4. A Member of the Committee shall hold office from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected until the end of the following Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.1.3 The Representative(s) who shall hold office from the end of the Union Annual General Meeting next following his election until the end of the following Union Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 The Committee shall each year elect its own Chairman for the ensuing year to hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting until the date of the following year's Meeting. He may hold any other office in the Constituent Body at the same time and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.3 The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be seven (or such other number as may be determined from time to time by the Constituent Body in General Meeting) and the Member elected to take the Chair shall be entitled to exercise a second or casting vote
- 13.4 If a vacancy shall occur for an elected Member of the Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee.
- 13.5 If a Member of the Committee shall commit an offence under Rule 5.9 or shall be adjudged bankrupt or if a court order is made appointing a receiver to administer such Member's property such Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Committee.
- 13.6 Committee Members shall receive no remuneration for serving on the Committee other than the payment of authorised expenses for carrying out their duties. This does not preclude the remuneration of an Executive Director.

14. PATRONS

The Members may elect Patrons of the Constituent Body. Such Patrons shall not necessarily be members of the Constituent Body and if not they shall not have the right of voting at General Meetings but will have such rights as the Committee may decide.

V FINANCE

15. CONSTITUENT BODY FINANCE

- 15.1 The Constituent Body's income shall be obtained annually from the subscriptions of Members, from investments and securities, from gate monies and ticket receipts from matches arranged by the Constituent Body, from sponsorship and from any other available source.
- 15.2 The profits of the Constituent Body shall be applied only in furthering the objects of the Constituent Body.
- 15.3 The Constituent Body shall not have power to receive money on deposit from Members or others.
- 15.4 A Financial Statement of the Constituent Body's affairs shall be made up to 31st May in each year (or such other date as may be determined from time to time by the Constituent Body in General Meeting) and shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and one Member of the Committee. An audit where necessary in law or, where the membership require shall be carried out by a registered auditor or, where the conditions applicable for appointing lay auditors apply, by 2 or more lay auditors and a printed copy of the signed Financial Statement, together with the Auditors' report thereon, shall be sent to each member with the notice calling an Annual General Meeting.

- 15.5 The Constituent Body may participate in a direct debiting scheme as an originator for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for any category of membership and/or any other amounts due to the Constituent Body. In furtherance of such a scheme the Constituent Body may enter into an indemnity required by the bank upon whom direct debits are to be originated and such indemnity may be executed on behalf of the Constituent by the Honorary Secretary or as otherwise determined pursuant to these Rules.

16. MATCH TICKETS

- 16.1 Tickets for matches arranged by the Constituent Body shall be under the control of the Committee and shall be sold at prices fixed by the Committee (without any provision for repurchase by the Constituent Body) or as the Committee may direct, and the Committee shall allocate such tickets on an equitable basis.
- 16.2 The Committee shall have power to issue such season and other tickets, on such terms, with such privileges and to such persons as it may from time to time determine.

17. AUDITORS

- 17.1 The provisions of the Act relating to the appointment, powers, rights, remuneration, responsibilities and duties of the Auditors shall be complied with:
- 17.2 The Auditors where appointed shall be entitled to attend any General Meeting and to receive all notices of and other communications relating thereto which any Member is entitled to receive, and to be heard at any General Meeting on any part of the business which concerns them as auditors.

18. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

- 18.1 Each Club shall by 1st October in each year pay to the Constituent Body such annual subscription and such other amounts as the Committee may from time to time determine.
- 18.2 On or before 31st December each year a properly prepared Financial Statement for the previous season shall be sent by each Club for examination by the Committee. Such financial statement shall be audited or inspected in accordance with the Rules of the Union.

VI STATUTORY PROCEDURES

19. REGISTERED OFFICE

- 19.1 The registered office of the Constituent Body shall be at 21a St. Mary's Grove, Nailsea, Bristol. BS48 4NQ) or at such other location in England as the Committee may from time to time otherwise determine.
- 19.2 Notice of any change in the situation of the registered office shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to the Registrar within fourteen days after the change.

20. USE OF NAME OF THE CONSTITUENT BODY

- 20.1 The name shall be kept painted or affixed in a conspicuous position and in letters which are easily legible on the outside of every office or place in which the activities of the Constituent Body are carried on.
- 20.2 The name shall be stated in legible characters in all business letters of the Constituent Body, in all notices, advertisements and other official publications of the Constituent Body, in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques and orders for money or goods purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Constituent Body and in all bills, invoices, receipts and letters of credit of the Constituent Body.
- 20.3 Save with the authority of the Committee, the name of the Constituent Body shall not at any time be used by any Member in any document or advertisement issued or published by, or on behalf of or with the authority of that Member in such a way as to indicate or imply that such document or advertisement was issued or published by or on behalf of the Constituent Body or the Committee.

21. SEAL

The Constituent Body shall have its name engraved in legible characters on a seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Honorary Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of the Committee which may determine who shall countersign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be countersigned by any two of the Officers.

22. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

22.1 The Constituent Body shall keep at the registered office a Register of Members and Officers in which the Honorary Secretary shall enter the following particulars:

22.1.1 The name and address of each Member and where a Member is a nominee the name of the Club making the nomination shall be noted against the name of the Member.

22.1.2 A statement of the share held by each Member and the amount paid therefor.

22.1.3 A statement of other property, if any, in the Constituent Body held by each Member whether in loans or otherwise.

22.1.4 The date on which each Member was entered in the Register as a Member and the date on which a Member ceased to be a Member.

22.1.5 The names and addresses of the Officers of the Constituent Body with the offices held by them respectively and the date on which they assumed and left office.

22.2 The Register of Members and Officers shall be so constructed that it is possible to open to inspection the particulars entered pursuant to Rules 22.1.1, 22.1.4, and 22.1.5 without also opening to inspection the other particulars entered in the Register.

23. INSPECTION OF BOOKS

All Members and persons having an interest in the funds of the Constituent Body shall be allowed to inspect their own accounts and the particulars entered in the Register of Members and Officers other than those entered under Rules 22.1.2 and 22.1.3 at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Constituent Body subject to such regulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

24. ANNUAL RETURN

24.1 Every year not later than the date provided by the Act or where the return is made up to the date allowed by the Registrar not later than seven months after such date the Honorary Secretary shall send to the Registrar the annual return in the form prescribed by the Registrar relating to the affairs of the Constituent Body for the period required by the Act to be included in the return together with a copy of the Financial Statement of the Constituent Body with the Report of the Auditors where applicable thereon for the period included in the return and a copy of each balance sheet made during that period and the Report of the Auditors where applicable on that balance sheet.

24.2 A copy of the latest annual return shall be supplied free of charge on demand to every member or other person interested in the funds of the Constituent Body.

25. PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Constituent Body shall keep a copy of the last balance sheet for the time being together with the Report made by the Auditors, where applicable, thereon always hung up in a conspicuous place at its registered office.

26. REGISTRATION

These Rules shall take effect on and from the date of their registration pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

27. DISSOLUTION

In the event of it becoming necessary for the Members to discontinue the activities of the Constituent Body and to dissolve the Constituent Body under the provisions of the Act, its funds and property shall be appropriated or divided amongst the Members in such manner as the Committee consider to be fair and reasonable.

VII GENERAL

28. CONTINUITY

For the avoidance of doubt every Member of the Constituent Body who at the date these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26 holds office or position in any capacity in the Constituent Body (including the position of Vice-Presidents and/or patrons) shall continue to hold the same office or position following registration. Such Members shall have the same seniority, dates of appointment, dates of retirement and the like after registration as before registration, subject only to such changes as are necessary by virtue of these Rules. The Trustees under the former Rules of the Constituent Body shall, until they have fully discharged their duties, remain as Trustees upon those of the former Rules which relate to Trustees, varied only insofar as these Rules necessarily require.

29. INDEMNITY

Each Officer (including under the former Rules of the Constituent Body the Trustees) and employee from time to time of the Constituent Body and each person who was or is from time to time a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee shall (to the extent that such person is not entitled to recover under any policy of insurance) be entitled to be indemnified out of any and all funds available to the Constituent Body which may lawfully be so applied, against all costs, liens, charges, expenses and liabilities whatsoever incurred by such person in the execution and discharge of duties undertaken on behalf of the Constituent Body or in relation thereto, or incurred in good faith in the purported discharge of such duties, including any liability incurred in initiating, prosecuting or defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted as an Officer or employee or as a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee as the case may be.

30. NOTICES

Any notice or other communication or document sent by first class post to a Member, Officer or Member of the Committee shall be treated as having been given twenty-four hours after the time when it was posted.

31. ARBITRATION

Every dispute of the type specified in Section 60 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 or any amendment, modification or re-enactment thereof (not being one in respect of which the decision falls to be made in some other way under these Rules) shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator (pursuant to the Arbitration Act for the time being in force) to be appointed in default of agreement between the parties to the dispute by the President (or failing whom one of the other office holders) for the time being of the Union.

32. INTERPRETATION

Subject to the provisions of the Act any difference of opinion as to the interpretation of these Rules or on any matter not provided for therein shall be decided by the Chairman of a General Meeting at such Meeting or by the Committee in every other circumstance, and every such decision shall be recorded in the minutes and shall be accepted as the true meaning until thereafter otherwise interpreted on due notice at a subsequent General Meeting.

33. SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

the Act	means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies.
Auditors	means the auditors of the Constituent Body for the time being.
Club	means a club admitted into membership of the Constituent Body in accordance with the Rules of the Constituent Body.
Constituent Body	means Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited.
Committee	means the committee designated in Rule 13 and Committee Member or Member of the Committee means a member of the Committee for the time being and shall include a person co-opted under Rule 11.2.

