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FOREWORD BY DES CHALMERS, PRESIDENT, SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD 2015–2016

It is again a great honor for me to be elected the County president for the second year.

This season brings huge expectations with the RFU hosting the Rugby World Cup. There has been great effort in producing the World Cup tour and build up, also the legacy. Congratulations to all those who have put many hours without looking for any plaudits. I am sure this will all benefit the game.

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

Last season I tried to visit a club every weekend especially if the fixture was against another Somerset Club. I am very grateful to all the Clubs for their hospitality and it was great to meet rugby enthusiastists at every level.



The organisation, the commitments and the competitiveness which were on show, proves that the game continues to be very strong throughout the County. I hope that I will be able to go to more Clubs in the forthcoming season, so that over my two years as President, I will at least have been able to meet players and officials from the majority if not all the Clubs in membership.

On behalf of the County, I would like to thank all the hundreds of volunteer coaches, administrators and referees as well as supporters who make the game of Rugby so successful throughout the County at every level from the under 6 teams to the veterans.

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

TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

Thanks to all my colleagues on the Somerset Committee for the support and input over the years. Two notable members who will be missed in their posts as Treasurer and Secretary are Mike Berry and Andy Shorney.

Des Chalmers Somerset County RFU President

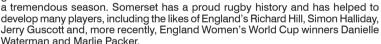
FOREWORD BY JASON LEONARD, PRESIDENT, RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION 2015–2016

This is going to be a once in a lifetime year for rugby in England and I know that Somerset, with such a great reputation for hospitality, will be busy welcoming everyone inspired by Rugby World Cup 2015

I am very glad to wish all your hard working volunteers and all players a fantastic 2015/16 season. I am sure it will be one that will bring our game a tremendous legacy.

A Somerset County XV has been playing for around 140 years and Somerset Rugby Referee Society led the way some 125 years ago. Much has changed since then but one thing remains the same and that is the dedication and sheer hard work of all those organising, coaching and officiating so that others can enjoy playing. I would like to thank you all in my new role as RFU President.

I hope that the county squad, the age grade sides and the district teams have



I know that everyone is looking forward to England hosting the Rugby World Cup and I'm sure that there will be great excitement in the county as everyone gets together to celebrate our amazing sport.

Enjoy this wonderful season.

Jason Leonard OBE President





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Nominations for Officers of the Union

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

RFU Rule 19 – Election of Constituent Body Representatives to the RFU Council The election of representatives to the Council shall be made before 1 April each year. All candidates for election or re-election must be proposed by one and seconded by another club comprising the relevant Constituent Body including itself. Every nomination must be in writing and must be received by the Secretary of the Constituent Body by not later no later than 1 March.

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

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Rugby Development Partnership

A Bennett (Chair), P Box, J Elliott, B Malpass & N Robins

Competitions

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Discipline

D Chalmers (Chair), S Mead (Secretary), A Bennett, E Cooper, D Binding, N Prescott, K Travers

Senior Playing

M Hawkes (Chair), S Arnold, J Wheatley, P Shepherd, F Dawson, H Davies

Facilities

A Bennett

Bath Combination

S Mead, D Binding

Bristol Combination

S Arnold & P Box

ERCA

D Chalmers & A A Shorney

Representatives Referees Society

S Mead & N Prescott, K Travers

South West Mutual Benefit Fund

A A Shorney & D Chalmers

Community Rugby

A Bennett & N Robins

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUB COMMITTEES

Finance & Governance

- 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 SCRFU 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 SCRFU.
- Provide support and all necessary representation to the RFU and other appropriate bodies and groups.
- Provide adequate level of medical facilities at all SCRFU 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 SCRFU's activities, seeking out sponsorship and funding opportunities for SCRFU and its member clubs.
- Provide information and advice to SCRFU member clubs and individual members on matters of mutual interest.
- Provide seminars and forums to facilitate opportunities for all SCRFU 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 SCRFU member clubs.

Discipline

- Deal with disciplinary matters as delegated by the RFU.
- Support and liaise with SCRFU Referees Society and clubs where appropriate.

Rugby Development Partnership

Have responsibility for providing teams at all age levels for SCRFU representative

matches and to provide the ancillary services and organisation for the staging of those matches.

- Encourage participation in and have responsibility for the development of players, at all age and ability levels, to their full potential.
- Develop coaches, at all age and ability levels, to their full potential.
- Encourage links with various target groups such as those with disabilities, those
 who are underprivileged for whatever reason and foster links with Women's
 Rugby and encourage its development.
- Support the rugby playing and non rugby-playing schools as defined by the RFU within the SCRFU 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 2014-2015 SEASON

COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The past season has once again seen a great deal of work by volunteers and RFU staff with outstanding results on and off the field.

With what has been the most comprehensive approach in my experience to the planning and organisation of events for the upcoming Rugby World Cup there must be a huge bonus for the many rugby clubs that have bought into the various initiatives that have, and are still taking place.

Interest in the Game at the moment is massive and we all have so much to look forward to, not only during the competition itself but also the rich rewards that will hopefully present themselves afterwards.

Legacy plans are gearing up in the expectation that we will have many more players, coaches, referees and spectators and I am sure everyone involved is working hard to achieve this. To host a Rugby World Cup will certainly bring a once in a lifetime opportunity for the whole rugby family that will see significant expansion to the Game and develop a lasting legacy.

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.

You will also see later in this report that discipline cases have fallen in numbers. A serious problem that has not abated though is that of unacceptable spectator behaviour. Neither the RFU nor the County will tolerate it. It has again led to referees leaving the Game.

