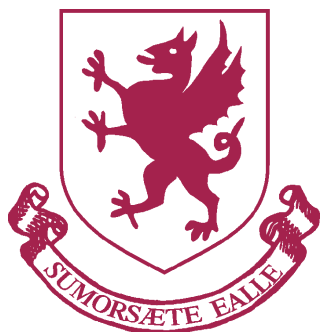


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## **CODE OF RUGBY**

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  
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**Teamwork Respect Enjoyment Discipline Sportsmanship**

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**FOREWORD BY DES CHALMERS, PRESIDENT,  
SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD  
2014–2015**

I am extremely honoured to have been elected President of the Union for the next two seasons succeeding the late Dave Smith who is missed and always will be by all involved in this great game.

When I first joined the Somerset Committee 12 years ago a few people asked why I had done so, thinking I was joining some elite group who looked after their own interests. Nothing could be further from the truth as everyone that I have been involved in has had the game at heart, providing all the clubs with their knowledge and giving considerable benefit to clubs and county.

The game encompasses all who play, coach, referee, administrate, and volunteer to gain enjoyment and friendship in the Rugby family.

My personal rugby career started in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, where I was privileged to play for my country, Combined Services and Goshawkes (Rhodesian Barbarians). I retired from the game in 1980.

I arrived in the UK in 1984, and joined Yatton RFC in 1991 and was persuaded to put boots on again and run out with the thirds. After a few games I joined the first team and kept my position for 10 years until I finally retired at the age of 52.

I look forward to renewing past friendships and meeting new members of all the clubs as I visit over the coming season.

In closing I'd like to quote Dave Smith's closing paragraph from last years hand book "the County's Motto of **Sumorsaete Ealle** is taken to mean all the people of Somerset."

Incorporating the core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

Here's to a good season in 2014/15 and may Rugby be the winner.



*Des Chalmers  
Somerset County RFU President*

**FOREWORD BY JONATHAN DANCE, PRESIDENT,  
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION  
2014-2015**

What a real pleasure it is to welcome everyone in Somerset to an exciting new rugby season as RFU President.

Somerset and its Clubs are famous for their welcome and hospitality which I have been fortunate to experience on numerous occasions both as a player (some time ago now) and more recently as a Club and County supporter and official. I have also enjoyed meeting many involved in the game in the county and in the South West leagues.

The county's rugby credentials are well known, from County Championship success to competing against international touring sides.

Somerset has also helped to develop players of the highest standard, among them Simon Halliday and Jeremy Guscott.

But it is in the Clubs and Schools where the success begins and Somerset has many fine famous clubs across the county, thanks to the many volunteers who ensure that everyone has the opportunity to play and that a warm welcome is assured for new players and opposition teams. All of rugby's core values are exemplified by and in the county, especially enjoyment and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you whose hard work sustains and builds those values.

It is a very exciting time for our sport as we approach the Rugby World Cup in 2015 and the growth it offers. I know that Somerset will be in the forefront grasping the opportunities the Cup will offer to expand the game and welcome both new players and those who want to return to the game.

Enjoy the season and the very best of luck.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Jonathan Dance'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of a vertical line that separates it from the text below.

*Jonathan Dance  
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](http://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), J Wheatley (Age-Grade Committee Ch), P Shepherd (Coaching Committee Ch), P Box, J Elliott, B Malpass & N Robins

### Competitions

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### Discipline

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### Senior Playing

M Hawkes (Ch), S Arnold, J Wheatley & P Shepherd

### Facilities

A Bennett

## Representatives

### Bath Combination

S Mead

### Bristol Combination

S Arnold & P Box

### ERCA

D Chalmers & AA Shorney

### Referees Society

S Mead & N Prescott

### South West Mutual Benefit Fund

AA Shorney & D Chalmers

### Community Rugby

P Box & N Robins

## **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 rugbyplaying 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 2013–2014 SEASON

### COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT

One of the great things about our game is that there are so many opportunities to participate and make a difference. The past season has seen a great deal of work by volunteers and RFU staff and outstanding results on and off the field.

There is huge interest in our sport and we have so much to look forward to. We are about to become hosts of Rugby World Cup 2015, bringing a once in a lifetime opportunity for the whole rugby family to significantly expand and develop the game and create a lasting legacy.

As a County we are promoting many formats of the game, with the increasingly popular touch and tag rugby, non-contact versions which can be played by people of all abilities and all ages and the focus of the Rugby Football Union is that, at whatever level it is played, rugby is one game and that whatever our involvement we are one team.

We are following the RFU's clear business plan to ensure that the shape of our organisation is simpler and has a far greater rugby focus so that we improve the quality of experience for all: players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and supporters.

We want to put quality of experience on the agenda of every club so that an increasing number of boys and girls, men and women enjoy all that rugby has to offer, the camaraderie, the fun, the fundamental values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship which stand us all in good stead both on and off the pitch.

These processes are still being worked upon and the results so far have not materialised without some significant difficulties in understanding the direction in which we need to be moving. It has taken many hours, some heartache and some frank discussions to realise what has now to take place to fully focus on strengthening the clubs.

In the leagues, rather than looking over their shoulders as in recent seasons, Taunton finished in a very creditable 6th position in National League 2 South thanks in the main to a superb second half of the season. At Level 5 Weston and Old Redcliffians maintained their positions for next season despite suffering many injury problems, with Hornets gaining well deserved promotion to that league from South West 1 West. Wells return to the 'West' joining SW1 West having successfully won the Western Counties South league and will join the likes of Bridgwater & Albion, Clevedon and North Petherton next season.

Congratulations also go to Stothert and Pitt who won Somerset Premier, and Clevedon 2nds for winning Somerset One. Worthy winners in Somerset Two North were Chew Valley 2nds and Two South, Cheddar Valley. Three North and South were won by Stothert's 2nds and Wellington's 3rds respectively.

In the play-offs Chard, although leaving it late in the game, gained a hard fought victory against Northamptonshire based Towcestrians to earn the right to play in National 3 South West. Unfortunately for Tor they were unable to match Bristol Saracens on the day and therefore remain in Somerset Premier next season.

Despite the atrocious weather conditions that were experienced in mid-winter the league programme finished much on time thanks to the support of the many clubs who were affected by the flooding who re-arranged outstanding fixtures and we thank you all for making it work.

All winners are due to attend the League sponsors Tribute Presentation evening at the Tor club later in July to receive their well-deserved awards. Congratulations go to all of these clubs.

In the County Cup Old Reds ran out winners in a closely fought contest defeating North Petherton at Weston-super-Mare and in the Somerset Vase Chew Valley took the honours in an exciting encounter against league rivals Bristol Harlequins again at the Weston ground. Once again congratulations to all and a big thank you to the hosting club.

In the County U18 League Wellington won the title for the second year running and this must bode well for the club as a whole if the players can be retained. The Junior competitions culminated in the finals being played on various dates at U14 through to U18. Our sincere thanks go to Andrew Derry for the organisation of these cup competitions under very difficult circumstances as far as re-arranged matches were concerned. Andrew's hard work is much appreciated.

County teams at the various age groups had a season of mixed fortunes and brief reports can be found later in this booklet. National selections were again high in numbers and congratulations go to all those who obtained international honours at the various levels. The County are extremely grateful to the coaches, managers and assistants who give up their spare time freely to ensure participation by the players at this representative level.

Although I know of several excellent examples around our clubs I would just like to quote some interesting and encouraging figures that really illustrates the benefit of good recruitment and retention practices. During last season Hornets 1st XV used 41 players, of which 38 had come through their Junior section and on average 15 of the 18 in their match-day squad were aged between 18 and 24. We would be glad to hear of other successes and, perhaps, share good practice where appropriate. This is, as most of you will only know too well, the age that the Game seems to haemorrhage most players.

Following the demise in recent years of a couple of Somerset based clubs it is pleasing to report that three of our clubs have been accepted into membership of the RFU and we wish Cheddar Valley, Wyvern and Bath RFC (not to be confused with Bath Rugby!) good luck in growing the game within your respective clubs.

Once again the Somerset and Bristol Referees' Societies have both provided an excellent service to our clubs throughout the season on and off the field working extremely hard to ever improve refereeing standards. I am sure you will join me in saying a sincere thank you to all referees and officials who make it all happen week in week out. We all wish the Somerset Society good fortune next season which sees them, as the oldest Society in the world, commemorating their 125th season.

The year was tinged with sadness by the tragic loss of our President David Smith following a road traffic collision whilst he was travelling to assess a match official at Worcester Wanderer's home match in October 2013. A packed Malmesbury Abbey evidenced how popular David was in his many walks of life. He is, and will be, greatly missed.

More recently it was also sad to learn of the passing of John Garland, 96 years, who had been a great servant of rugby for both Bridgwater & Albion and the County committee where he held a variety of positions culminating in his presidency between 1975/77.

Jonathan Elliott and Tony Adams step down from the committee this year and thanks go to both of them for their commitment to rugby. Tony, as many will know, has been instrumental in the acquisition of a range of club facilities that many of you now enjoy.

In closing, I would like to thank Des Chalmers for chairing the Committee of Management and the other Officers and members of the Committee for their advice and assistance over the year. Finally, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all the clubs for their support to the Union which is vital in these ever changing times that we experience.

*Andy Shorney  
County Secretary*

## **SOMERSET RDP REPORT 2013/2014**

This season has strengthened the working of the RDP sub committees and as a result of the Annual Meeting of Clubs last November we have had a clear focus as to how best to help the clubs and their confirmation of the importance of age grade rugby enabled us to focus funding in the right directions. My thanks to Paul Shepherd, Jason Wheatley, Tony Adams and Paul Box for their continuing support in their sub-committee chair roles and for all other members of their teams who have supported the activities within the County. I would also like to record my personal thanks to Patrick Cook for his excellent leadership of the team of coaches involved with the development of girls rugby in Somerset.

I would also like to record a very special thank you to Tony Adams who has chaired the Facilities group for many years but has decided to step down next season. His practical knowledge and willingness to advise clubs has been remarkable and we will miss his 'can do' practical approach in the future, thank you Tony and hope you will now have a little more time to relax and enjoy time with your wonderful family.

We have helped support a number of clubs throughout the County with grants to assist in the cost of coach development and have supported some exciting projects submitted to assist Clubs recruit and retain new players. This has helped to develop a good rapport with more clubs in the County and improved communication which can only benefit the game as a whole. Facilities grants have assisted many clubs in the County and the World Cup 2015 has encouraged many clubs to be involved as volunteers for the matches on our borders.

### **Age Grade Representative Rugby – Jason Wheatley**

Thank you to all the coaches and team managers for your enthusiasm, hard work and commitment in ensuring players eligible for Somerset are given the opportunity to experience and enjoy representative rugby.

### **Super Six – U14, U15 & U16**

Super Six District rugby is now in its 11th year and is fully supported by Bath Rugby Academy who has recommended this development programme to Dorset and Wilts. The Super Six was used as a selection tool by the County U15, U16 and U14 teams. The U14 District Combination squad retained the Bath Cup with a 14 – 12 victory over Dorset & Wilts U14 at Bath Rugby Recreation Ground. Following this fixture a number of players have been invited to attend Bath Academies Elite Player Development Group training camp at Farleigh House in August and Manu Vunipola was selected to play for Bath Academy U15 at the Academies Regional and National Festivals.