Financial Statement	means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure.
Game	means the game of rugby union football.
General Meeting	means a general meeting of Members.
Honorary Life Members	means persons, in recognition of outstanding service to the Constituent Body, nominated by the Committee and elected by the Members in General Meeting.
Honorary Secretary	means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being. He or she may also be the Executive Director.
Individual Members	means members of Clubs who are elected to membership of the Constituent Body by the Committee, having first been proposed and seconded by two existing Individual Members.
IRB	means the world Governing Body of the Game which at the date of the adoption of these Rules is the International Rugby Board of which the Union is a member.
IRB Regulations	means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated by the IRB from time to time.
Laws of the Game	means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which the Game is played throughout the world.
Member	means a member of the Constituent Body.
Officers	means the officers designated in Rule 12.
Registrar	means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.
Regulation	means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule 4.12.
Representative(s)	means the representative(s) elected to represent the Constituent Body on the Council of the Union in accordance with the Rules of the Union for the time being registered with the Registrar.
Rules	means the Rules of the Constituent Body for the time being registered with the Registrar.
Union	means the Rugby Football Union.

SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

REGULATIONS

- 1. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH TICKETS:** The rates of subscription to the Constituent Body shall be decided by the Committee and any alteration shall be confirmed by the members of the Constituent Body at an Annual General Meeting. Membership shall be current from 1st September in any one year to 31st August in the next year. The appropriate membership subscription shall be paid by 30th September in the current year or the member will be liable to be struck off the membership register and the member's voting rights will be lost.
Individual Members shall be entitled to:
 - (a) Free admission to any Somerset club ground (and a stand ticket if available) for any home County friendly fixture.
 - (b) Apply to purchase stand tickets at any home County Championship fixture. Prior consideration will be given to applications for the first two such tickets applied for, the first of which shall be supplied free of charge. All members will be notified of the closing date for such ticket applications.
 - (c) Apply for international tickets and for tickets against touring sides in which Somerset are involved as one of the host counties.
- 2. THE PRESIDENCY:** Subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting the President, who must be a member of the Constituent Body, will normally serve a two-year term of office. During the President's first year of office, the retiring president shall remain a co-opted member of the Committee, if not an elected member of the Committee, for one year only. At the end of the President's first year of office, the Committee will nominate a President-Elect to succeed the President at the end of his two-year term. This nomination shall be approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any nominee for President must have served a minimum of five years on the Committee. The President-Elect shall serve on the Committee as a co-opted member if not an elected member of the Committee.
- 3. PATRONS:** Each year at the Annual General Meeting, Patrons of the Constituent Body shall be elected from past and present members of the Constituent Body in recognition of their service to the Constituent Body. Nominations for Patrons must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not later than 30th April in each year.
- 4. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER CLUBS:** All Clubs in membership are required to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rugby Football Union.
- 5. REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER CLUBS:** The Secretary of each affiliated club, shall for various purposes, be considered as the club's representative in connection with the Constituent Body although it is not necessary that he or she shall be one of the club's delegates at General Meetings. Notices of all matters in which clubs are concerned shall be deemed to be served on a club if communicated to the club's Secretary at the address which was last supplied to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body. All changes in Secretaries and any changes in addresses must be advised to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body as soon as possible.
- 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLAYERS:** A player selected to play for the County need not necessarily be a member of the Constituent Body provided that he complies with the current RFU Regulations with regard to County Championship player qualifications.
- 7. COLOURS:** The colours of the Constituent Body shall be black white and crimson. All players participating in County matches shall wear the County jersey (normally black white and crimson 1 hoops with white collar) and black shorts. A player who plays in his first County Championship match shall be awarded a County tie. On the fifth occasion a player plays in a County Championship match or plays in four matches and is selected for a fifth match that is cancelled, he shall be awarded a County blazer badge. When a player has played in twenty County Championship or other matches recognised by the Committee, he shall be awarded a County cap.
- 8. CAPTAIN:** The Senior Playing Committee shall appoint from time to time the Captain of the Senior County XV and may, at its discretion, request his assistance for the purpose of selecting the Senior County Squad.

9. **COACH:** The Committee shall have the power from time to time to appoint a County Coach and to determine the Coach's terms and conditions of employment including any remuneration if appropriate.
10. **PLAYERS INSURANCE:** The Committee shall insure the Constituent Body teams' players under the RFU Death & Total Disability Scheme and at its discretion effect loss of earnings and other cover with the South Western Division Rugby Football Mutual Benefit Fund or any other appropriate organisation.
11. **EXPENSES:** Committee members and players shall be entitled to reclaim all legitimate out-of-pocket expenses on application to the Honorary Treasurer. All such payments are made at the discretion of the Admin and Finance Sub-Committee.
12. **COMPETITIONS:** County cup competitions at all levels shall be administered by a Competitions Sub-Committee which shall be responsible for drafting rules for those competitions and any subsequent amendments to those rules, all of which shall be subject to final approval by the Committee.
13. **AUDITORS:** The Constituent Body's auditors, if appointed, shall be Registered Auditors.
14. **ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS:** No regulation may be altered or rescinded or any new regulation included without the consent of two thirds of the Members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Notice of any changes to the Regulations must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body together with the names of the proposer and seconder in the case of an Annual General Meeting by 30th April prior to the meeting and in the case of a Special General Meeting at least one month before the date of the meeting.
15. **DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO THESE REGULATIONS:** In the case of any difference of opinion as to the meaning of these Regulations, such meaning shall be decided by the Committee or if it occurs at a General Meeting, by the Chairman of the meeting. Any such decision shall be recorded in the appropriate minutes and shall be accepted as the true meaning of the Regulation unless otherwise interpreted at a General Meeting, after due notice has been given.
16. **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THESE REGULATIONS:** Any matter not provided for in the Rules or these Regulations shall be discussed and settled by the Committee and the members shall be bound thereby until the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Constituent Body when any new ruling of the Committee, provided that due notice of the same has been given (under Rule 8.5) to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body, shall be brought before the meeting for ratification or otherwise.