The responsibility for the behaviour of players and spectators lies firmly with the clubs and cases of this nature will be dealt with severely by the County Disciplinary Committee.

However, on the upside there has been a decrease in the number of players facing disciplinary hearings and for those who have transgressed, clubs in the main, have dealt admirably with their players and avoided personal appearances where there has been no dispute in the allegations made.

In the leagues, Taunton rounded off a very successful season on and off the pitch and claimed 3rd spot in National League 2 South with a very impressive home record. At Level 5 Hornet's consolidated their position and finished well in the top half of the league.

After a long period in this league Weston were unable to finish as strong as they had hoped and are relegated as are Chard who found life in this division very difficult. I have no doubts both teams will rebuild and will have benefited from their experiences this year.

In the Tribute South West One West Bridgwater & Albion, North Petherton and Wells all finished in the top half and Clevedon recovered their form after Christmas and safely held on to their position for next season.

In the remaining Tribute sponsored leagues congratulations also go to Gordano who won Somerset Premier, and Hornet's 2nds for winning Somerset One. Worthy winners in Somerset Two North were Bristol Harlequins 2nds and Two South, Wyvern. Three North and South were won by Midsomer Norton 3rds and Frome 3rds respectively.

All winners were invited to attend the League sponsors Tribute Presentation evening at the Yatton club in May and received their well-deserved awards. Congratulations go to all of these clubs.

In the County Cup, Hornets ran out winners in an exciting encounter at Bridgwater & Albion's ground with Wells who were playing in their very first Cup Final. Another closely fought contest in the Somerset Vase saw Midsomer Norton defeat Bristol Harlequins at Weston-super-Mare.

In the County U18 League Wells clinched the title with Nailsea & Backwell coming in very close behind in second spot. The Junior competitions culminated in the finals being played on the same date and proved a very successful day for all competitors. Once again our sincere thanks go to Andrew Derry for the organisation of these cup competitions. 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 their time freely to ensure participation by the players at this representative level.

This season saw the 125th commemoration of the Somerset Referees' Society who enjoyed a great social evening at Bridgwater & Albion RFC in September. Congratulations to them and here's to another 125 years! They, together with the Bristol Referees' Society have once again provided an excellent service to our clubs throughout the season.

Never complacent about numbers they are keen to recruit more officials so if you are interested in taking up the whistle then please consider contacting your local Society to discuss how you can go about joining.

There will be some new faces on the committee next season. Mike Berry, after 20 years involvement with the County steps down from his latest position as Hon. Treasurer. Mike came to the rescue of the Union following the untimely death of Alan Young 12 years ago offering to fill the gap on a short term basis!

Outside of the committee he is of course President of his club, Bridgwater & Albion RFC. Earlier this season Mike announced his retirement (from playing) having played man and boy for the club for an amazing 50, yes 50 years. A truly memorable celebration of that fact was held at the club in April with Gareth Edwards (Mike's hero) and of the two of them I'm not sure who was in most awe of one another.

Mike Wicks from the Wellington club will take over from Mike and we wish him well in his new role.

Although Des Chalmers continues in his second year as President he is standing down as Chairman at the AGM and the committee have elected John Harding as chairman for the coming season.

I too have decided that I will be standing down having been Secretary since 2003 and we have appointed Neil Skinner from Clutton as my replacement. I will however continue my involvement on the County committee and will carry on representing the clubs as the RFU Council member for Somerset. As ever I am happy to discuss any issues that you may have – simply contact me via phone or email - I remain here to serve you.

I would sincerely like to thank all clubs and individuals for your support over the years and for not giving me too much of a hard time. I have really enjoyed the experience and the friendships gained from our relationships and I hope to see many of you on the rugby circuit.

Finally, 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.

Andy Shorney County Secretary

SOMERSET RDP REPORT 2014/2015

This has been another busy season, once again guided by the feedback received from the Annual Meeting of Clubs as to the priority needs to help develop all activities within the clubs as well as providing feedback on all aspects of representative rugby.

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. It has been rewarding to see clubs reapply for grants this year to develop the work started last season and feedback as to the investment has been very positive.

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. We are also supporting the development of Young Rugby Ambassadors across the County and the first interesting projects requiring financial support are emerging, we wish them well with their activities.

My thanks, as always, to the members of the committee for their continuing support in their sub-committee chair roles and for all other members of the 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 girl's rugby in Somerset which continues to go from strength to strength.

Age Grade Representative Rugby – Jason Wheatley

Under a new RFU led initiative the County Super Six competition (previously used as a selection tool for the CB squad) was merged with SOR (Schools of Rugby) to form the RFU Development Player Programme – DPP.

The County U15 season was affected by teething issues with the set up and implementation of the newly formed DPP, fixture cry offs and poor weather

conditions. Despite these disruptions 47 players pulled on the County shirt playing fixtures against Devon. Dorset & Wilts. Cornwall and Bristol Schools.

County U16 recorded two area 7 championship wins against Bristol Schools and Cornwall and two defeats against Devon and Gloucestershire.

Four Somerset players represented the South West and Kieran Verden of Taunton RFC was awarded his England cap after victory against Wales.

Under the RFU strategic review agreement the current format will change in 2015-16. The CB will play three County matches over the months of December and January, divisional rugby will be replaced by the newly formed RFU academies league competition.

County U17 Development team trials were well attended and a total of 40+ players were involved in fixtures against Cornwall, Dorset & Wilts and Devon. It is envisaged that the bulk of this exciting and promising squad will progress to the U18 squad next season.