## **Super Six Festival Winners**

U14 – Buccaneers U15 – Centurions U16 – Centurions

### **U15 Boys**

A squad of 40+ players were selected to represent the County in Development matches against Millfield, Dorset & Wilts, Cornwall, Bristol Schools and Devon. South West 10's winners Surrey, runner up Somerset.

Elliott Berryman, Alex Dewhurst-Chapman, Jack Hurley, Ben Lansdown, Harry McHugh, Miles Reid, Joe Sargeant, Kieran Verdon and Manu Vinopola were selected to attend the South West Regional Development Camp

### **U15 Girls**

27 girls wore the County shirt this season. After a successful RFU girls festival at Frome the squad recorded victories in fixtures over Cornwall (39-0) and Dorset & Wilts (35-7).

Esme Bird, Rebecca Hammond, Louise Linton, Milly O'Donnell and Sophie Peters were selected to represent the South West. Millie O'Donnell and Esme Bird have also been selected for the England Talent Development Group.

### **U16 Boys**

In the Area 7 championship Somerset recorded 2 wins (Bristol Schools and Cornwall) and 2 defeats (Devon and Gloucestershire).

Ollie Graham (Taunton), Matt Solway (Wells), Gabriel Ohgre (Walcot), Will Vaughn (Taunton), Zak Smith (Bath) and Joe Jones (Walcot) were selected to attend the South West Divisional trials.

Ollie Graham and Will Vaughn represented England against Scotland and Wales, both players were awarded England caps after the victory against Scotland.

Gabriel Ohgre (England Saxons), Zak Smith and Matt Solway (England Lions) all played in the BMW International Festival at Wellington School.

### **U17 Boys**

90 players attended the development team trials. A squad of 30+ players were selected to play fixtures against Cornwall, Dorset & Wilts, Devon and Hampshire.

### **U18 Boys**

The selection process was well attended and fixtures against SGS Filton and Millfield School were used to select a squad of 34 players to compete in the championship against Buckinghamshire (lost 7 – 21) and Berkshire (won 22-0).

Hugh Sloan (Bath) and Josh Daley (Winscombe) represented Ireland Clubs and Schools. Blaine Tottle and George Lavallin both attended the South West Divisional Trials.

## **U18 Girls**

Following on from a successful RFU Girls Festival at Frome the squad registered 2 wins and 1 defeat against Dorset & Wilts (32-22), Cornwall (12-22), and Oakville (14-0). The highlight of the season was hosting the Canadian touring side Oakville Devils.

Chantelle Miell, Courtney Bishop and Anna Woolf were selected to represent the South West. Courtney Bishop (Yatton) has been selected for the England U20 squad, Steph Holman selected for the Wales U18 squad, Chantelle Miell and Anna Woolf were selected for the England Talent Development Group.

## **Coaching Development – Paul Shepherd**

2013-14 saw the last year of many coaching tenures. In 2014-15 there will be a number of changes to the coach development that the CB offers.

There are many CPD courses run throughout the County with free places for our 68 member clubs paid for by the RDP group. These courses are reactive and driven by clubs and often focus on the Rugby Ready, Scrum Factory and Continuity in Attack threads. We hope to factor into the 2014-15 season different CPD courses aimed at CB appointed coaches but also available for all coaches to attend.

The CB has recently invested a large sum of money into a coaching resource that will be available to all clubs and schools in the County of Somerset. The resource contains a large number of 'game sense' coaching plans covering a wide range of essential skills that will benefit junior and senior players within our clubs.

Last summer all CB appointed coaches were offered the opportunity to attend a selection CPD held at Bridgwater and Albion RFC on the day of the second British and Irish Lions Test. It was well attended and whilst the Lions lost the day was a benefit to all there.

There was an invitation for new coaches to get involved with the senior squads, 5 coaches applied and were given roles. Sadly none of the 5 were unknown to the CB as we believe that there are many coaches in the county that have something to offer beyond club level.

With assistance from the Senior Playing Committee the CB invited coaches to come and watch an Open Ladies Development session, several coaches attended and no doubt will have taken information to their clubs and squads.

We look forward to making the new appointments over the next few weeks and along with the clubs and the club coaches making the CB stronger.

## **Volunteer Development – Paul Box**

This year has been extremely busy for volunteer recruitment. The 2015 Rugby World Cup launched, inviting all clubs in Somerset to submit three volunteers for selection to help the host venues, Exeter & Cardiff; to receive visitors from all corners of the globe to the RWC. Nick Robins successfully headed up this challenge.

The RFU has enlarged their recognition programme, across England, with the appointment of two volunteer co-ordinator managers, one who is based in Somerset. The opportunities for our clubs to reward those volunteers who keep our clubs going, by running the bars, cleaning the changing rooms, marking the pitches etc., too many jobs to mention, but all vitally important to our clubs. The rewards have varied, with some money can't buy experiences from a luncheon with the RFC President to watching a training session of the England squad. It would be most welcome if all clubs could provide at least one youth and one senior volunteer to receive next season's rewards.

### **Facilities Management – Tony Adams**

The RFU has agreed to award Hornets RFC a grant of £75,000 towards a total project cost of £330,780 for the construction of changing room extension and developing the site as an RFU Lead up & Legacy Centre.

The five clubs who attended the NatWest Rugby Force workshop in Somerset were Nailsea & Backwell, Bath RFC, Wiveliscombe, Bristol Harlequins and Ivel Barbarians. Following the workshop the clubs were invited to submit a further application to win either a £2000 or £1000 grant towards their prospective projects. Only three clubs submitted applications, with Nailsea & Backwell and Bath RFC not submitting. The next stage involved submission to the National Panel for verification, congratulations to Ivel Barbarians for securing the £2000 grant.

Sport England has announced a £5m fund to help sports clubs that had been affected by flooding. The Area Facilities Managers (AFMs), Area Managers and RDOs have been contacting the most affected clubs and along with CB Facility Co-ordinators alerting them to this funding.

An opportunity arose for a small number of clubs to join Keith Kent, Head Grounds man at Twickenham for a free day of pitch maintenance training and guidance at Wootton Bassett RFC on Saturday 26th April and set up by Dorset and Wilts.

*Alison Bennett  
Somerset RDP Chair*

## **SOMERSET COUNTY RFU 13/14 – RFU STAFF**

<b>Tor</b>	Strengthening U13/14 with school links/working towards Accreditation
<b>Martock</b>	Mini's development
<b>Ivel Barbarians</b>	Development of girls rugby/working towards re-accréditation
<b>Chard</b>	Strong U16-colts transition
<b>Crewkerne</b>	Facility development/accreditation
<b>Castle Cary</b>	Development of conference facility
<b>Wincanton</b>	Senior player recruitment and retention
<b>Somerton</b>	New girls teams
<b>Wells</b>	Coach Education

<b>Cheddar</b>	Planning for clubhouse development
<b>Chew Valley</b>	Coach education and facility planning
<b>Hornets</b>	Club extension and girls rugby development
<b>Gordano</b>	Women's and Girls development
<b>Nailsea &amp; Backwell</b>	Facility development plans
<b>Weston super Mare</b>	Working towards incorporation and facility development
<b>Winscombe</b>	All weather Facility and girls rugby development
<b>Clevedon</b>	Facility and coach development
<b>Yatton</b>	Girls rugby development
<b>St Bernadette's</b>	Strengthen All schools links with Bridge Learning Campus
<b>Imperial</b>	Additional 1.5 teams
<b>Bristol Harlequins</b>	Start-up of Mini and Junior section
<b>Old Reds</b>	Accreditation
<b>Wiveliscombe RFC</b>	Accreditation and whole club development
<b>North Petherton</b>	Ladies and girls section
<b>Burnham on Sea</b>	Accreditation
<b>BoS RFC and Wellington</b>	Social spaces
<b>Morganians</b>	Junior section and working towards accreditation
<b>Bridgwater college</b>	Bridgwater & Albion partnership programme
<b>Minehead</b>	Ladies recruitment and facility development
<b>Avon</b>	Visit by Keith Kent to advise following flooding to pitch. New School-Club link established with St Marks School
<b>Combe Down</b>	Accreditation
<b>Frome</b>	Winning the Bath Combination Vase Trophy at The Rec
<b>Oldfield Old Boys</b>	Starting a mini section
<b>Old Culverhaysians</b>	Accreditation
<b>Stothert &amp; Pitt</b>	Promotion for both 1st and 2nd XVs
<b>Midsomer Norton</b>	Awarded £50K National Lottery grant to purchase additional land and develop facilities
<b>Bath RFC</b>	Honoured at RFU Presidents Awards after successful launch of Girls Section
<b>Walcot</b>	Chosen to be one of the few clubs in the SW to be a pilot for the "Kid's First Rugby" initiative

## SENIOR PLAYING REPORT

So another season comes to an end. They seem to get even longer and the demands we put on the people that play and support your rugby in whatever role go on and on. This past season has seen most of our senior rugby take place in the last two months. So trying to fit in representing your County gets harder as cups and important league fixtures for many take priority. Collectively the coaching team who look after mens, womens and under 20's rugby have been out looking at many players this season.

It is important that those out there that want to play representative rugby no matter what age or level they play at have that opportunity. We have thrown open our development days and training sessions this past season to all. Our ladies day at Gordano RFC on Easter Monday was a great example of where we want to go with our CB rugby. Ladies attending and coaches who have not been involved in lots of Rep. rugby before and just wanting to learn and aspire to coach or wear club or County shirt in the best way they can. We didn't have our senior men's development day as the fixtures had mounted up again and it would have been very unfair to ask otherwise already very busy players to give up their time. Overall this season we have tried to empower players to make decisions about their own rugby and if they want to play. The results really have been very good with again new faces young and old coming along and giving it a go.

From our successful ladies day a group played against Devon and came out of the whole on and off field event really well having thoroughly enjoyed the experience in the main from what we now see on social media and the feedback we had. All very keen to play further fixtures however the structure put in place by the RFU and the lack of ladies playing in other counties around us thwarted the ladies opportunities to play. We look forward putting in place some add-ons next season for the ladies and their development. Our men's groups, including under 20's, who played at Christmas time produced players who committed themselves to the end of season games. Again we were privileged to play at the Recreation ground having a tremendous game against Bath United which really does help us to identify talent for the future. A number of the 20's development team and those identified against Bath then went into the 1st XV squad to play in the Bill Beaumont cup. Youth and experience combined in the first team to produce a very good result against Devon and a loss in Kent against a well organised Kent side that we established trained twice a week every week for 5 weeks leading into their first fixture against Devon. What a luxury. So we missed out on a trip to Twickenham as a result of our loss but or should I say however we saw a group of players that wanted to be there pull on the hoops of the County first team and it is an experience I know they will not forget and understand that 'later' doesn't come to everybody.

We now look forward to next season bearing in mind some of these guys apparently start training on the 15th June! Oh, and of course there is the little matter of a World Cup.

Thank you to all the volunteers and players that have supported senior County rugby this past season without you this fine rugby County would not be in the good place it is today.