RULES OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION REFEREES' SOCIETY LIMITED

NAME, OBJECTS & POWERS

1. NAME

The Society shall be called the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited.

2. DEFINITIONS

Except where the context otherwise permits or requires, the words and expressions listed in the Schedule of Definitions set out in Rule 31 shall bear the meanings given to them therein.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be:

- 3.1 To administer all aspects of officiating of the Game in Somerset on behalf of the Union.
- 3.2 To promote encourage and extend the officiating of the Game throughout Somerset including (but not limited to) the recruitment, administration and training of referees) match observers, touch judges (assistant referees) and referee coaches.
- 3.3 To ensure that the Game is refereed in accordance with the Laws of the Game and is administered in accordance with the IRB Regulations and the Rules of the Union and the Referees Union.

4. POWERS OF THE SOCIETY

To further its objects the Society shall have the power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the objects of the Society including (but not limited to) all or any of the following:

- 4.1 Either directly or indirectly to employ, invest and deal with the assets and funds of the Society for the objects of the Society in such manner as shall be considered by the Committee to be expedient, and to do all such other acts and things and carry on all such other activities (including [but not limited to] leasing, subleasing, releasing, renting, acquiring, altering, erecting, holding, selling, improving, developing, repairing, hiring, lending with or without security or otherwise dealing with real and personal property of any kind) as shall be considered by the Committee to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Society or the advancement of its interests.
- 4.2 To raise or borrow money for the purposes of or in connection with the activities of the Society or any of them as the Committee thinks fit in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 4.2.1 Any sum or sums raised or borrowed may be on mortgage, charge, bonds or debentures of all or any of the funds or property of the Society whether or not including any floating charge of the whole or part of the undertaking property and assets of the Society both present and future.
 - 4.2.2 At the time of any borrowing the sum of the amount then remaining undischarged of monies borrowed and of the amount of the proposed borrowing shall not exceed 50,000 pounds or such sum as the Members in General Meeting may from time to time determine.
 - 4.2.3 The rate of interest payable at the time the terms of borrowing are agreed on any money borrowed shall not exceed the rate of interest which in the opinion of the Committee represents the market rate of interest for borrowings of similar amount and on similar terms prevailing at that time except that in the case of a mortgage loan the Committee may delegate the determination of the interest rate within specified limits to an Officer, Committee Member or Sub-Committee.
 - 4.2.4 The Committee may determine from time to time (subject to Rules 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3) the terms and conditions upon which money is raised or borrowed or security is issued and may vary such terms and conditions.
 - 4.2.5 No person lending money to the Society shall be concerned to see or enquire whether either of the limits imposed by Rule 4.2.2 or Rule 4.2.3 is exceeded at the time of the borrowing or issue and if either or both of such limits were to be exceeded no borrowing

incurred in excess of such limits shall be invalid unless such person had received express notice to this effect at the time of borrowing.

- 4.3 To give any security or securities whether by way of mortgage or otherwise for the performance of any contracts or any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Society or any of its subsidiaries or other persons or corporations in whose business or undertaking the Society is interested, or to whom or in respect of whom the Society has given any personal covenant, guarantee or indemnity, whether directly or indirectly and collaterally or further to secure any obligation of whatever nature of the Society by a trust deed or other assurance.
- 4.4 To accept and grant sponsorship and franchises and to make such arrangements in connection therewith as the Committee shall think fit.
- 4.5 To apply for and hold any licences, consents, certificates, permissions and approvals that may be required for or in connection with the activities of the Society and (among other things) to provide catering and such other facilities as the Committee shall consider desirable.
- 4.6 To invite, receive and make donations for or otherwise promote or assist in the development or continuance of facilities for, or the prestige of the Game or any other sport or recreation.
- 4.7 To support (whether by direct subscription, the giving of guarantees or otherwise) any charitable, benevolent or educational fund, institution or organisation, or any event or purpose of a public or general nature, the support of which will or may in the opinion of the Committee, directly or indirectly benefit, or is calculated so to benefit, the Society or its activities or its employees, ex employees, referees, former referees or their dependants.
- 4.8 To engage such officials and employees upon such terms and at such remuneration as the Committee may deem appropriate, and to dismiss or retire any of them as may be necessary.
- 4.9 To provide pensions, insurances and other benefits to employees or to ex-employees of the Society or the dependants and relatives of any such persons and to establish and maintain or concur in establishing and maintaining trusts, funds, schemes or other arrangements (whether contributory or non-contributory) with a view to providing such benefits including (but not limited to) retirement benefits and/or life assurance schemes.
- 4.10 To maintain bank accounts in credit or overdrawn on such terms as the Committee shall think fit including the giving of guarantees and indemnities in respect of direct debits and other money transmission or collection systems whether pursuant to Rule 15.5 or otherwise.
- 4.11 To pass such resolutions, regulations and instructions which shall be binding on all Members as are considered necessary for the better management, organisation, administration and regulation of the Society.
- 4.12 To settle, conduct, enforce or resist either in a court of law or by arbitration any suit, debt, liability or claim by or against the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