The U18 played two championship matches against Dorset & Wilts and Oxfordshire. Sammy Clements – Combe Down RFC went onto represent the South West Division.

Sixty four girls presented themselves for the U15 trials and forty two for the U18 trials. This is a record and shows a remarkable increase in take up of the girl's game within the County.

The U15 girls got their season off to the perfect start winning the RFU Frome Festival with six victories out of six. The girls then won against Cornwall in their first regular fixture before losing narrowly to Gloucestershire in their final match.

The U18 team won three of their six games at Frome and then won two matches against Cornwall and Gloucestershire handsomely.

Eleven of the U15 and six of the U16 girls were selected for the South West Academy.

Chantelle Miell was one of the five that came to the U15s trial 4 seasons ago. She went through to and was selected for the SW Division that year. She was selected for the county U18 and SW Division the next year and last year for County, Division and TDG. This year she has gone one better by jumping the TDG straight into the England U20s. This is her last season as an U18.

Anna Woolf was selected for England U20's and together with Chantelle have been selected for the U18 7's squad to play Belgium this coming September.

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

Coaching Development - Paul Shepherd

Somerset made new appointments for each of its age grade teams, sadly due to the nature of volunteer work there has been little movement as coaches struggle to commit to roles that they have agreed to take on.

Fortunately, in the main, the coaches have been great and the players involved, who we must remember are the most important element, have had a positive experience of Somerset Rugby.

We will hold meetings over the summer months with the appointed coaches and make adaptions where necessary.

The USB coaching tool has been well received and all CB coaches have been given them as well as over half our clubs.

I am continually looking for ways to improve coaching in Somerset and would welcome any suggestions readers may have.

Volunteer Development - Paul Box

This year has been rewarding for volunteers in Somerset with Mr and Mrs Parsons from Chard RFC – (Mrs Parsons serves meals in the kitchen and Mr Parsons sells programmes on the gate amongst many other jobs within the club over the years) - they received two Autumn International tickets for the England v South Africa fixture as well as Martin Bath - Chairman of Avonvale RFC, Paul Eke – Keynsham RFC and Reg Lewis – Somerset Referees Society Appointments Secretary, receiving QBE International tickets in recognition of their volunteering.

Roger 'Popeye' Laws was also recognised for his long standing contribution as a volunteer at Yeovil Rugby Club (formerly Ivel Barbarians RFC) as the guest of the President of the RFU at the Autumn International game.

The RFU is putting significant resources behind identifying and rewarding key volunteers in Somerset clubs. This is very evident with the RWC2015 initiatives to encourage our grass root volunteers to be recognised at the World Cup games held locally to the County.

Please can you ALL think of the unsung volunteers at your club and let Somerset RFU know of them as they could be the next recipient of a reward from the RFU for services to your club.

Facilities Management

Congratulations to Tor, Avonvale, Chard and Burnham RFC who have all been successful with their applications for grants under the Transforming Social Spaces initiative. There were some exciting development plans submitted and we wish the clubs well with their transformations which will hopefully result in a greater use of their facilities and increased revenue for the clubs.

The NatWest Rugby Force initiative proved to provide very strong applications again this year and the honours were keenly contested which resulted in the County investing in an additional six awards to ensure that all the clubs who had applied with a realistic and worthwhile proposal could utilise the support provided by the RFU. The two successful clubs to receive a substantial grant were Keynsham and Yeovil Rugby Clubs.

Alison Bennett Somerset RDP Chair

SOMERSET COUNTY RFU 14/15 – RFU STAFF (SIMON WEAVER & JASON LUFF)

"Strengthening clubs and growing the game in the communities around them"

In the past 12 months the local delivery team have used 2 key themes – capacity & participation to help support the game in Somerset. More capacity by way of more and improved facilities, more people – referees, volunteers and coaches and more schools offering rugby. Increasing participation by getting the 16-24 yr olds back into the game, offering Touch rugby, building links with other European nations and inspiring people to talk about rugby through cultural programmes.

BUILDING CAPACITY

Better Facilities

Rugby Football Foundation loans and grants this year totalled £153,080 to Somerset clubs supporting improved clubhouses, pitches, and facilities with RDO and CRC assisting the clubs maintain and grow the numbers of players and volunteers following the investment. An example of this is Chris Hurd assisting Hornets RFC in the drive for more playing numbers in the girls section. Hosting festivals and creating and developing links with local schools has been key.

6 new social space projects awarded funding, totalling £60k investment which will transform community club bar spaces. Chard RFC will benefit from an improved clubhouse bar area and CRC Paul Cox will be working with various age groups coaches to help retain players through to the seniors as well as further developing the girls section and strengthening links with local schools. Wellington & Burnham RFCs have also benefitted from the programme with CRC support lined up for next season to help boost recruitment on the back of facility investment

This year's Natwest Rugbyforce attracted a high number of clubs applications as clubs look to improve facilities on June 27/28th DIY weekend. Clubs are keen to welcome new people to the facilities during the world cup and nearly £10,000 has been spent on supporting Somerset club plans with Keynsham and Ivel Barbarians receiving extra for their strong applications.

Investing in People

Coaches and referees are crucial to the quality of every player's experience. Developing young people as volunteers and future leaders in our rugby clubs is essential for the long term success of our sport.

QBE Coaching Club established to recruit and train 2,015 new level 2 coaches by Sep 2015, delivered through dedicated RFU run courses. RFU staff have helped identify and mentor 35 new qualified club coaches 10 of which were QBE funded. RFU CRC's have and delivered 10 refereing award courses resulting in 44 newly qualified club referees. In total 1322 attendees have developed themselves over 72 award courses or CPD Workshops many have been identified between CRC's and Club Coaching Co-ordinators.