*Mark Hawkes*  
*Chairman, Senior Playing*

## **SOMERSET CUP & VASE REPORT 2014**

The senior competitions this season were once again hampered by the weather, and the league fixture backlog that this caused. It is our intention to start the Cup & Vase on the first free weekend from the league programme, in an attempt to ease pressure at the end of the season and stop so many walkovers.

On a positive note the semi - finals and finals of both competitions saw good crowds and good rugby! Sadly one team had to be disqualified for playing two ineligible players. The decision taken was made in accordance with the Regulations but with some regret as it is hoped that match results are settled on the field rather than off it. Clubs are reminded to take care in their team selection and for players to highlight to their club any issues they may be aware of.

Congratulations to Old Redcliffians for winning the Cup in a closely fought contest against North Petherton, and to Chew Valley for winning the Vase in an equally close contest against Bristol Harlequins.

Many thanks to Weston-super-Mare RFC for hosting the finals and to the Somerset Referees Society for supplying the match officials throughout the competitions. I would also like to thank the competitions sub-committee for their support throughout the season. I would also like to thank Neil Prescott who takes over as Somerset One league secretary, and Eddie Cooper who will administer the Vase in the coming season.

*Steve Arnold  
Cup Administrator*

## **SCRFU DISCIPLINE REPORT**

This season we dealt with 97 cases, pretty well the same as last year but with the significant difference being a reduction in senior cases to 80, the balance being 17 cases from Youth/Schools matches.

A quick analysis of these showed an alarming number of foul play incidents at U17 and U18. The problem is being addressed in a revamp of the Youth/Schools Regulations which will be amended to put U17/18 cases under Senior Discipline. It is hoped that even more clubs and schools will report discipline issues to the CB.

Our grateful thanks again go to those clubs who have taken the initiative in handling discipline cases which has led to a dramatic drop in the need for personal appearances and most cases being dealt with on "papers" only basis. Clubs have worked hard to work under the Regulations especially with regard to sanctions and generally we have been able to endorse their own decisions. This has led to far fewer hearings and consequently a big reduction in travelling and costs.

Therefore for 2013-14 we are reducing the administration fee to £35 for postal cases.

New regulation changes to Chapter 19 and Youth Discipline have been distributed to us for discussion at the regional Discipline meeting in Taunton.

When formally adopted, they will be incorporated into our own booklet and issued pre-season to clubs. The SCRFU Discipline Procedures booklet has been re-written and I would like to thank Mike Curling for his help in this.

The roadshows held in April will be repeated in September to ensure clubs are clear about any significant changes. These will form part of our new PFR submission for 2014-15 season.

Can I close in thanking Des Chalmers, Discipline Chairman, for all his support and also all the members of the Panel for their help and understanding.

*Steve Mead*  
*Discipline Secretary*

## SOMERSET CUP AND SOMERSET BLACKTHORN VASE

### Somerset Cup

North Petherton	v	Wells
Burnham-On-Sea	v	University of Bath
Taunton	v	Albion
Wellington	v	Weston-Super-Mare
Frome	v	Old Redcliffians
Hornets	v	Ivel Barbarians

### 1st Round Byes

Old Bristolians  
Clevedon

### Somerset Vase

Imperial	v	Midsomer Norton
Stothert & Pitt	v	Bristol Harlequins
St. Bernadettes	v	Cheddar Valley
Castle Cary	v	Gordano

### Byes

Tor  
Chew Valley  
Winscombe  
Yatton

### Draw Dates For Somerset Cup and Somerset Blackthorn Vase

1st round	WK 10/11	Nov 2014
Quarter Finals	WK 22/23	Feb 2015
Semi Final	TBA	
Finals	TBA	

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2014–2015 FIXTURES

### Bill Beaumont Cup 2014–2015

10 May	Somerset	v	Devon
24 May	Kent	v	Somerset
1 June	Pool Final, venue TBC		



## 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. Tuttiett	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. Corpe	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 Redingsians
24	A.V. Twose	Wellington			

## PAST OFFICERS OF THE UNION

### Presidents

1884-1885	E.J. Stanley, M.P.	1983-1984	J.D. Wooldridge
1885-1891	The M.Ps for the County	1984-1985	G.C. Barrett
1891-1901	The Marquis of Bath, K.G.	1985-1986	A.M. Williams
1901-1902	F.H. Fox	1986-1987	F.J. Thomas
1902-1903	F. Sloane	1987-1988	H.R.J. Davies
1903-1905	W.H. Manfield	1988-1989	T.H. Smith
1905-1934	Wm. S. Donne	1989-1990	F.C. Cross
1934-1941	Frank West	1990-1991	H.M. Jones
1946-1947	T.S. Bradford	1991-1992	W.A. Bishop
1947-1955	W.H. Tamlyn	1992-1993	H.M. Jones
1955-1961	R.G.B. Quick	1993-1995	F.J. Ellison
1961-1964	Arthur House	1995-1997	R.T. Bagg
1964-1967	H.L. Bradford	1997-1999	J.A. Stockwell
1967-1969	G.H. Bastable	1999-2001	B.C.J. Saunders
1969-1971	T.R.I. Morrish	2001-2003	C. MacDonald
1971-1972	T.J.M. Barrington	2003-2005	B. Durnford
1972-1973	A.O. Lewis	2005-2007	M.R. Berry
1973-1975	B.A. Tuttiatt	2007-2009	J.R. Williams
1975-1977	E.J. Garland	2009-2011	J.P. Whittock
1977-1979	A.O. Lewis	2011-2013	J. Hole
1979-1981	W.R.G. Pearce	2013-2014	D. Smith
1981-1982	R.A.M. Whyte	2014-	D. Chalmers
1982-1983	E.G.W. Gunter		

### Honorary Secretaries

1877-1882	H. Fox
1882-1885	A.A. Mitchell
1884-1891	F.H. Fox
1891-1893	G. Fox
1893-1896	S.S. Smith / W.B. Lucas
1897-1905	Wm. S. Donne
1905-1907	B. Morris
1907-1941	F. West
1941-1964	L.W. Bisgrove
1964-1965	H.L. Bradford (acting)
1966-1975	E.J. Garland
1975-1981	R.A.M. Whyte
1981-1993	F.J. Ellison
1993-2003	C. MacDonald
2003-	A. Shorney

### Honorary Treasurers

1877-1882	H. Fox
1882-1885	A.A. Mitchell
1885-1891	F.H. Fox
1891-1900	G. Fox
1900-1903	W.T. Webb
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. Pearse
1979-1996	M.J. Wood
1996-2003	A.R. Young
2003-	M.R. Berry

### Captains

1875-1877	J.J.E. Wilmott	1906-1907	R. Dibble / W.M. Perry
1877-1878	H. Fox	1907-1908	G.V. Kyrke / T. Woods / H.E. Shewring
1878-1879	H.F. Willmott		
1879-1881	J.D. Aguilar	1908-1909	R. Dibble / T. Woods / J.T. Timmins
1881-1882	H. Massey		
1882-1884	H.G. Fuller	1909-1911	R. Dibble
1884-1885	F.E. Hancock	1911-1913	V.H.M. Coates
1885-1888	R.A. Glass	1913-1914	R. Dibble
1888-1893	F.H. Fox	1914-1920	R. Dibble/J. Jarvis/A. Spriggs
1893-1896	P.F. Hancock / S.M.J. Woods	1920-1921	R. Dibble/P.P. Hope/J. Jarvis/S.H. Budd
1896-1899	F. Sloane		
1899-1900	G.M. Carey	1921-1927	R.G.B. Quick
1900-1901	F.A. Leslie Jones	1927-1928	H.B.L. Wake
1901-1904	H.T. Gamlin	1928-1930	A.J. Spriggs
1904-1905	F.W.C. Coles	1930-1931	T.D. Corpe
1905-1906	J.T. Timmins	1931-1932	N.W. Mathews

1932-1933	G.G. Gregory	1977-1978	C.Kent / J. Waterman / J. Ackerman
1933-1937	R.A. Gerrard		
1937-1938	R.A. Gerrard / F.W. Williams	1978-1979	R. Speed / F. Hartley
1938-1939	R.A. Gerrard / F.C. Goddard	1979-1980	G. Parsons
1945-1946	J.H. Biley / D.L. Roberts	1980-1981	M. Fry / R. Lye
1946-1947	D.L. Roberts / I.J.M. Lumsden	1981-1985	J. Horton
1947-1948	D.L. Roberts / F.H. Discombe	1985-1986	S. Jones
1948-1949	D.L. Roberts/F.H. Discombe/ K.O'Shaughnessy	1986-1987	G. Crane / M. Reece
1949-1950	A.H. Burcombe	1987-1988	N. Maslen / J. Horton
1950-1951	M.D. Corbett	1988-1989	C. Lilley
1951-1952	M.D. Corbett / A.O. Lewis	1989-1990	G. Crane / M. Reece
1952-1953	A.O. Lewis / B.A. Tuttiatt	1990-1991	M. Reece
1953-1955	B.A. Tuttiatt	1991-1992	C. Book
1955-1956	B.A. Tuttiatt / J.W. Collard / J. Blake	1992-1993	M. Reece
1956-1958	J. Blake / H.F.C. Brown	1993-1994	N. Edmonds / S. Withey
1959-1960	J. Blake	1994-1995	J. Bamsey / M. Westcott
1960-1961	J.D. Currie	1995-1996	M. Westcott
1961-1962	G. Williams / J.D. Currie	1996-1998	M. Venner
1962-1963	J.D. Currie	1999-2001	M. Pells
1963-1964	D.St.G. Hazel	2001-2002	D. Bird
1964-1965	L. Davies	2002-2003	J. Gordon
1965-1966	C.W. McFadyean	2003-2004	R. Cox
1967-1968	C.W. McFadyean/G.G. White	2004-2005	C. Rowlands / M. Stiles
1968-1969	C.W. McFadyean	2005-2006	G. Cooper / A. Glen
1969-1970	G.P. Francombe	2006-2007	M. Styles
1970-1971	J.S. Waterman	2007-2008	G. Cooper / M. Denbee
1971-1972	B.A. Dovey	2008-2009	M. Rhodes / M. Denbee
1972-1973	R.D.H. Bryce / M.C. Beese	2009-2010	C. McGrath
1973-1975	J. White	2010-2011	C. Rowlands
1975-1976	D.G. Tyler	2011-2012	C. Rowlands
1976-1977	C. Kent	2012-2013	E. Hack
		2013-2014	E. Hack

## **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,**

49a Bridge Street, Taunton TA1 1TP (H: 01823 271576; W: 01823 331335)

**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:

**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's' 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 with 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.***