5. MEMBERS

- 5.1 The members of the Society shall be the individual persons whose names are for the time being entered in the Register of Members.
- 5.2 Only members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected to the Committee.
- 5.3 All members of the Committee excluding those members co-opted under Rule 11.2 shall be Members for such period as they are Committee Members.
- 5.4 Subject to Rule 5.3 the admission of members shall be under the control of the Committee which shall from time to time determine the criteria and conditions applicable for the approval of membership.
- 5.5 A Member may withdraw from the Society at any time by giving to the Honorary Secretary written notice of the intention so to do provided that the Member shall remain liable for all monies then due and owing to the Society.
- 5.6 A Member shall be liable to termination or suspension of membership or to other appropriate punishment by the Society for any infringement of these Rules, any Regulation or any Rules or Regulations of the Union, the Regulations of the Referees Union, the Laws of the Game or

the IRB Regulations or any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Society or the Game. The procedure for the exercise of this power shall be as prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by the Members at all reasonable times

5.7 A Member shall cease to be a Member:

5.7.1 On resignation in writing

5.7.2 On termination of membership by the Committee

5.8 Grievance. Any member having a ground of complaint or other grievance against the Society shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary subsequent to which the same shall be considered by the Committee and unless considered frivolous will be investigated as appropriate. The Member will be informed of the outcome of the Committee's determination, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary within 42 days of receipt of the notice. If the member wishes to appeal against the determination he should give Notice, in writing, within 7 days of receipt of the determination stating the ground(s) of the appeal and the Committee will within 14 days of the receipt of such notice convene an Appeals Panel whose decision shall be final. No person in any way involved in making the original determination may serve on the Appeals Panel

6. SHARE CAPITAL

6.1 The capital of the Society shall consist of shares of the value of £1 each.

6.2 Every Member shall hold one share and no more in the capital of the Society. No person who is not a Member shall be issued with a share.

6.3 Each Member of the Society at the date these rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26 who is eligible to be a Member, shall be allocated one share in the name of that Member.

6.4 Any Member admitted to membership after the date on which these rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26, shall be allotted one share on admission.

6.5 No share shall be held jointly, be withdrawable or be transferable by any Member and no interest, dividend or bonus shall be payable on any share. Any Member transferring or attempting to transfer a share shall if the Committee so decides be deemed to have withdrawn from the Society as from the date of such transfer or attempted transfer.

6.6 The Share of a Member shall be forfeited to the Society when that Member for whatever reason ceases to be a Member and any amount then due to the Member in respect of such share shall thereupon become the property of the Society.

6.7 The Society shall not be required to issue a certificate to any Member in respect of the share allotted to that Member.

GENERAL MEETINGS

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 All General Meetings shall be held at such location within the geographical region of the Society as the Committee may determine and any such meeting other than an Annual General Meeting shall be called a Special General Meeting.

7.2 The Chairman of all such meetings shall be the President of the Society or the Immediate Past President or a member of the Society elected from amongst those present

7.3 Every Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting. Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands of those present entitled to vote and votes cast by post or E. . Votes cast by post or E. must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 48 hours before the time the meeting is due to commence. If any one member requests a secret ballot then that shall be the procedure adopted.

7.4 The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 20 Members.

7.5 If within thirty minutes after the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved, and in every other case it will stand adjourned to such other day and at such time and place, or be dissolved, as the Committee shall determine.