'Keep Your Boots On' launched to recruit more coaches and match officials, aimed at players who have just retired or are about to retire from playing. Walcot 'Back to rugby scheme' helped retired players back in to the game if only for some fun touch rugby sessions and coaching discussions with 5 of the participants further representing the 2nd and 3rd XV.

Young Rugby Ambassadors – 33 in the county spread across 10 clubs have been hosting festivals, linking with the community. Josh Flagg from Tor RFC, recognised by Somerset Council and the RFU with People Award has now sat on committee meetings and continues to lead on a number of club projects.

More Schools

All Schools and targeted delivery in secondary state school helping students play more rugby.

Through our targeted delivery in schools -

57 teachers have received further training as coaches and match officials.

Over 45 students trained as rugby leaders and supported local events and a massive 600 hours of specialist rugby coaching has been delivered to Somerset schools by community rugby coaches developing teachers and improving coaching and playing experiences. Examples of schools being introduced to rugby in clusters with a playing pathway include Tor RFC and Castle Cary RFC developing opportunities with Crispin, Ansford and Dunstan Schools.

INSPIRING PARTICIPATION

Returning Players

With thousands of 16 to 24 year olds having left rugby over the years, we want to use the inspiration of the Rugby World Cup to find ways of bringing them back to our clubs.

Nationally £500k committed over 2 years to support our (28) geographic CBs in developing and implementing creative solutions to help clubs bring back 16-24 year old players into regular 15-aside rugby.

'Make Contact' project is aimed at helping clubs, universities and colleges think differently about engaging and keeping 16-24 year old players. RDO's and CRC's have orchestrated cluster meetings and planning applications for funds to help distribute over £6000 to support 16-24 Somerset clubs and innovative playing opportunities.

At this year's CB meeting of the clubs it has been identified by the clubs the need for a more flexible playing offer to cater for players especially 16-24- this has resulted in a number of Friday night friendly games organised by CRC's and clubs reps.

Touch Rugby

O2 Touch is a joint initiative from the RFU and long-standing partner O2, which is part of the RFU's plans to increase participation in rugby as part of the 2015 Rugby World Cup Legacy.

Touch programmes in Somerset have helped players return to the game as well as building a community feel at local clubs. CRC's have supported Keynsham, Weston College, Bath College, Nailsea and Backwell RFC Programmes with over 130 players playing regularly across the sites.

Proof of the success of Touch rugby can be seen down at Wiveliscombe RFC running a successful summer touch project in 2014 and this then enabled them to recruit and retain players for their colt's team this season.

More touch programmes are emerging both in colleges and clubs. CRC's have programmed and delivered central and cluster competitions around the county

for school years 7,8,9 and 10 girls as well as getting colleges active and engaged playing touch with this year's festival resulting in 72 college players running out at Chard RFC.

Cultural Engagement

We want to use the Rugby World Cup to raise awareness of our great game in communities across the country.

Young rugby ambassador George West has been delivering a number of outreach sessions in local schools on behalf of his home club- Midsomer Norton RFC. Supported by his club mentor Neil Denning and the Community Rugby Club the 5 schools George is working with will enter into a festival at the club then stay to watch England's first world cup warm up match.

Supported by the local community sports partnership Chris Hurd and Minehead Barbarians have set up a link with a local nursery allowing parents to drop off their children and then play touch rugby with the nursery costs covered by CSP.

SENIOR PLAYING REPORT

An exciting season of senior rugby that reflected on and posed all the questions we as a senior rugby group of selectors had been asking for five months in one fixture against Surrey RFU.

The Surrey side had eleven players in it from one National League 2 club (Dorking). The Somerset side, one in which players from eleven different clubs played, had 6 Under 20 representatives from level 9-4.

So where are we with county senior rugby as season 2014/15 closed?

We had a struggle to get players to commit to under 20's rugby with county cup and club fixtures confusing the issues. That shouldn't really happen should it? No. So better organisation on our part and a "buy in" from the players and their clubs may take things forward.

My thoughts are also that the RFU should run the 20's comp in parallel with the senior competition. It would be great to have these guys in the same environment as the 1st XV on the same day - the past, present and future all in one place, players and families and the like.

Fantastic to see Essex RFU doing it with the Ladies this season. Something we had asked for in the past however it didn't fit in with pathways and fixture arrangements. Maybe we can change that.

Our Development side which has the "open to all" ethos was again blessed with players who wanted to wear the county shirt and is a pathway to the "1st XV" which is selected by our selectors.

Many of these players are those that want to represent their county. That's all we ask. The fixture against the Torbay Combination at Wellington was well supported and the team ran out winners in a good, close, entertaining fixture.

As a county I feel we need to have extra fixtures for this group and fit them in appropriately. It gives a great opportunity and theatre for players to push hard for the 1st XV (again this year 5 players forced their way into the 1st XV) which I

will report on shortly.

I look forward to seeing what this team unearths next season. This season it was coached by former Somerset first XV players Tom Thie of Clevedon RFC & Vince Murrel of Dings Crusaders.

The County's Ladies team following on from last season's enthusiasm and talent pool saw us play Gloucestershire and Cornwall, have two development days in the North and South of the county.

There is a mass of talented new rugby players in our county we just have to get it right in getting messages into clubs that they can all come and get some different coaching and play for their county if they want to.

This isn't a team for elite players this is a team for the county and one that anyone can play in. The group was managed by Jeanette Appleton and her contribution to county rugby has been superb this past season with her continuing input into age grade rugby.