## MEMBERS 2014–2015

Adams T.	Durnford B.	House R.J.	Robins N.
Addicott M.K.	Duthie I.	Howarth S.	Roost A.J.
Arnold S.		Howe M.	Roys E
Atwell R.G.	Eaglesome M.		
	Edwards R.G.	Jackson P.	Self T.
Bagg R.T.	Edwards M.	Jenkins P.	Selwood N.
Bazley T.	Elliot R.	Johnson D.	Shepherd P.
Beer J.	Elliott, J.	Jones H.	Shorney A.
Bennett A.	Ellison F.J.		Simpson I.
Berry M.	Enskat M.	Lane P	Smith M.A.
Berry R.A.		Lee J.H.	Southcombe R.M.
Biccard M.	Farrelly R.	Lee M.	Sparey D.
Bishop T.A.	Farthing R.	Lloyd H.	Sprague G.E.
Bishop W.	Fennell J.	Longman M.	Stacey Ann
Box P.	Fisher R.		Stevens D.
Brentnall J.	Fox M.	MacDonald C.	Stockwell J.
Brown R.C.		Macey R.	
Bunton, P.	Garner T.P.E.	Marval A.D.	Travers K.
Butterworth P.J.	Gay D.J.	Masters D.B.	Thomas D.
	George G.	Maunder A.	Thomas G.
Carter J.	Gifford J.	Mead S.	Thomas M.
Chalmers D.	Gillard M.	Millard R.W.	Thompson S.
Church S.	Gooding M.	Miller G.	Tims N.
Clark I.	Gould C.	Morris M.	Troake J.
Cooling J.	Gould J.		Trott Mrs A.
Cooper E.	Gray M.R.	Newport M.T.	Turtle P.
Costeloe P.	Griffin L.	Newton S.	Tuttielt B.
Cottrell J.	Griffin P.		
Coyle J.	Guest A.H.	Osborne P.	Walford R.
Crabtree J.			Wardell T
Croot S.	Ham P.	Parker A.D.	Webb N.
Cross Miss J.	Hancock G.W.	Penny Mrs T.G.	Webster G.J.
Curling M.	Harding J.	Perry C.J.	West R.
	Hardisty T.	Phillips G.M.	Wheatley J.
Dachtler S.	Hartnell S.	Pitt M.	Whittock J.P.
Dagger I.	Hawkes M.	Powell M.F.	Whyte R.A.M.
Dare J.M.	Head P.	Prescott N.	Williams G.
Davey G.F.	Henderson J	Preston P.A.	Williams G.G.
Davidge T.J.	Hepher J.	Prince N.	Williams J.
Davies H.J.R.	Holdaway P.	Psyk F.	Williams J.M.
Dawson W.	Holder M.	Pumphry M.	Wood M.
Derrick C.	Holder R.		Woodland G.
Doveton-Gerty C.	Holder S.M.	Randall D.I.	
Draper R.D.	Hole J.	Richardson E.G.	
	Holley D.	Richman B.L.	

## 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
2012-13	Weston-super-Mare.....	33	Old Redcliffians.....	32
2013-14	Old Reds.....	30	North Petherton.....	16

# THE SOMERSET R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2014–2015

## DEFINITIONS

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

## 1 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.

## 2 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.

## 3 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 scrum by any player under 18 years of age whether the scrum 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.



## 4 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

## 5 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:-

- The centre of the 22m line.
- Intersection of the 22m line and 15m line to the left of the posts facing.
- Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the left of the posts facing.
- Intersection of 22m line and 15m line to right of the posts facing.
- Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the right of the posts facing.

## 6 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.

## **7 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.

## **8 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).

## **9 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.

## **10 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.

## **11 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.

## **12 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.

## **13 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.

## **14 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
2012–13	Chew Valley .....	16	Gordano.....	8
2013–14	Chew Valley .....	31	Bristol Harlequins.....	24

## THE SOMERSET R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT VASE COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2014–2015

### DEFINITIONS

<b>Club</b>	means a club entitled under Regulation 3.1 to take part in the Competition
<b>Committee</b>	means the Competitions Sub-Committee of the County Union
<b>Competition Administrator</b>	means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of the Competition.
<b>County Union</b>	means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited
<b>Home Club</b>	is defined by Regulations 4.2.1 and 4.2.2
<b>IRB</b>	means the International Rugby Board
<b>R.F.U.</b>	means the Rugby Football Union
<b>Society</b>	means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	shall be deemed to include but not be limited to bad or inadequate light as decided by the match referee

### 1 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.

### 2 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.

### 3 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.

#### **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.

#### **5 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.
- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The attempts will be taken from the following positions (in turn) repeating the sequence until a decision is reached:-
- 5.4.1 a. The centre of the 22m line.
- 5.4.2 b. Intersection of the 22m line and 15m line to the left of the posts facing.
- 5.4.3 c. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the left of the posts facing.
- 5.4.4 d. Intersection of 22m line and 15m line to right of the posts facing.
- 5.4.5 e. Intersection of 22m line and 5m line to the right of the posts facing.

#### **6 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.

## **7 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.

## **8 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).

## **9 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.

## **10 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.

## **11 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.

## **12 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

## **13 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.

## **14 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 2014–2015 SEASON

## DEFINITIONS:

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

## 1 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.

## 2 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.

## 3 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.

#### **4 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.

#### **5 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.

#### **6 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.

#### **7 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.

#### **8 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.

#### **9 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.

#### **10 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.

## **11 REMINDERS:**

11.1 Trophies must be returned to the Competitions Administrator no later than 1st April 2015.

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 2015 at Bridgwater and Albion RFC.

## **12 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 2014–2015

			Nat 2	Nat 3 / Divisional	
			16 Team Leagues plus PO	14 Team Leagues plus PO	12 Team Leagues plus PO
Saturday	Internationals	Eng Counties	LEV 3/4	LEVEL 5/6	LEVEL 7 & BELOW
Aug 30					
Sep 6			Lge 1	Lge 1	Lge
Sep 13			Lge 2	Lge 2	Lge
Sep 20			Lge 3	Lge 3	Lge
Sep 27			Lge 4	Lge 4	Lge
Oct 4			Lge 5	Lge 5	Reserve/Cup
Oct 11			Lge 6	Lge 6	Lge
Oct 18			Lge 7	Lge 7	Lge
Oct 25			Lge 8	Lge 8	Lge
Nov 1			Lge 9	Lge 9	Lge
Nov 8	Eng v NZ		Lge 10	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Nov 15	Eng v SA		Lge 11	Lge 10	Lge
Nov 22	Eng v Sam		Lge 12	Lge 11	Lge
Nov 29	Eng v Aus		Lge 13	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Dec 6			Lge 14	Lge 12	Lge
Dec 13			Lge 15	Lge 13	Lge
Dec 20			Lge 16	Lge 14	Lge
Dec 27					
Jan 3			Lge 17	Lge 15	Reserve/Cup
Jan 10			Lge 18	Lge 16	Lge
Jan 17			Lge 19	Lge 17	Lge
Jan 24			Lge 20	Reserve	Lge
Jan 31			Lge 21	Lge 18	Lge
Feb 7	Wal v Eng		Lge 22	Lge 19	Lge
Feb 14	Eng v Ita		Lge 23	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Feb 21			Lge 24	Lge 20	Lge
Feb 28	Ire v Eng	Sco v Eng Cos	Reserve	Lge 21	Lge
Mar 7			Lge 25	Lge 22	Lge
Mar 14	Eng v Sco		Lge 26	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Mar 21	Eng v Fra	Eng Cos v Fra Am	Reserve	Lge 23	Lge
Mar 28			Lge 27	Lge 24	Lge
Apr 4 - ES			Reserve	Reserve	Reserve/Cup
Apr 11			Lge 28	Lge 25	Lge
Apr 18			Lge 29	Lge 26	Lge 22
Apr 25			Lge 30	PO	PO
May 2			PO		Cup
May 9					
May 16					
May 23					
May 30					

### Key

Reserve/Cup	Dates for rearranged League matches or Cup rounds
Lge	For 12 April
PO	Play Offs
	Ring-fenced weekend. No matches to be arranged unless both teams and the relevant competition committee agree

## LEAGUE COORDINATING SECRETARY

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### FIXTURE EXCHANGES

#### **Bristol & District Combination**

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#### **Gloucestershire**

Derek Howe, Old Cryptians RFC

(Gloucester 414010)

## ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

### **SOUTH WEST LEAGUES 2014–2015 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 2014–2015) 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**

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. Subject to the exception below, 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 12 months from the date of such playing or selection as a replacement. Exception: The purpose of this exception is to allow clubs playing at Level 4 or above to create a pathway and progress developing players from within the club and trial them at first XV level without fear that unless they are successful they cannot continue to play for that club in the modified leagues for a period of 12 months. To facilitate this objective, players who have been registered playing members of a club for a period of 12 months prior to selection for their first league match with that club at level 4 or above may play league matches for their club at level 4 or above for a maximum of 8 games (whether they are selected as a starting player or as a replacement) and still be eligible to return to play in the modified leagues. Players injured whilst playing at level 4 or above, and are unfit to play for a period of 3 weeks or more will be able to play in the modified leagues for a period of 2 consecutive games to aid their rehabilitation.
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 SCRFU. 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 SCRFU) 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 SCRFU) 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 SCRFU.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS

### 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 (9)

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

#### Division C (9)

Bristol Combination; Bristol Harlequins; Bristol Barbarians; Broad Plain; Imperial; Old Bristolians; Old Redcliffians; St. Bernardette's Old Boys; St. Brendan's Old Boys.

#### Division D (10)

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

#### Division E (14)

Butleigh Amateurs; Castle Cary; Chard; Crewkerne; Evercreech Barbarians; Ivel Barbarians; Martock; Milborne Port; Millfield Old Boys; North Wootton; Somerton; The Tor; Wells; Wincanton.

### CLUB DETAILS

#### Apple Growers RFC

(King's School Bruton Old Boys)

Sec: [duncan.weir@farnfields.com](mailto:duncan.weir@farnfields.com)

#### Avon

(Founded 1925)

League: 1st, Western Counties (N); 2nd, Somerset 3 (N)

**Club Website:** [www.pitchero.com/clubs/avonrfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/avonrfc)

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

(H: 01225 336391; M: 07989 470761)

**Secretary:** Paul Kirby, 110 Badminton Gardens, Bath BA1 2XS

(H: 01225 426877; M: 07904 967704; E: [paul@kirbyweb.co.uk](mailto:paul@kirbyweb.co.uk))

**Treasurer:** As for secretary

**Fixtures Secretary:** Chris Mutlow, (M: 07737 276261;

E: [chris\\_mutlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chris_mutlow@yahoo.co.uk))

**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](mailto: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, U16

## Avon & Somerset Police

**Secretary:** Kevin Instance, Police HQ, Valley Road, Portishead BS20 8QJ  
(01275 816519; M: 07766 695974;  
E: kevin.instance@avonandsomerset.police.uk)  
**Ground:** Gordano RFC  
**Teams:** friendlies and service matches

## Avonvale

(Founded 1883)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 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

(H: 01225 742396; M: 07831 600314; E: martinbath@hp.com)

**Secretary:** Steve Ball, 59 Catherine Way, Batheaston, Bath BA1 7NY

(01225 859497; E: baller43@fsmail.net)

**Treasurer:** Jayne Hobbs, 1 Elm Road, North Colerne, Wilts. SN14 8QB

(H: 01225 744309)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Steve Vowles, 72 Locksbrook Road, Lower Weston, Bath

(H: 01225 333852; W: 01225 496101)

**Referees Contact:** Steve Vowles, as above

**Club Coach:** Andrew Ball, Park Bungalow, Buckland Dinham, Frome BA11 2RG

(M: 07814 111697)

**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, U16, U15, U14, U13, U11, Mini

## Bath RFC

(Founded 1865)