- 7.6 All resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded except where:
 - 7.6.1 These Rules provide for a special resolution which shall require a majority of at least two thirds of the votes recorded or
 - 7.6.2 A resolution is put to an Annual General Meeting as contemplated by Rule 8.1.8.2 in which case the provisions of the Act as to voting shall apply.
- 7.7 A declaration by the Chairman of a General Meeting to the effect that a particular resolution has been passed or not, or passed by a particular majority or not, shall (subject to the Act) be final and binding on all Members.
- 7.8 A General Meeting shall not be invalidated by reason only of any Member failing to receive a notice thereof or any accompanying document relating thereto.
- 7.9 The procedure for conduct of General Meetings shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Not later than 31st July in every year a General Meeting shall be held (to be known as the Annual General Meeting) for the transaction of the following business:
 - 8.1.1 To consider and approve (with or without amendment) the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.2 To receive and approve a report from the Committee on the affairs of the Society since the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.3 To receive and approve a Financial Statement for the preceding financial year and where necessary in law or the members require the Auditors Report thereon.
 - 8.1.4 To elect the following Officers for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.4.1 The President
 - 8.1.4.2 The Chairman of the Committee
 - 8.1.4.3 The Vice-Chairman of the Committee
 - 8.1.4.4 The Honorary Secretary
 - 8.1.4.5 The Honorary Treasurer
 - 8.1.5 To elect Vice-Presidents
 - 8.1.6 To elect the following for the ensuing year, who shall be members of the Committee:
 - 8.1.6.1 The Chairman of the Appointments Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.2 The Chairman of the Grading Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.3 The Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.4 The Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.5 The Chairman of the Training and Development Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.6 Two additional members of the Committee
 - 8.1.7 The following shall also be members of the Committee
 - 8.1.7.1 The Immediate Past President, (ex-officio)
 - 8.1.7.2 The representative of the Somerset RFU
 - 8.1.8 Where necessary in law or where the Members require:
 - 8.1.8.1 To appoint the auditors for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.8.2 To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors.
 - 8.1.9 To consider as a special resolution any addition or alteration to these Rules duly proposed in accordance with rule 8.4.
 - 8.1.10 To consider any other motion or business duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.4
 - 8.1.11 To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.
- 8.2 Notice of every Annual General Meeting stating the date, time and venue of such Meeting shall

be sent to all Members so as to be received not less than two clear weeks prior to the date of the Meeting with the agenda of the business to be considered thereat and with a copy of the Society's Financial Statement for the preceding financial year.

- 8.3 The election of the Officers and Committee Members shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 8.3.1 Any member shall have the right to make nominations, with the written consent of a candidate, for election to any one or more of the offices named in or created under the provisions of Rule 12.1 or to the Committee. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of Officers. The Honorary Secretary shall circulate to every member the details of each candidate together with postal voting forms and a Financial Statement not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 8.3.2 The election of each Officer and Committee Member shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded.
- 8.3.3 In the event of an equal number of votes being cast for two or more candidates for any office or for any Committee Member a further election for that office shall immediately be held between those candidates for whom the votes cast are equal in number. If there shall still be equality of votes the decision as to the person elected shall be made by the casting vote of the Chairman of the meeting
- 8.4 Proposals for additions or alterations to the Rules or for any other motion to be submitted to an Annual General Meeting shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 8.4.1 Any proposal shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting duly proposed by one Member and seconded by another.
- 8.4.2 Copies of all such proposals and copies of all proposals put forward by the Committee shall be sent to all Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.4.3 Amendments to any proposal notified to Members under Rule 8.4.2 shall be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded not less than twenty-four hours before the time for which the Annual General Meeting is convened.
- 8.4.4 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 8.4.3 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Committee may convene at any time a Special General Meeting by giving to all Members two clear weeks' written notice thereof stating the date, time and venue thereof and the resolution or resolutions to be moved or other business to be transacted thereat.
- 9.1.1 Amendments to any resolution proposed by the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.4.3. for an Annual General Meeting.
- 9.1.2 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.1.1 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.
- 9.2 The Committee shall also convene a Special General Meeting on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written requisition so to do, duly signed by not less than 20 Members. Each requisition must clearly state the specific resolution to be moved.
- 9.2.1 Two clear weeks notice of such a Meeting stating the date, time and venue thereof and the specific resolution to be moved thereat shall be sent to all Members by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of the receipt of the requisition.
- 9.2.2 Amendments to such a resolution shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.4.3.
- 9.2.3 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.2.2 shall be added to the Agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.

10. RULES

- 10.1 No new rule shall be made, nor shall any Rule be amended or rescinded, except by a special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.4 or at a Special General Meeting convened by the Committee in accordance with Rule 9.1.
- 10.2 The Honorary Secretary shall register in accordance with the Act any new Rule or amendment to these Rules and no new Rule or amendment to the Rules shall be valid until so registered.
- 10.3 A copy of the Rules shall be delivered by the Honorary Secretary to any person on demand on payment of such sum (not exceeding ten pence) as may from time to time be determined by the Committee.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

11. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Society shall be administered by the Committee which shall exercise all the powers of the Society expressed in Rule 4 and without limiting the generality thereof.