We lost our fixture at Bristol Harlequins to Gloucestershire and won away to Cornwall. Tremendous for all involved and what is good to see is the absolute enjoyment in playing in "their" team.

So we come to the 1st XV. New coaching staff were introduced. Three really good rugby fixtures against very good opposition. Devon, Surrey (English champions) & North Midlands.

We beat Devon in a cracking fixture at Hyde Park, Taunton, then we went away to Surrey and North Midlands. The two away venues were superb - the new London Irish RFC facility and Stourbridge RFC. These are two venues that players who want to play for their county should be able to go and play at. Quite superb and very special places to be and fixtures to be involved in.

I believe that if you are good enough then you play at the highest level you can. Try something different. "Follow your dreams" as they say. We are in a difficult situation now as clubs in some instances tell players only to play one fixture or not to play and go and have a rest.

This is reflected in our senior county cup competition as well as clubs choose not to play or put out a weaker side. Sadly the agendas of this "my player" mentality is common. The problem I have with that is the development of the player is key.

They belong to no-one even if they are contracted and paid. Yes, there are considerations however county rugby is still a pathway to greater things or is the pinnacle of a rugby career for some. England Counties XV are viable for all at senior and under 20's level.

I also appreciate that those lower level clubs worry that their player may get a taste of something different and look to develop themselves. Well rugby is a game for all and there is no problem with trying to be the best you can be.

I was delighted to see young men in awe of what was going on around them in a county shirt this season and contributing to the team they were in and the shirt they were wearing. My own thoughts were that it was the young men that contributed to a brand of rugby that was great to watch and enjoyable to be a part of.

I would love to see the contribution of eleven players from one national 2 club that were all committed and good enough to wear the shirt however we are not lucky

enough in this county to have that sort of buy in from the clubs so we continue to be the best we can be at all levels of senior rugby. I look forward to watching Somerset rugby next season.

I congratulate Cornwall on their winning the County Championship trophy and their clubs desire to support their rugby at the highest level, the same to Surrey who won our second tier competition. They no doubt enjoyed their days at Twickenham and long may it continue.

Mark Hawkes Chairman, Senior Playing

SOMERSET LADIES 7'S

Saturday 6th June saw the first Somerset Ladies 7's team take the field in the CF Charity 7's at Bristol Harlequins. First up was a game against eventual tournament winners the Swifts, which resulted in a loss, as did the second game against West Country Cavaliers.

Taking the positives and growing in confidence, they recorded two victories against Abbey Nuns and Supermarine. The tournament ended with us narrowly losing in the bowl final by one score in the return game against Abbey Nuns.

The team played some good rugby and should be proud of their achievements in their first tournament. We will be looking to enter further tournaments throughout the summer.

Somerset 7's squad- Holly Edmonds, Alice Edmonds, Catherine John, Lisa McCormick, Beth Ryall, Rhi Tottle, Caryl Thomas, Lex Rosenthal and Danielle Meredith.

Steve Arnold, Team Manager

SOMERSET CUP REPORT 2015

The senior cup this season was once again dogged by walkovers - with 14 team leagues it's very difficult to fit the games in, but if clubs enter they should endeavour to honour their fixtures, even if it means playing midweek and having to give up the home advantage in some cases.

Congratulations to Hornets RFC for winning the Cup in a final against Wells who were appearing in their first Final.

Many thanks to Bridgwater & Albion RFC for hosting the final and to the Somerset Referees' Society for supplying the match officials throughout the competitions.

I would also like to thank the County's Competitions sub-committee for their support throughout the season.

Steve Arnold, Cup Administrator

SOMERSET VASE REPORT 2015

Another season past with seven fixtures at the start it was good to see only two Walk Overs.

Congratulations to Midsomer Norton for winning the cup in a very tight game with Bristol harlequins who have reached the final two years running.

Many thanks to Gordano RFC & Bristol Harlequins AFC for hosting the semi-finals, also to Weston super Mare for hosting the final.

Many thanks to the Somerset Referees' Society for providing the match officials and lastly many thanks to all the clubs that participated.

Long may it continue.

Semi final

Winscombe 5 v Bristol Harlequins 31 Gordano 8 v Midsomer Norton 22

Final

Midsomer Norton 25 v Bristol Harlequins 22.

Eddie Cooper, Vase Administrator

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUPS

U18

Wellington 20 – 19 Nailsea & Backwell First time Wellington have won the cup since 2003

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Bath 31 - 5 Avon

This Bath team has now won the U14, U15 & U16 Cups

U15

Taunton 24 - 0 Nailsea & Backwell

This Taunton team has now won the U14 & U15 Cups

U16

Bath 41 - 10 North Petherton

Bath maintained their strong record in this competition.

U18 League

Winner: Wells

Runners up: Nailsea & Backwell

After 264 games played by 12 teams resulted in 2 teams tied on 97 points Wells

winning the league by a superior goal difference (572 to 538).

Minehead Barbarians received a special award for commitment to rugby.

Andrew Derry, Junior Cup Administrator

SCRFU DISCIPLINE REPORT

This season we dealt with pretty well the same as last year but with the significant difference being a further reduction in senior cases and an increase in Age Grade discipline issues.

A quick analysis of these show an alarming number of incidents at U17 and U18 levels, involving players, coaches and even spectators! The problem is being addressed again in a further revamp of the Youth/Schools Regulations which will hopefully enable us to help stamp out this particularly virulent trend.

It is hoped that even more clubs and schools will report discipline issues to the CB, as they are already required to, but do not always do so.