League: 1st RFUW Championship South West 2

**Club Website:** www.bathrfc.co.uk

**Club Office:** Lambridge Rugby Ground, BA1 6BD (01225 319121)

**President:** Danny Sacco (E: president@bathrfc.co.uk)

**Chairman:** Mark Edwards, Castle Farm, Midford, Bath BA2 7BU

(W: 01225 330044; E: chair@bathrfc.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Fiona Bruce (M: 07808706220; E: secretary@bathrfc.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary (Men's Junior & Youth):** (E: fixtures@bathrfc.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary (Women's):** (E: bathrugbyladies@hotmail.co.uk)

**Referee Contact:** Secretary or Fixtures Secretary, as above

**Club Coach:** Geoff Binding (E: coaching@bathrfc.co.uk)

**Colours:** Blue, black & white.

**Ground:** Lambridge Rugby Ground, BA1 6BD. On main A4 London Road just off A46/A4 roundabout, approx 1.5 miles east of city centre. (01225 319121)

**Teams:** 1st, Women's, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

## Bath Rugby Ltd

(Founded 1865)

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

**Club Office:** Farleigh House, Farleigh Hungerford, Bath BA2 7RW.

(01225 325200, F: 0122532520 E: info@bathfugby.com)

**General Enq:** Anna Butler - Administrator, info@bathrugby.com

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

**Chief Executive:** Nick Blofeld

**MD:** Jeremy Wilton

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

**Team Administrator:** Miss Nina Rogers (01225 780266; M: 07980 001672;

E: team@bathrugby.com)

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

**Referee Contact:** Dave Guyan, as Team Manager

**Ladies:** E: bathrugbyladies@hotmail.co.uk

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

**Junior & Youth Secretary (Bath Academy/Youth Development):** Dave Binding

(E: davidbinding@hotmail.com)

**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.

#### **Bath Combination** (Founded 1901)

**Chairman:** Ben Hartley, 4 Townsend, Gt. Cheverell, Wilts SN10 5TL  
(01380 813687)

**Secretary:** R.V. Garraway, 2 Westfield Park South, Lower Weston, Bath BA1 3HT  
(H: 01225 316863; W: 01225 328396)

**Treasurer:** Vernon Edwards, 1 Baytree Road, Fairfield Park, Bath BA1 6NA  
(01225 426971)

**Fixtures/pool:** Carlos Orzabal, 7a Clarence St, Walcot, Bath BA1 5NS  
(01225 314845; E: clorzabal@yahoo.com)

#### **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;  
E: mike.curling@talktalk.net)

**All correspondence and calls to Secretary.**

**Treasurer:** Mr. Brendan Perry, Burningham & Brown, 20 Queen Square, Bath.  
BA1 2HB (W: 01225 320090; E: bperry@burningham-and-brown.co.uk)

#### **Bath Old Edwardians** (Founded 1926)

League: Somerset 3 North

**Chairman:** Ben Jelly, 89a Thicketmead, Midsomer Norton BA3 2SL  
(M:07704 451858; E: benjelly@live.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Andy Todd, 8 Kensington Gardens, Bath BA1 6LH (M: 07980 505585;  
E: bathoe\_rugby@hotmail.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Richard Shipp, 4 Spring Vale, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6QT  
(H: 01225 590956; W: 01793 314020; M: 07867 601781;

E: richard.shipp284@mod.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Stephen Rawlings, Avon Lodge, 140 London Road West, Bathaston, Bath BA1 7DD (H/W/F: 01225 858533; M: 07764 934353; E: steve\_ryland@bathnes.gov.uk; F: 01225 396523)

**Referees Contact:** Stephen Rawlings (as Fixtures Secretary)

**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

## **Bath Saracens**

(Founded 1947)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 North

**Club Address:** Correspondence: 4 St Matthew's Place, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4JJ

**Club Website:** www.bathsaracens.co.uk

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

**Secretary:** Mr. J. Biss, 4 St Matthew's Place, Bath BA2 4JJ 9H: 01225 311885; W: 01179 132751; M: 07899 923173; E: jimibiss@live.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Mr. Steve Hiscox, 62 Coronation Avenue, Bath BA2 2JW (H: 01225 425442; M: 07813 176685)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Mr. Rob Lawrence, 91 Englishcombe Lane, Bath BA2 2EH (H: 012225 427356; M: 07802 797756; E: robbie.lawrence21@btinternet.com)

**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 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.smith@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.**

## **Bridgwater & Albion**

(Founded 1875)

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

**Club Website:** [www.barfc.co.uk](http://www.barfc.co.uk)

**Club Address:** College Way, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (01278 428900; F: 01278 446608; E: [carlturner1@hotmail.com](mailto:carlturner1@hotmail.com); Web: [www.barfc.co.uk](http://www.barfc.co.uk))

**Chairman:** Steve Smith, Old Farm House, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RE (H: 01278 455375; M: 07760 172677; E: [steveandjosmith@btinternet.com](mailto:steveandjosmith@btinternet.com))

**Secretary:** Mrs Joanne Smith, Old Farm House, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RE (H: 01278 455375; E: [steveandjosmith@btinternet.com](mailto:steveandjosmith@btinternet.com))

**Treasurer:** Carl Turner, 10 Nightingale Close, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 2QJ (01278 781356; M: 07817 067575)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Ben Branson, 4 Grange Close, Cannington TA5 2LY (E: [benbranson@btinternet.com](mailto:benbranson@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](mailto:michelle@barfc.co.uk))

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Lisa Pomeroy, 7 Weymont Close, Middlezoy TA6 5BD (01278 458090)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Somerset Premier; 2nd Somerset 3 North

**Club Website:** [www.bristolbarbarians.co.uk](http://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](mailto:steve.billingham@colstonltd.co.uk))

**Secretary:** Glenn Forde, 6 Beeches Grove, Brislington, Bristol BS4 2PA (H: 01173 771237; M: 07727 613381;

E: [gphforde@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gphforde@yahoo.co.uk) or [glenn.forde@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:glenn.forde@avonandsomerset.police.uk))

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

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

### **Bristol Harlequins**

(Founded 1926)

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

**Club Website:** www.bristolharlequins.com

**Chairman:** Richard Hill, 25 The Crest, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3JB

(M: 07958 582298; E: chairman@bristolharlequins.com)

**Secretary:** Lisa McCormick, 52 West Park Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 5SJ

(M: 07973 562189; E: secretary@bristolharlequins.com)

**Treasurer:** Steve Ralph, 52 Ducie Road, Staple Hill, Bristol BS16 5JY

(H: 01179 092710; 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:** Mike Jefferies

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Lisa McCormick, 52 West Park Road, Downend,

Bristol BS16 5SJ (M: 07973 562189; E: secretary@bristolharlequins.com)

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

**Ground:** Valhalla, Broomhill Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5RG (01179 721650).

Entering Bristol on A4 northwards, turn right at Park and Ride and right again at McDonalds. 2nd gate on right and sharp left up lane.

**Teams:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Mini

### **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: 01179 350842; M: 07769 883488; E: budgiefortune@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Jayne Smith, 227 Dundridge Lane, St George, Bristol BS5 8SU

(W: 01249 9670567; M: 07919 921883; E: jmsmith227@hotmail.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Don Hudson. 6 Furnwood, St George, Bristol BS5 8ST

(M: 07831 174979; E: donhud50@hotmail.com)

**Fixtures Senior:** John Daveridge, 15 Ravenhill Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 4LS

(M: 07760 410954 E: daveridgejohn@yahoo.co.uk)

**Fixtures Youth:** U7~U12 Andy Pelling M: 07920 09168, E: pelling@blueyonder.

co.uk; U13 Eamon O'Connor M: 07854 003404, E: jubileeroofingtd@live.co.uk;

U16 Kelly Cook M: 07918 618745 E: cook\_501@live.co.uk

**Referees Contact:** Ollie Nowell, 24 Bickford Close, Barrs Court, Bristol BS30 8SF

(M: 07748 155505)

**Club Coach:** Bob Hesford (M: 07830 186393)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Mrs. Jayne Smith, 227 Dundridge 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, 2nd, U17, U14, U11, Mini

### **Burnham-on-Sea**

(Founded 1947)

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

**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:** Charlotte Gaylard, 91 Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-sea, TA8 2DB

(H: 01278 785225; M: 07456 711611; E: Charlotte.Jessie31@gmail.com)

**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)

**Club Coach:** Graham Buller, Yeolands, Brent Road, East Brent, Somerset TA9 4JD

(H: 01276 760703; W: 01761 451100; M: 07771 960794; E: graham@bulleruk.co.uk)

**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, 2nd, U18, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

### **Butleigh Amateur RUFC**

(Founded 1976)

Sunday Fixtures

**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 only

## Castle Cary

(Founded 1888)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 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 9QU (H: 01963 370642; M: 07875 701581; E: vivienarmson@gmail.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:** Caroline Jones, Manor Farmhouse, High Street, Henstridge, Somerset BA8 0RB (H: 01963 363899; M: 07976 417125; E: carolynjanejones@tiscali.co.uk)

**Club Coach:** Gary Reynolds, 21 Brookfields, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7BS (H: 01963 350898; E: Gazr128@aol.com)

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

**Ground:** Brook House Field, Alhampton, Ditchat 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, National 3 Southwest; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd; Somerset 3 South

**Chairman:** Mick Duffy, 29 Fairway Rise, Chard, Somerset (H: 01460 63304 W: 01460 269259 M: 07921 940734 E: mick.duffy@numatic.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Mark Weseman, 2 Bubwith Road, Chard TA20 2BN (H: 01460 63165; M: 07714149245; E: mark@weseman.freeserve.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Jerry Duffield, 2 Monmouth Court, Chard TA20 1HQ (H: 01460 261810; E: jeremyduffield@btinternet.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Rob Stuckey, 9, Cerdic Close, Chard TA20 1NR

(H: 01460 63579 M: 07811 110895; E: robert@elaine424.orangehome.co.uk)

**Referees Contact :** Rob Stuckey, as Fixtures Secretary

**Club Coach:** Simon Jenkins (M: 07590 334659; E: serjenkins@hotmail.com)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Andy Treble, Orchardlea, Combe St Nicholas, TA20 3NG (H: 01460 63465; M: 07708 037385 E: ateble@btinternet.com)

**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, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

## Cheddar Valley RFC

(Re-founded 1963)

League: Somerset 2 South

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

**Club Address:** c/o 20 Fairlands Way, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3NN  
07738 220731

**Chairman:** Patrick Cullen, West End Farm, Wedmore BS28 4BD

(M: 07989 434701; E: patrick.cullen@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Mr Gareth Chew, 20 Fairlands Way, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3NN

(M: 07738 220731; gareth.chew@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Mr Steve Lorimer, The Old Orangery, Barrows Croft, Cheddar

BS27 3BH (M: 07977 256771; E: steve.lorimer@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

**Fixtures 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, Vets, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

### **Chew Valley RFC**

(Founded 1969)

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

**Chairman:** Chris Miller, The Cottage, Sutton Hill Road, Bishop Sutton, Bristol

BS39 5UR (H: 01275 331498; M: 07843 435744; E: chrismiller@hoistway.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Adrian Miller, The Grange, Chew Hill, Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8RY

(H: 01275 332456; M: 07717 313193; E: adrian@milgrange.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, Tribute South West 1; 2nd, Tribute Somerset 1; 3rd Somerset 2 North