- 11.1 The Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees as are considered necessary to deal with the affairs of the Society.
 - 11.1.1 The Committee shall determine the composition, powers and terms of reference of each Sub-Committee.
 - 11.1.2 The Chairman of any Sub-Committee shall have a second or casting vote, and the quorum necessary for the transaction of business by a Sub-Committee shall be one third of its appointed members or as the Committee may determine.
 - 11.1.3 A Sub-Committee may exercise the power of co-option subject to provisions similar to those in Rule 11.2.
- 11.2 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to serve on it provided that the number of such co-opted members shall not exceed one quarter of the number of members elected to hold office on the Committee (the Officers and the Representative(s) for the purposes of this computation being deemed to be elected members) and to approve the co-option of additional members to serve on any Sub-Committee, in both cases either for general or special service and with or without voting rights.
- 11.3 The Committee shall not exercise its powers in any way or for any purpose inconsistent with the objects of the Society.
- 11.4 The procedure for the conduct of meetings of the Committee shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.
- 11.5 References in these Rules to any acts or activities or opinion (including, without limitation, decisions, directions, requests, exercises of discretion and the giving of consent) of the Committee shall mean such acts or activities or opinions as shall have been sanctioned or effected or (as the case may be) expressed by (a) a resolution of the Committee or (b) a resolution of the relevant Sub-Committee where the power to act or authority being exercised has been delegated by the Committee to a Sub-Committee or (c) the relevant Officer where that power or authority has been delegated by the Committee to an Officer.

12. OFFICERS

- 12.1 The Officers of the Society shall be The President, the Chairman the Vice-Chairman the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Society may in General Meeting from time to time determine.
- 12.2 The Officers of the Society shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.3.
- 12.3 Each Officer on election at an Annual General Meeting shall hold office from the end of that Meeting until the end of the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.

- 12.4 If any such offices shall fall vacant between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee for the period of the vacancy.

13. COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Committee shall consist of those persons elected under Rules 8.1.4 and 8.1.6 and those named under 8.1.7
- 13.2 A Member of the Committee shall hold office from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected until the end of the following Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.3 The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be at least one third of its Members.
- 13.4 The chairman of any meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 13.5 If a vacancy shall occur for an elected Member of the Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee.
- 13.6 If a Member of the Committee shall commit an offence under rule 5.6 or shall be adjudged bankrupt or if a court order is made appointing a Receiver to administer such Member's property such Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Committee.
- 13.7 Committee Members shall receive no remuneration for serving on the Committee other than payment of authorised expenses for carrying out their duties.

14. ASSOCIATES

The Committee may appoint Associates of the Society. Such Associates shall not be members of the Society and shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings but will have such rights as the Committee may decide, and will pay an annual subscription as fixed by the Committee.

15. FINANCE

15. SOCIETY FINANCE

- 15.1 The Society's income shall be obtained annually from the subscriptions of Members, from charges levied upon the Clubs, from investments and securities, from sponsorship and from any other available sources.
- 15.2 The profits of the Society shall be applied only in furthering the objects of the Society.
- 15.3 The Society shall not have power to receive money on deposit from Members or others.
- 15.4 A Financial Statement of the Society's affairs shall be made up to 31 August in each year (or such other date as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting) and shall when approved be signed by the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee the Honorary Secretary and one Member of the Committee. An audit where necessary in law or, where the membership require shall be carried out by a registered auditor or, where the conditions applicable for appointing lay auditors apply, by 2 or more lay auditors and a printed copy of the signed Financial Statement, together with the auditors report thereon, shall be sent to each Member with the notice calling an Annual General Meeting.
- 15.5 The Society may participate in a direct debiting scheme as an originator for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for any category of membership and/or any other amounts due to the Society. In furtherance of such a scheme the Society may enter into an indemnity required by the bank upon whom direct debits are to be originated and such indemnity may be executed on behalf of the Society by the Honorary Secretary or as otherwise determined pursuant to these Rules.

16. AUDITORS

- 16.1 The provisions of the Act relating to, the appointment, powers, rights, remuneration, responsibilities and duties of the Auditors shall be complied with.
- 16.2 The Auditors where appointed shall be entitled to attend any General Meeting and to receive all notices of and other communications relating thereto which any Member is entitled to receive, and to be heard at any General Meeting on any part of the business which concerns them as auditors.

STATUTORY PROCEDURES

17. REGISTERED OFFICE

- 17.1 The registered offices of the Society shall be at The Island House, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Somerset BA3 2DZ or at such other location in England as the Committee may from time to time otherwise determine.
- 17.2 Notice of any change in the situation of the registered office shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to the Registrar within fourteen days after the change.

18. USE OF NAME OF THE SOCIETY

- 18.1 The name shall be kept painted or affixed in a conspicuous position and in letters which are easily legible on the outside of every office or place in which the activities of the Society are carried on.
- 18.2 The name shall be stated in legible characters in all business letters of the Society, in all notices, advertisements and other official publications of the Society, in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques and orders for money or goods purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Society, and in all bills, invoices receipts and letters of credit of the Society.
- 18.3 Save with the authority of the Committee, the name of the Society shall not at any time be used by any Member in any document or advertisement issued or published by, or on behalf of or with the authority of that Member in such a way as to indicate or imply that such document or advertisement was issued or published by or on behalf of the Society or the Committee.

19. SEAL

The Society shall have its name engraved in legible characters on a seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Honorary Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of the Committee which may determine who shall countersign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be countersigned by any two of the Officers.

20. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 20.1 The Society shall keep in its registered office a Register of Members and Officers in which the Honorary Secretary shall enter the following particulars
 - 20.1.1 The name and address of each Member
 - 20.1.2 A statement of the share held by each Member and the amount paid therefor.
 - 20.1.3 A statement of other property, if any, in the Society held by each Member whether in loans or otherwise.
 - 20.1.4 The date on which each Member was entered in the Register as a Member and the date on which a Member ceased to be a Member.
 - 20.1.5 The names and addresses of the Officers of the Society with the offices held by them respectively and the date on which they assumed and left office.
- 20.2 The Register of Members and Officers shall be so constructed that it is possible to open to inspection the particulars entered pursuant to Rules 20.1.1, 20.1.4 and 20.1.5 without also opening to inspection the other particulars entered in the Register.

21. INSPECTION OF BOOKS

All Members and persons having an interest in the funds of the Society shall be allowed to inspect their own accounts and the particulars entered in the Register of Members and Officers other than those entered under Rules 20.1.2 and 20.1.3 at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Society subject to such regulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

22. ANNUAL RETURN

- 22.1 Every year not later than the date provided by the Act or where the Return is made up to the date allowed by the Registrar not later than seven months after such date the Honorary Secretary shall send to the Registrar the Annual Return in the form prescribed by the Registrar relating to

the affairs of the Society for the period required by the Act to be included in the Return together with a copy of the Financial Statement of the Society with the Report of the Auditors where applicable thereon for the period included in the Return and a copy of each Balance Sheet made during that period and the report of the Auditors where applicable on that Balance Sheet.

- 22.2 A copy of the latest Annual Return shall be supplied free of charge on demand to every member or other person interested in the funds of the Society.

23. PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Society shall keep a copy of the last Balance Sheet for the time being together with the Report made by the Auditors, where applicable, thereon always hung up in a conspicuous place at the registered office.

24. REGISTRATION

These Rules shall take effect on and from the date of their registration pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

25. DISSOLUTION

In the event of it having to become necessary for the Members to discontinue the activities of the Society and to dissolve the Society under the provisions of the Act, its funds and property shall be appropriated or divided amongst the Members in such manner as the Committee consider to be fair and reasonable.

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26. CONTINUITY

For the avoidance of doubt every Member of the Society who at the date these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 24 holds office or position in any capacity in the Society (including the position of Vice Presidents) shall continue to hold the same office or position following registration. Such Members shall have the same seniority, dates of appointment, dates of retirement and the like after registration as before registration, subject only to such changes as are necessary by virtue of these Rules.

27. INDEMNITY

Each Officer and employee from time to time of the Society and each person who was or is from time to time a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee shall (to the extent that such person is not entitled to recover under any policy of insurance) be entitled to be indemnified out of any and all funds available to the Society which may lawfully be so applied, against all costs, liens, charges, expenses and liabilities whatsoever incurred by such person in the execution and discharge of duties undertaken on behalf of the Society or in relation thereto or incurred in good faith in the purported discharge of such duties, including any liability incurred in initiating prosecuting or defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted as an Officer or employee or as a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee as the case may be.

28. NOTICES

Any notice or other communication or document sent to a Member, Officer or Member of the Committee shall be treated as having been duly delivered twenty four hours after the time when it was dispatched.

29. ARBITRATION

Every dispute of the type specified in Section 60 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 or any amendment, modification or re-enactment thereof (not being one in respect of which the decision falls to be made in some other way under these Rules) shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator (pursuant to the Arbitration Act for the time being in force) to be appointed in default of agreement between the parties to the dispute by the President (or failing whom one of the other office holders) for the time being of the Union.

30. INTERPRETATION

Subject to the provisions of the Act any difference of opinion as to the interpretation of these Rules or on any matter not provided for therein shall be decided by the chairman of a General Meeting at such Meeting or by the Committee in every other circumstance, and every such decision shall be recorded in the minutes and shall be accepted as the true meaning until thereafter otherwise interpreted on due notice at a subsequent General Meeting.

31. SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

The Act means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965/1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting Industrial and Provident Societies.

Auditors means the Auditors of the Society for the time being.

Society means The Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited

Committee means the committee designated in Rule 13 and **Committee Member** or Member of the Committee means a member of the Committee for the time being and shall include a person co-opted under Rule 11.2

Financial Statement means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure.

Game means the game of Rugby Union Football.

General Meeting means a general meeting of Members.

Honorary Secretary means the Honorary Secretary of the Society for the time being.

IRB means the world Governing Body of the Game which at the date of the adoption of these Rules is the International Rugby Board of which the Union is a Member.

IRB Regulations means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated by the IRB from time to time.

Laws of the Game means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which the Game is played throughout the world.

Member means a member of the Society.

Officers means the officers designated in Rule 12.

“Referees Union” means the Rugby Football Referees’ Union.

Registrar means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central office of the Financial Services Authority and shall include the statutory successor carrying on the relevant functions of any of them.

Regulation means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule 4.11.

Rules means the Rules of the Society for the time being registered with the Registrar.

Union means the Rugby Football Union.

Gender. All references to the male gender shall apply equally to the female gender.

Communication. Where communication with Members is concerned “written” or “in writing” shall include sending such communication electronically.

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2012–2013 SEASON

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