We have taken an opportunity to align Safeguarding into the Discipline Group, so can offer Dave Binding and his team a close support mechanism and again deal with discipline issues appropriately.

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 again 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.

New regulation changes to Chapter 19 and Youth Discipline are expected to be issued prior to the start of the new season, and we will arrange for two roadshows pre-season in order to discuss any changes with clubs.

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

PLAYERS WITH 20 OR MORE APPEARANCES FOR SOMERSET

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28	M. Westcott	Keynsham	21	F.C. Spriggs	Bridgwater, Blackheath
28	G. Williams	Bristol, Somerset & Avon Police	20 20	G.C. Bartlett P. Beard	Bridgwater Taunton
28	*H. Winter	Bridgwater	20	A.R. Challis	Bristol
27 27	L.W. Bisgrove *L.C. Griffin	Bath, Weston Bristol		*V.H.M. Coates T.D. Corpe	Bridgwater, Bath Clifton
27	E. Hancock	Wellington	20	A. Croker	Weston-super-Mare
27 27	J. Meddick M. Rackham	Bath Bridgwater	20 20	*A.A. Glass W.E. Hancock	Wellington Bath
27	H. Sherman	Bristol	20	J.N. Hazell	Bristol
26 26	R. Hazzard D. Underwood	Weston, Bristol Newbury		D. Trick C.C. Kent	Bath Bridgwater
26	*T. Woods	Bridgwater	20	I.W. Macey	Wellington
25 25	M.C. Beese *R. Forrest	Bath Taunton		D. Masters G. Maunder	Frome Wellington
25	E.G. Hopton	Bristol	20	G. Redmond	Weston
25 25	R. Lee P. Simmonds	Bath, Wellington Bath		R.T. Robinson J. Sainsbury	Som. & Bath Police Weston
25	J.K. Watkins	Royal Navy	20	H. Vowles	Bath
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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.

- 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).
- This year the RFU will pay for the Compulsory and Public/Émployers 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.
- In addition to LOSS OF EARNINGS BENEFIT, cover also includes PHYSIOTHERAPY and DENTAL TREATMENT not available under the D.H.S.S.
- 5. You will see the Fund was founded in 1920 under the aegis of the South West Constituent Bodies for rugby people.

Full details are available from Roger Farthing,

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WARNING

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

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

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

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS RE PRACTICE MATCHES

Your attention is drawn to the following:

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-abouts' or practice sessions which do not comply with these conditions are NOT covered.

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- It is primarily the responsibility of the player and his Captain to ensure the Official dealing with insurance is notified without undue delay of any injury to a player.

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

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Holder R.
Holder S.M.
Hole J.
Hollev D.

House R.J. Howarth S

Howe M.

Jackson P. Jenkins P. Johnson D. Jones H.

Lane P Lee J.H. Lee M. Lloyd H. Longman M.

MacDonald C. Macey R. Marval A.D. Masters D.B. Maunder A. Mead S. Millard R.W. Miller G. Morris M.

Newton S.

Osborne P

Penny Mrs T.G.
Perry C.J.
Phillips G.M.
Pitt M.
Powell M.F.
Prescott N.
Preston P.A.
Prince N.
Psyk F.
Pumphry M.

Randall D.I. Richardson E.G. Richman B.L. Robins N. Roost A.J. Roys E

Self T.
Selwood N.
Shepherd P.
Shorney A.
Simpson I.
Skinner N.
Smith M.A.
Southcombe R.M.
Sparey D.
Sprague G.E.
Stacey Ann
Stevens D.
Stockwell J.

Travers K.
Thomas D.
Thomas G.
Thomas M.
Thompson S.
Tims N.
Troake J.
Trott Mrs A.
Turtle P.
Tuttlet B

Walford R.
Wardell T
Webb N.
Webster G.J.
West R.
Wheatley J.
Whittock J.P.
Whyte R.A.M.
Wilkiams G.
Williams G.G.
Williams J.M.
Wood M.
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SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT CUP

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1970-71	Bath13	Somerset Police
1971-72	Bath13	Somerset Police 8
1972-73	Bridgwater & Albion15	Old Redcliffians 9 (a.e.t
1973-74	Bath22	Weston-super-Mare 3
1974-75	Bath41	Old Redcliffians3
1975-76	Bath22	Weston-super-Mare7
1976-77	Bridgwater & Albion18	Old Redcliffians 6 (replay
1977-78	Avon & Som. Police13	Combe Down10
1978-79	Weston-super-Mare14	Midsomer Norton9
1979-80	Midsomer Norton 9	Bridgwater & Albion 6
1980-81	Weston-super-Mare14	Old Redcliffians6
1981-82	Keynsham6	Old Redcliffians3
1982-83	Bath39	Old Redcliffians10
1983-84	Old Redcliffians22	Keynsham 9
1984-85	Old Redcliffians28	Gordano9
1985-86	Taunton22	Combe Down13
1986-87	Old Culverhaysians16	Weston-super-Mare13
1987-88	Combe Down25	Old Culverhaysians12
1988-89	Combe Down10	Taunton12
1989-90	Midsomer Norton10	Old Redcliffians6
1990-91	Combe Down13	Old Culverhaysians12
1991-92	Bridgwater & Albion18	Weston-super-Mare7
1992-93	Bridgwater & Albion21	Old Redcliffians5
1993-94	Clevedon10	Bridgwater & Albion15
1994-95	Hornets14	Keynsham12
1995-96	Bridgwater & Albion12	Weston-super-Mare11
1996-97	Bridgwater & Albion26	Hornets15
1997-98	Clevedon10	Keynsham36
1998-99	Bridgwater27	Keynsham21
1999-2000	Old Redcliffians23	Gordano6
2000-01	Bridgwater & Albion20	Clevedon21
2001-02	Weston-super-Mare29	Walcot6
2002-03	Weston-super-Mare41	Clevedon17
2003-04	Weston-super-Mare17	Bridgwater & Albion9
2004-05	Bridgwater & Albion53	Clevedon0
2005-06	Bridgwater & Albion29	Hornets20
2006-07	Weston-super-Mare33	Bridgwater & Albion7
2007-08	Taunton48	Clevedon18
2008-09	Bristol Harlequins22	Weston-super-Mare53
2009-10	Taunton8	Weston-super-Mare15
2010-11	Weston-super-Mare41	Clevedon19
2011-12	North Petherton12	Clevedon9
2012-13	Weston-super-Mare 33	Old Redcliffians 32
2013-14	Old Reds30	North Petherton16
2014-15	Wells14	Hornets30