**President:** Michael Thomas, 46 Treefield Road, Clevedon. BS21

(01275 875497)

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

**Secretary:** Paul Squires, Clevedon RFC, Coleridge Vale Playing Fields, Southey

Rd, Clevedon, North Somerset BS21 6PF (H: 01275 877271, W: 01275 877772,

M: 07840 808622, E: clevedonrugbygeneralmanager@uwclub.net)

**Treasurer:** Steve Warren (H: 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:** Royal blue & amber

**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, 3rd, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11 Mini

## Combe Down RFC

(Founded 1896)

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

**Club Address:** Hollys Corner, Bramble Way, Bath BA2 5DE (01225 832075)

**Chairman:** Mr Paul Ashman, 17 Mendip Gardens, Bath, BA2 2UT

(W: 01225 792676; M: 07703 131849; E: ashers1962@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath BA2 1JN

(M: 07740 404372; E: steve.white@boltongate.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Warren Miller, 60 Hansford Square, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5LZ

(H: 01225 837750; M: 07738 464225; E: warren.miller@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath

BA2 1JN (M: 07740 404372; E: steve.white@boltongate.co.uk)

**Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

**Club Coach:** Steve Pratt (M: 07921 861294; E: steve.pratt@me.com)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Giles White, 63 Church Road, Combe Down, Bath

BA2 5JQ (H: 01225 833345, M: 07775 686919; E: giles.white@btinternet.com)

**Club Colours:** Black and amber hoops.

**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, U19, U15, U14, U13, Mini

## Crewkerne

(Reconstituted 1975)

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

**Club Website:** www.crewkernerrfc.co.uk

**Chairman:** Grant Jackson, 2 Thompson Drive, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8AQ

(H: 01460 75400; M: 07729 432991; E: j.g.jackson@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, 11 Chestnut Avenue, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7DQ

(H: 01460 419620; M: 07984 189270; E: fionaemm@aol.com)

**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:** Tim Morris, 9 Middle Path, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8BG

(H: 01460 74105; W: 01308 427623; M: 07970 031050

E: racheljmorris@aol.com)

**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 George Reynolds Centre, 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

### **Evercreech Barbarians RFC**

(Founded 2005)

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

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

**Secretary:** Emma Watson, 14 Shapway Road, Evercreech, 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 1 North; 3rd, Dorset & Wiltshire 2 North

**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: 07711 288453; E: treasurer@fromerfc.org)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Roger Gilson, 25 Croscombe Gardens, Frome, Somerset BA11 2YF (M: 07920 838 299; E: fixtures@fromerfc.org)

**Referees Contact:** Andrew Ong, 6 Wythburn road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2BW (M: 07434 341585; E: refereecoordinator@fromerfc.org)

**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 Secretary:** Tim Doyle, Richmond House, High Street, Buckland Dinham, Somerset BA11 2QR (H: 01373 461318; M: 07860 363618; E: tim.doyle@hants.gov.uk)

**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, Women's, Vets, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U11, Mini

## **Gordano**

(Founded 1970)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 2 North; 3rd, Somerset 3 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:** Mr Ben Livings, 28 Avon Road, Pill, Bristol. BS20 0BN

(M: 07979 918498; E: benjamin050978@aol.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** John Critchley, 58 Ridgeway Road, Long Ashton, Bristol

(M: 07875 734260; E: john.critchley@axawealth.co.uk)

**Referee Contact:** Edd Whitaker, 5 Maidstone Street, Victoria Park, Bristol

BS3 4SW (M: 07929 011717; E: edd\_whitaker@hotmail.com)

**Club Coach:** Edd Whitaker, as above

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Damien Rylett, 4 Mulberry Close, Portishead

BS20 7LH (H: 01275 846342 ; E: damien@brunelcapitalpartners.com)

**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, Women's, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

## **Hornets**

(Founded 1962)

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

**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, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini, Girls U15, Girls U13

### **Imperial**

(Founded 1905)

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

**Club Website:** www.imperialrfc.org.uk

**Club Address:** Imperial RFC, South Bristol Sports Centre, West Town Lane, Bristol BS14 9EA

**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:** Craig Pullinger, C/O Imperial Fire & Security, The Old Bank, Eagle Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 3LQ (M: 07970 782060)

**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:** Danny Williams (M: 07963 022474)

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

**Ground:** The playing field is a short walk from the main club house and has its own car park and changing room.

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

### **Ivel Barbarians**

(Founded 1995)

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

**Club Website:** www.ivelrugby.co.uk

**Chairman:** Roy Murgatroyd (M: 07834680457; E: roy.murgatroyd@homecall.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Alice Edmonds, 39 High Street, West Coker, Yeovil BA22 9AS (M: 07946 378 203; E: natural\_blonde2000@hotmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Please contact Alice Edmonds, as above

**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: 01469 240310; M: 07972 926566; 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, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

### **Keynsham**

(Founded 1923)

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

**Club Website:** www.keynshamrugby.co.uk

**Chairman:** David Thorpe, 5 Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4HA (M: 07760 663232; E: manoda4ever@gmail.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: wettoncccj@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: daviesandyp@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 3 South

**Chairman:** Paul Bailes, 4, Springfield Road, Yeovil BA21 3NB (M: 07810 566 166; E: pdmax.1969@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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

**Fixtures Secretary:** Scott Jones, Stoneacre Underway, Combe St Nicholas Chard TA20 3NS (H: 01460 65660; M: 07516 977919;

E: sapperscottpauljones@yahoo.co.uk)

**Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

**Coach:** John Hole, 13 Hollies Close, Bower Hinton, Martock TA12 6LB (H: 01935 823444; M: 07720 762304; E: john.hole@britishcollegessport.org)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Pete Watts 3, Foldhill Lane Martock TA12 6NH (H: 01935 829030; M: 07908 829 756; E: watts\_peter@sky.com)

**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, Southern Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 2 North; 4th Somerset 2 South

**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:** Tom Lovell, 42 Church Court, Midsomer Norton BA3 2JA (H: 01761 750326; M: 07595 439848; E: t-lovell@hotmail.co.uk)

**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: 1st, Somerset 2 South (Level 10); 2nd, Friendlies; 3rd, Under 14's

**Website:** www.morganiansrfc.co.uk

**Club Address:** The Clubhouse, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater TA7 8QW  
(H: 01278 423434)

**Chairman:** Royston Grimstead, Doltons Farm, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RE (H: 01278 445323; M: 07977 352590; E: royston@randjconstruction.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Andrea McBain, Ashleigh, 126 Taunton Road, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6NN (H: 01278 662396; M: 07984461888;  
E: andreajohnmcbain@hotmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Jeremy McBain, Ashleigh, 126 Taunton Road, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6NN (H: 01278 662396; E: Jezzambain@morganiansrfc.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Paul Grimstead, Church Cottage, Ward Lane, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RL (H 01278 256369; 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)

**Junior and Youth Secretary:** Chris Guest, 11 Fairfax Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4LS  
(H: 01278 431709; M: 07789 582101; E: cguest2@sky.com)

**Club Colours:** Navy Blue, Red, Yellow.

**Ground:** The Clubhouse, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater TA7 8QW (01278 423434). From Bridgwater take Bath Road, A39 over motorway bridge opposite Mole Valley Farmers turn right & the club is down hill on the left.

**Teams:** 1st, U14

## **Nailsea & Backwell** (Founded 1972)

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

**Club Website:** www.nbrfc.co.uk

**Chairman:** Ross Parson, West End Park, West End, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 4BY (M: 07816 765874)

**Secretary:** Christopher Newbury, West End Park, West End, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 4BY (M: 07505 564516; E: flabpack@icloud.com)

**Treasurer:** Anthony Warren, West End Park, West End, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 4BY (M: 07765 092674; E: anthonywarren@sky.com)

**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:** Phil Matthews (Junior Chairman), West End Park, West End, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 4BY (M: 07583 919656;  
E: phil.matthews@hp.com)

**Club Coach:** Jason Hobson, West End Park, West End, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 4BY

**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, Vets, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

### North Petherton

(Founded 1893)

League: 1st, SouthWest 1 West; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 3 South; Women's, NC Southwest 2

**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 TA6 5JP (M: 07545 020626)

**Referees Contact:** as Fixtures Secretary

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

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Mrs Sharon Sweet, 3 Kingsdown Close, Bridgwater TA6 4XT (M: 07525 125928; E: s\_sweet@sky.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, Women's, 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, Somerset 2 North; 3rd, Somerset 3 North; 4th, Gloucs. Reserve South 3

**Club Website:** [www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldbristolians](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldbristolians)

**President:** Rich Berry, 97 Longmead Avenue, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8QE

(H: 01275 394448; M: 07917 133721; E: [richberry@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richberry@blueyonder.co.uk))

**Chairman:** James Trezona, 6 Miners Close, Long Ashton BS41 9DE

(H: 01275 392492; M: 07974 178575; E: [jtrezona@hotmail.com](mailto:jtrezona@hotmail.com))

**Secretary:** Oliver Pool, Basement Flat, 49A Oakfield Road, Bristol BS8 2BA

(M: 07976 621438; E: [obsrfcsec@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:obsrfcsec@yahoo.co.uk))

**Treasurer:** Neil Davies, 2 Queen Victoria Road, Westbury Park, Bristol BS6 7PD

(M: 07824 367270; E: [neilkdavies@hotmail.com](mailto:neilkdavies@hotmail.com))

**Fixtures Secretary:** Oliver Gaudion, Hall Floor Flat, 4 Rockleaze, Sneyd Park,

Bristol BS9 1ND (M: 07789 804795; E: [olivergaudion@me.com](mailto:olivergaudion@me.com))

**Referees Contact:** Oliver Gaudion (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](mailto:richberry@blueyonder.co.uk))

**Junior & Youth Chairman:** Jen Berry (M: 07956 858852;

E: [markbj@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:markbj@blueyonder.co.uk))

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Paul Tinkler, 73 Chesterfield Road, St Andrews,

Bristol BS6 5DW (M: 07815 302503; E: [juniorchairman@obrfc.co.uk](mailto:juniorchairman@obrfc.co.uk))

**Juniors Coaching:** Charlie Thompson, 12 Milton Park Road, Milton, Weston-

super-Mare. BS22 8DY (M: 07795 955604; E: [charliet76@hotmail.com](mailto:charliet76@hotmail.com))

**Club Colours:** Maroon, amber and green

**Ground:** Memorial Playing Field, Failand, Bristol BS8 3TQ (01275 392137;

W: [www.obsrfc.com](http://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, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

## Old Culverhaysians

(Founded 1959)

League: Somerset 2 North

**Club Website:** [www.oldculverhaysians.com](http://www.oldculverhaysians.com)

**Chairman:** Mr Mike Harding (M: 07887 508883; E: [mike@bigdug.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nigelfranky@hotmail.com))

**Referees Contact:** as above

**Club Coach:** Dave Macey, c/o Old Culverhaysians (M: 07817 949335;

E: [bigmacey49@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bigmacey49@hotmail.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 1-1 ½ miles. Turn right at roundabout (Harvester Pub). Follow to traffic lights, turn right for 200 yards and turn right into Chelwood Drive.

**Teams:** 1st, Vets, Mini

### Old Redcliffians

(Founded 1919)

League: 1st, National 3 SW; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 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:** As Secretary John Price, see above

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

**Referee Contact:** As Secretary John Price, see above

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

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Lee Denyer, 75 Briscoes Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0LF (H: 0117 9020980; M: 07843 433957; E: lee.denyer@openreach.co.uk)

**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, Women's, U18, U16, 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 Rockcliffe 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, Somerset Premier; 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 341230; M: 07977 453694; E: pb@lclplc.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@lclplc.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)

**Head Coach:** Mike Armiger (M: 07900 431683; E: energizeuk@live.co.uk)

**Club Coach:** Mark Lilley, 6 Burn Road, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9LX  
(M: 07583 939570; E: chrislilleyrugby@aol.com)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Lee Morris (H: 01225 590568; M: 07868 977723)

**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, Mini

## **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; E: goff@rumbles.uk.com)

**Secretary:** Elaine Cox, 15 Etsome Terrace, Somerton TA11 6LD  
(H: 01458 274431; M: 07817 324842; E: laine.cox@icloud.com)

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

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

**Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

**Club Coaches:** Jerry Phillips, 18 Westfield, Curry Rivel, Somerset, TA10 0HX  
(H: 01458 898471; M: 07943 480574; E: jeremy.phillips@screwfix.com)

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

**Club Colours:** Blue and yellow

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Jerry Phillips, 18 Westfield, Curry Rivel, Somerset, TA10 0HX (H: 01458 898471; M: 07943 480574 E: jeremy.phillips@screwfix.com)  
**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, U17, Girls U15

## **St. Bernadette's Old Boys**

(Founded 1964)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Gloucester Reserve 3 South; 3rd: Gloucester Reserve 4 South

**Chairman:** Eddie Quirke, 1 Hitherbath Bridge, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5JD  
(M: 07825 058016; E: eddie.quirke@wilts.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Richard Blacker, 44 Paddock Garden, Bristol BS14 0TG  
(M: 07887 855477; E: Richard\_blacker@sky.com)

**Treasurer:** Oliver James, 26 Haycombe, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0AJ  
(M: 07738 091307; E: ollejames@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Paddy Fitzgibbon, 2 Burville Rd, Headley Park, Bristol BS13 7PU (M: 07887 624172; E: sbobkit@gmail.com)

**Referees Contact:** Contact Fixtures Secretary Paddy Fitzgibbon, as above

**Club Coach:** John Cole & Kevin Crehan

**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, U15, U14, U12, 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@sbobrhc.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Richard Kolanko, 91 Church Road, Horfield, Bristol BS9 3PZ  
(H: 01179 241390; M: 07786 573292; E: secretary@sbobrhc.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:** Paul Beet (M: 0777 1543853; E: PaulBeet@astrasec.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, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset Division 2 North; 3rd, Somerset Division 3 North

**Club Website:** www.pitchero.com/clubs/stothertpitt

**Chairman:** Tony Adams, 29 Rosewarn Close, Whiteway, Bath BA2 1PB  
(H: 01225 404048; M: 07906 546887; E: tonyadams29@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary:** R.V. Garroway, 2 Westfield Park South, Lower Weston, Bath BA1 3HT  
(H: 01225 316863)

**Treasurer:** Jon Burcombe, 99 Midford Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5RT  
(H: 01225 833443; M: 07551 127386)

**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:** Mark Williams, 27 Cornish Walk, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8LP  
(M: 07966 119859; E: mark.williams@virgin.net)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Anne-Marie Thompson, Rosebank, 18 Stockhill Road, Chilcompton, Somerset BA3 4JL (H: 01761 232668; M: 07732 608506; E: 67amer@gmail.com)

**Youth Fixtures:** Gary Robbins, Two Ginnels, The Avenue, Timsbury, Bath BA2 0HU (H: 01761 470992; M: 07970 035799; E: gary.robbs@tesco.net)

**Club Colours:** Blue, black and amber. 2nd Choice of Colours: Green and White

**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, U15

### **Taunton R.F.C. Ltd.**

(Founded 1875)

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

**Chairman:** John Wrelton, c/o Hyde Park, Hyde Lane, Bathpool, Taunton TA2 8BU (E: tjohn.wrelton@tauntonrfc.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Mr Ben Goddard, 10 Fullands Road, Taunton TA1 3DD  
(M: 07876 798702; E: ben.goddard@tauntonrfc.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Kevin McCarthy, c/o Hyde Park address  
(E: c/o ben.goddard@tauntonrfc.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Oli Massingham, c/o Hyde Park address (M: 07866 680351; E: oli.massingham@tauntonrfc.co.uk)

**Referees Contact:** Oli Massingham (as Fixtures Secretary)

**Club Coach:** Tony Yapp, c/o Hyde Park address (c/o 01823 3363635, E: tony.yapp@tauntonrfc.co.uk)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** John Wrelton, c/o Hyde Park address

**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, Colts, Vets, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

### **Tor**

(Founded 1954)

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

**Club Website:** torrff.co.uk

**Club Address:** Brian Harbinson, Memorial Park, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9BH (H: 01458 832236)

**Chairman:** Richard Hopkins, 10 Keens Close, Street, BA16 0HQ  
(M: 07836 611460; E: rc.hopkins@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Rob Sheldrake, Edington Villa Farm, Broadway, Edington TA7 9JP  
(H: 01278 723232; M: 07584 371460; E: csheldrake@aol.com)



**Treasurer:** Gareth Seery, 10 The Head, Street, Somerset BA16 0AG

(M: 07843 527692; E: garethseery@yahoo.co.uk)

**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:** John Sturgess, 42 West End, Street, BA16 0LW

(M: 07979 595204; E: sturgeuk@yahoo.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:** Lowerside Park, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury. BA6 9BH (01458 832236). Signposted off the A39 Glastonbury Relief Road.

**Teams:** 1st, 2nd, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

## University of Bath

(Founded 1967)

League: 1st, BUCS Premiership South A; 2nd, BUCS Premiership South B; 3rd, BUCS Western Conference 2a

**Club Address:** Bath University, Claverton Down Road, Bath BA2 7AY (Chairman: 07891057964; Head of Rugby: 07979 536919; www.teambath.com; E: SUSARugby@lists.bath.ac.uk or SUSABath@bath.ac.uk)

**Chairman:** George Stephenson, C/O Bath University Student Association, Claverton Down BA2 7AY (M: 07891057964; E: gs399@bath.ac.uk)

**Secretary:** Contact Chairman George Stephenson, as above

**Treasurer:** Contact Chairman George Stephenson, as above

**Club Coach:** Aaron James, C/O Bath University Student Association, Claverton Down BA2 7AY (M: 07979 536919; E: aaronjames12@hotmail.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Contact Club Coach Aaron James, as above

**Referee Contact:** Contact Club Coach Aaron James, as above

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Contact Club Coach Aaron James, as above

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

**Ground:** Bath University Main Campus Sports Grounds. Once on campus – go to the Sports Training Village Reception for directions and changing room/pitch allocation.

**Teams:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women's, 3 Intramural/social team, 1 Sunday team

## Walcot

(Founded 1882)

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

**Chairman:** Simon Chambers, 33 Church Street, Bath BA1 4BY

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

**Secretary:** Stuart Foxon, 25 Bloomfield Avenue, Bath BA2 3AB

(H: 01225 789587; M: 07817 471476; E: stuartfoxon@gmail.com)

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

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

**Fixtures Secretary:** John Gifford, 131 Lymore Road, Bath, BA2 1AU  
(H: 01225 428524; M: 07887 944233; E: Johngiff44@hotmail.com)

**Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Contact

**Club Coach:** Matthew Andrews, 4 Somerdale Avenue, Odd Down, Bath  
BA2 2PG (H: 01225 401891; M: 07976 706946; E: andrewsls@hotmail.co.uk)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Dave Parsons, 87 Penn Hill Road, Bath BA1 3RT  
(H: 01225 445130; M: 07730 711221; E: daparson@gmail.com)

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

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

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

### **Wellington RFC Ltd.**

(Founded 1874)

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

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

**Secretary:** Nick Robins, 37 Bircham Road, Taunton TA2 8EX (H: 01823 323350;  
M: 07939 284339; E: nicholas.r@waitrose.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:** Contact Secretary Nick Robins, as above

**Coach:** Lee Waddon

**Junior & Youth Secretaries:** Russel Loarridge, Jurston Farm, Jurston Lane,  
Wellington TA21 9PH (H: 01823 666009)

Scott Cordy, 78 Sylvan Road, Wellington TA21 8EH (H: 01823 661459)

**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, South West 1 West; 2nd, Somerset 2 South; 3rd, 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)

**Secretary:** Dawn Hickman, Sunset, Mount Pleasant, Pilton BA4 4BL  
(01749 890746; W: 07946 742462; E: contact@wellsrugbyclub.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** John Owen, Little Green Cottage, The Green, Easton, Nr Wells  
BA5 1EB (H: 01749 870159 E: johnowen@btinternet.com)

**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, Girls, 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

**Club Website:** www.westonrugby.co.uk

**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: 01934 418377; W: 01179 473433; E: secretary@westonrugby.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Barry Sparks, c/o Clubhouse (H: 01934 824877; M: 07742 580507;

E: barry\_sparks@hotmail.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Rob Solomon, 5 The Retreat, Camp Road, Weston-super-

Mare BS23 2EN (H: 01934 418377; W:0117 947 3433; M: 07966 250859;

F: 01934 310461; E: secretary@westonrugby.co.uk)

**Referees Contact:** Contact Fixtures Secretary Rob Solomon, as above

**Club Coach:** Steve Worral, 2 Thornbury Road, Uphill Weston-super-Mare

BS23 4YE (M: 07900 425406; E: steveworr@hotmail.com)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Jarad Collard, Lostwood, Langford, Bristol

BS40 5JQ (M: 07787 126401; E: jarad@freakevents.co.uk)

**Club Colours:** Blue & White Shirts, Blue Shorts & Blue Socks. 2nd Choice Red Shirts, Blue Shorts & Blue Socks.

**Ground:** Recreation Ground, Drove Road, W-s-M BS23 3PA (Office: 01934 623118;

Bar: 01934 628530; 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, U18, U17, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

### **Wincanton** (Founded 1982)

League: Dorset & Wilts 4

**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:** Chris Hoadley (E: hoaders01@yahoo.co.uk)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Paul Hodges, Green Barton Marsh, Wincanton, Somerset

BA9 9QZ (M: 07973 899625; E: dwhodges2@btconnect.com)

**Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

**Club Coach:** As Secretary

**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

### **Winscombe**

(Founded 1962)

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

**Club Website:** [www.winscomberfc.co.uk](http://www.winscomberfc.co.uk)

**Chairman:** Mike Vowles, Coombe Barn, Sandford Road, Winscombe, Somerset BS25 1JF (M: 07909 970216; E: [mike@coombefarmselfstorage.co.uk](mailto:mike@coombefarmselfstorage.co.uk))

**Secretary:** Brian Peat, Archway, The Abbey, East Street, Banwell BS29 6BW (H: 01934 822024; E: [twinscombesec@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:twinscombesec@hotmail.co.uk))