THE SOMERSET R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2015–2016

DEFINITIONS

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

Committee means the Competitions Sub-Committee of the County Union

Competition Administrator means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of the

Competition

County Union means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited

Home Club is defined by Regulations 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 IRB means the International Rugby Board means the Rugby Football Union

Society means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited

Weather Conditions shall be deemed to include but not be limited to bad or inadequate

light as decided by the match referee

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.FU 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.
- 3.2.1Any 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.
- 3.2.2In making its application a club must lodge with the Competitions Administrator the sum of One Hundred Pounds (£100.00).
- 3.2.3The Competition will proceed with the number of clubs that have signified a wish to enter.
- 3.2.4If a club fulfils its fixture(s) in the Competition then upon the conclusion thereof such sum will be returned to the club.
- 3.2.5If 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.
- 3.2.6lf 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.
- 3.3.1A 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.
- 3.3.2A 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.
- 3.3.3A 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
- 3.3.4A 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.
- 3.3.5In 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.
- 3.3.6If 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
- 3.3.8Where 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.
- 3.3.9The 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

- 4.1.1The Competition shall comprise the number of rounds appropriate to the number of clubs participating including semi-finals and a final.
- 4.1.2The 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.
- 4.1.3The home club in the semi finals and final (all of which shall be played at neutral venues) shall be determined by the Committee.
- 4.1.4Draws shall be arranged by the Committee as and when appropriate
- 4.1.5All 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.
- 4.1.6A 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:-

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

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 Adminstrator 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	Avon18	Wells	56
2008–09	Tor16	Burnham on Sea	15
2009–10	Bristol Harlequins11	Wells	6
2010–11	Wellington13	Stothert & Pitt	0
2011–12	Old Bristolians7	Gordano	3
2012–13	Chew Valley16	Gordano	8
2013–14	Chew Valley31	Bristol Harlequins	24
2014–15	Midsomer Norton 25	Bristol Harlequins	22

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DEFINITIONS

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Competition Administrator means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of the

Competition.

County Union means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited

Home Club is defined by Regulations 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 IRB means the International Rugby Board means the Rugby Football Union

Society means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited

Weather Conditions shall be deemed to include but not be limited to bad or inadequate light as

decided by the match referee

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.

- 3.2.1Any 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.
- 3.2.2If 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
- 3.2.3If 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.
- 3.3.1A 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
- 3.3.2A 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.
- 3.3.3A 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.
- 3.4.2In 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.
- 3.4.3If 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.
- 3.4.4Subject 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.
- 3.4.5Where 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.
- 3.4.6The 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.
- 4.2.1The 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 the ground of the home club.
- 4.2.2The 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 2015–2016 SEASON

DEFINITIONS:

Committee means the County Union's Competitions Sub-Committee

Competitions Administrator means the person to whom the Committee delegate the administration of a

Competition

County Union means the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited

Home Club means the first named club to be drawn in respect of a fixture or as otherwise

determined by the Committee

IRB means the International Rugby Board means the Rugby Football Union

Society 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.
- 1.2.1Any 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.
- 3.4.1Players 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.
- 3.4.2Any club wishing to enter a Competition shall provide to the Competition Administrator a list of its Registered Players no later than 10th November
- 3.4.3Prior 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 2016.
- 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 2016 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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ENGLAND RUGBY STRUCTURED SEASON 2015-2016

		14 Team Leagues	12 Team Leagues	10 Club Leagues	
Saturday	Internationals				
Aug 29					
Sep 5		Lge 1	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Sep 12		Lge 2	Lge 1	Reserve/Cup	
Sep 19	RWC 2015 (Eng v Fiji 8pm)	Lge 3	Lge 2	Lge 1	
Sep 26	RWC 2015 (Eng v Wal 8pm)	Lge 4	Lge 3	Lge 2	
Oct 3	RWC 2015 (Eng v Aus 8pm)	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Oct 10	RWC 2015 (Eng v Uru 8pm)	Lge 5	Lge 4	Lge 3	
Oct 17	RWC 2015	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Oct 24	RWC 2015	Lge 6	Lge 5	Lge 4	
Oct 31	RWC 2015				
Nov 7		Lge 7	Lge 6	Lge 5	
Nov 14		Lge 8	Lge 7	Lge 6	
Nov 21		Lge 9	Lge 8	Lge 7	
Nov 28		Lge 10	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Dec 5		Lge 11	Lge 9	Lge 8	
Dec 12		Lge 12	Lge 10	Reserve/Cup	
Dec 19		Lge 13	Lge 11	Lge 9	
Dec 26					
Jan 2		Lge 14	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Jan 9		Lge 15	Lge 12	Lge 10	
Jan 16		Lge 16	Lge 13	Lge 11	
Jan 23		Lge 17	Lge 14	Reserve/Cup	
Jan 30		Lge 18	Lge 15	Lge 12	
Feb 6	Sco v Eng (4.50pm)	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Feb 13	Ita v Eng (Sun - 3pm)	Lge 19	Lge 16	Lge 13	
Feb 20		Lge 20	Lge 17	Lge 14	
Feb 27	Eng v Ire (4.50pm)	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Mar 5		Lge 21	Lge 18	Lge 15	
Mar 12	Eng v Wal (4pm)	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Mar 19	Fra v Eng (7pm)	Lge 22	Lge 19	Lge 16	
Mar 26 - ES	,	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Apr 2		Lge 23	Lge 20	Lge 17	
Apr 9		Lge 24	Reserve/Cup	Reserve/Cup	
Apr 16		Lge 25	Lge 21	Lge 18	
Apr 23		Lge 26	Lge 22	Reserve/Cup	
Apr 30		PO	PO	PO	
May 7			Cup	Reserve/Cup	
May 14					
May 21					
May 28	England International				
Jun 4					