**Treasurer:** Mark Jelbert, The Cottage, Edingworth Road, Edingworth, Weston-s-Mare BS24 0JB (01934 751069; M: 07879 999680 E: [mjelbert@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mjelbert@tiscali.co.uk))

**Fixtures Secretary:** Ted Sands, 7 Belmont Road, Winscombe BS25 1LE (H: 01934 843463; Mobile: 0870 904 4424; E: [tedsands7@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:mikedarcy@live.co.uk))

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Mike Williamson, 9 Broadleaze Way, Winscombe. BS25 1JX (H: 01934 843511; E: [mgwilliamson@btinternet.com](mailto: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, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

### **Wiveliscombe**

(Founded 1872)

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

**Chairman:** Gary Sharland, Dovecote Barn, Culverhay, Wiveliscombe TA4 2AA

**Secretary:** Dean Horton, Our House, Croft Way, Wiveliscombe TA4 2BF (H: 01984 629566; M: 07747 007592; E: [deanhorton@btinternet.com](mailto:deanhorton@btinternet.com))

**Treasurer:** Jacky Bellamy, 4 Market Place, 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](mailto:bruce.keay@webbers.co.uk))

**Referees Contact:** Contact Fixtures Secretary Dean Horton, as above

**Club Coach:** Peter Stone / Brian Stone (H: 01984 624582)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Peter Hughes, School Cottage, Pontispool, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton TA4 1BG (H: 01823 461661; E: [pete.pontispool@btinternet.com](mailto: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, U15, U14, U13, U12

### **Wyvern**

(Founded 1970)

Somerset 2 South

**Club website:** [www.wyvernrfc.co.uk](http://www.wyvernrfc.co.uk)

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

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

**Secretary:** Dave Hughes, 21 Trent Meadow, Taunton TA1 2NP (M: 07974808789;

E: secretary@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** Hannah Baker, Wyvern Club Mountfields Road Taunton Somerset

TA1 3BJ (M: 07743828815; E: hl\_baker@hotmail.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Justin Bennett, Wyvern Club Mountfields Road Taunton

TA1 3BJ

**Referee Contact:** as Fixtures Secretary

**Club Coach:** Chris Richards c/o Wyvern Club (H: 01823 270849;

M: 07807354963; 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, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, Somerset 3 South

**Club Website:** www.yattonrugby.co.uk

**Chairman:** Chris Haynes, 22 Silverstone Way, Congresbury, North Somerset

BS49 5JN (H: 01934 833267; M: 07805 584387; E: chris-haynes@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary:** Howard Davies, 3 Franklins Way Claverham BS49 4ND

(H: 01934 833605; E: hmd.yrfc@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Peter Spellissy, 4 Hillcrest Road, Nailsea BS48 2JB

(H: 01275 855512; E: pspellissy@hotmail.com)

**Fixtures Secretary:** Clive Hall, 37 Seaview Road, Portishead BS20 8HJ

(H: 01275 818295; M: 07920 578011; E: clivegina@hotmail.com)

**Referees Contact:** Clive Hall, as above

**Club Coach:** Rob Thirlby (M: 07803 147458)

**Junior & Youth Secretary:** Simon Foley 49 Wakedean Gardens, Yatton,

North Somerset BS49 4BN (H: 01934 834555; M: 07552 058278;

E: simonfoley@me.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, U18, U16, U15, U12, U11, Mini.

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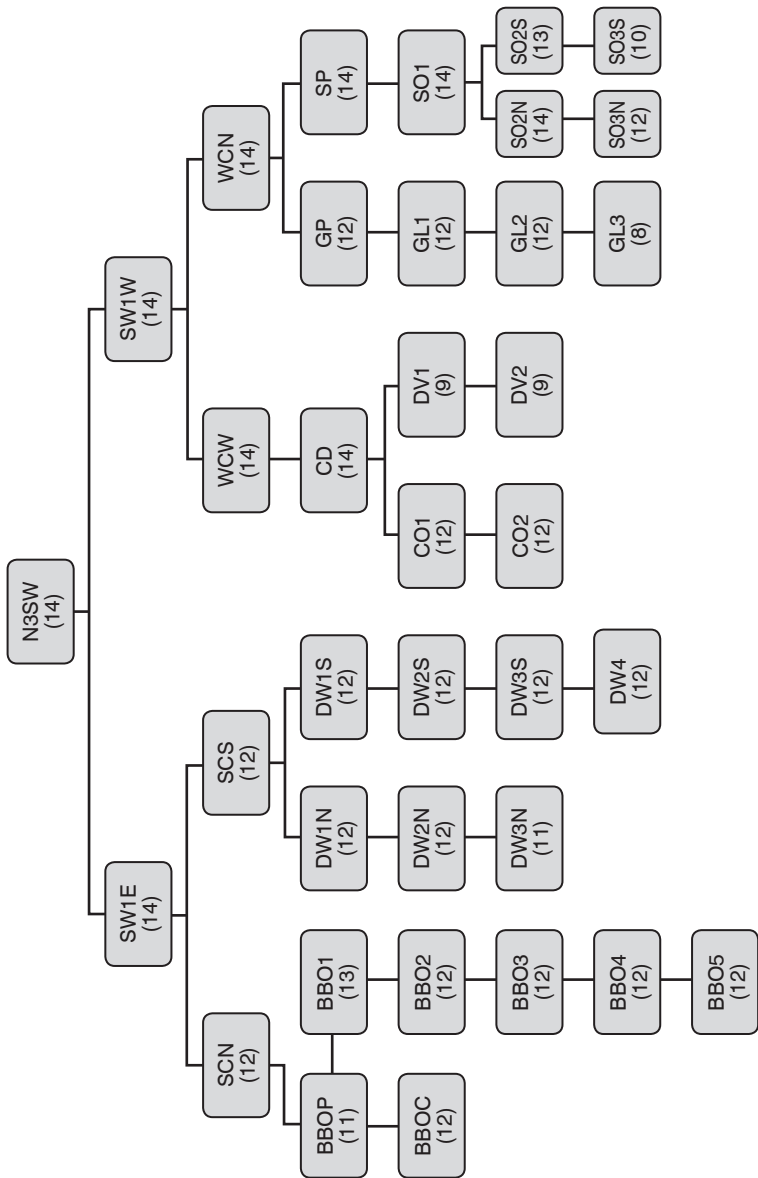
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## **SCRFU REFEREES SOCIETY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT**

The year has seen an increase in the number of referees in the Society which has been much needed with the Society officiating more games in 2013/14 than in any other season.

We have a good range of referees from National Panel to those just starting and thanks to each and every one for enabling the Society to cover almost all of the games advised to us by Clubs, Schools, Colleges and Universities.

My report is essentially one of thanks so here goes:

To the Committee and Sub Committees who have worked so well together ably led by our President Mike Curling and Chairman Barry Malpass.

To the Appointments and Re-Appointments team and particularly Reg Lewis and Mike Fullegar.

To our "kit man" Brian Perry for all the kit he has kindly provided.

To Jason Wallis for his work on maintaining the Society Website.

To the Referees who officiate not only in Somerset but on Exchanges throughout the Country.

To the Advisors and Coaches who stand out in all winds and weathers offering pearls of wisdom!!

This year sees the Society celebrating its 125th Anniversary and we are very proud of the fact that we are the oldest Rugby Union Referees Society in the WORLD.

Last year I asked the question – how were games officiated before the introduction of the Referees Society as quite a few clubs in Somerset are more than 125 years old? If you know the answer please contact me as I would love to incorporate any information in to the history of Somerset Rugby and the Society.

*Graeme King*  
Secretary

# 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 & 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 dependants.
- 4.9 To promote, arrange and organise leagues, competitions and tournaments for and between clubs. 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.
- 4.10 To provide pensions, insurances and other benefits to employees or to ex-employees of the Constituent Body 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.
- 4.11 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 any 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 this 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 time.
- 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 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 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 30th April in each year when required

by virtue of 8.4.6. 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 date above. 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 the Members at the Annual General Meeting. The Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited shall also nominate prior to 30 April in each year 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 member is 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.
  - 8.4.6 Each Divisional Representative shall hold office for a period of three (3) years (DR Term) from the date of being elected. Should a Divisional Representative cease to hold office for any reason during the DR term, any replacement Divisional Representative shall only be elected at the next Annual General Meeting following the date of his cessation of office and shall, for the avoidance of doubt, serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected.
- 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 8.5.3 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 (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 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 Divisional Representatives (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. The Divisional Representatives shall hold office for the DR Term. Should any replacement Divisional Representative cease to hold office for any reason during the DR Term, any replacement Divisional Representative shall only be elected at the next Annual General Meeting following the cessation of office and shall, for the avoidance of doubt, serve a period of three (3) years from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which he was elected. 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.

## **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 31 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 Body 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 Marys Grove, Nailsea, 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 its 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**

<b>the Act</b>	means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies.
<b>Auditors</b>	means the auditors of the Constituent Body for the time being.
<b>Club</b>	means a club admitted into membership of the Constituent Body in accordance with the Rules of the Constituent Body.
<b>Constituent Body</b>	means Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited
<b>Committee</b>	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.

<b>Financial Statement</b>	means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure.
<b>Game</b>	means the game of rugby union football.
<b>General Meeting</b>	means a general meeting of Members
<b>Honorary Life Members</b>	Means persons, in recognition of outstanding service to the Constituent Body, nominated by the Committee and elected by the Members in General Meeting
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being
<b>Individual Members</b>	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
<b>IRB</b>	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.
<b>IRB Regulations</b>	means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated by the IRB from time to time.
<b>Laws of the Game</b>	means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which the Game is played throughout the world.
<b>Member</b>	means a member of the Constituent Body.
<b>Officers</b>	means the officers designated in Rule 12.
<b>Registrar</b>	means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.
<b>Regulation</b>	means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule 4.12
<b>Representative(s)</b>	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
<b>Rules</b>	means the Rules of the Constituent Body for the time being registered with the Registrar.
<b>Union</b>	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:
  - 1.1 (a) Free admission to any Somerset club ground (and a stand ticket if available) for any home County friendly fixture.
  - 1.2 (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.
  - 1.3 (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.

## **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 shall be Members for such period as they are Committee Members.
- 5.4 Subject to Rule 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.

## **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 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.

### **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.

## **GENERAL**

### **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

<b>Committee Member</b>	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
<b>Financial Statement</b>	means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure.
<b>Game</b>	means the game of Rugby Union Football.
<b>General Meeting</b>	means a general meeting of Members.
<b>Honorary Secretary</b>	means the Honorary Secretary of the Society for the time being.
<b>IRB</b>	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.
<b>IRB Regulations</b>	means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated by the IRB from time to time.
<b>Laws of the Game</b>	means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which the Game is played throughout the world.
<b>Member</b>	means a member of the Society.
<b>Officers</b>	means the officers designated in Rule 12.
<b>Referees Union</b>	means the Rugby Football Referees' Union.
<b>Registrar</b>	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.
<b>Regulation</b>	means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule 4.11.
<b>Rules</b>	means the Rules of the Society for the time being registered with the Registrar.
<b>Union</b>	means the Rugby Football Union.
<b>Gender</b>	All references to the male gender shall apply equally to the female gender.
<b>Communication</b>	Where communication with Members is concerned "written" or "in writing" shall include sending such communication electronically.

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