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Reserve/Cup Dates for rearranged League matches or Cup rounds

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ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH WEST LEAGUES 2015–2016 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 2015-2016) 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:

- 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).
- 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.
- 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:
 - 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.
 - iii. 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 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.
- 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 (8)

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

Division D (11)

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

Division E (14)

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

CLUB DETAILS

Season 2015-2016

Avon (Founded 1925)

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

Club Address: Hicks Field, London Road, Bath, BA1 7DA (T. 01225 852446)

Club Website: www.avonrfc.com

Chairman: Currently vacant, please contact Club Secretary Secretary: Paul Kirby, 10 Badminton Gardens, Bath BA1 2XS (H: 01225 426877; M: 07904 967704; E: paul@kirbyweb.co.uk)

Treasurer: Ian Ayres, 74 Lower Oldfield Park, Bath, BA2 3HP (M: 07866603978;

E: iayres@ima-tp.com)

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

E: chris mutlow@yahoo.co.uk)

Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary.

Coach: Mr. C. Book (M: 07721866274; E: clivebook@aol.com) Junior & Youth Secretary: Wayne Davis (M: 07711539514;

E: wdavis@linebsl.com)

Colours: Yellow and black hoops

Ground: Hick's Field, London Road, Batheaston, Bath (01225 852446). From M4 J18 take A46 to Bath. At Bath junction turn left towards Batheaston (sign posted)

Club is approx. 300m on right hand side.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Vets, U17

Avonvale (Founded 1883)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 North

Club Website: www.avonvalerfc.org.uk

Chairman: Martin Bath, 30 Forrester Green, Colerne, Wllts SN14 8EB

(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; E: jhobbs@mjchurch.com)

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

(H: 01225 333852; E: steve.f.vowles@hsbc.com)

Referees Contact: Steve Vowles, as above

Club Coach: Chris Hobbs, 72 Locksbrook Road, Lower Weston, Bath BA1 3ES

(H: 01225 744309; M: 07595 863625; E: hob27@aol.com)

Youth Secretary: Chris Hobbs, 72 Locksbrook Road, Lower Weston, Bath

BA1 3ES (H: 01225 744309; M: 07595 863625; E: hob27@aol.com)

Colours: Navy blue and white hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Red and white Ground: Bathford Playing Fields, Bathford, Bath BA1 7SY (01225 858295)
From the A4 take the A363 towards Bradford-on-Avon, pass under the railway bridge and take the next left up Bathford Hill. The ground is on the left and the clubhouse is 350 metres up the hill on the left along a track just above the public telephone box.

Teams: 1st, U18, U16, U15, U13, U12, 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) Chairman: Mark Edwards, Castle Farm, Midford, Bath BA2 7BU

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

Secretary: Fiona Dawson (M: 07808 706220; E: secretary@bathrfc.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mark Hastings (E: administrator@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: as Fixtures Secretary Club Coach: (E: coach@bathrfc.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: lan Painter (E: secretary@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, Aviva Premiership; 2nd, "A" League

Club Website: www.bathrugby.com

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

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

General Eng: info@bathrugby.com

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

Managing Director: Tarquin McDonald

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

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

E: team@bathrugby.com)

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@bathrugy.com)

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

Clubhouse Manager: Dean Quintin The Receation 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)

Fixtures/pool: Roger Gilson (M: 07920838299)

Bath F.C. Old Players Association

(Founded 1951)

Club Website: www.bathrugbypastplayers.com

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: 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

Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/batholdedwardians 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,

Batheaston, 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 Batheaston, 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 Website: www.bathsaracens.co.uk

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

BA2 4JJ Club Website: www.bathsaracens.co.uk

Chairman: David Pyles, Cotsmoor 237 Wellsway, Bath BA2 4RZ (H: 01225 310319; M: 07712078435; E: David.Pyles@nsg.com)
Secretary: Jim Biss, 4 St Matthew's Place, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4JJ

(H: 01225 311885; M: 07899 923173; E: jimbiss@live.co.uk)

Treasurer: Steve Hiscox. 62 Coronation Avenue. Bath BA2 2JW

(H: 01225 425442; M: 07813 176685)

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

Referees Contact: See Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Lee Garton (M: 07967232604; E: garton927@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Navy Blue, cardinal red, gold

Ground: Sulis Sports Ground, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AU (Secretary: 07899923173). Situated Adjacent to Ralph Allen School on Claverton Down

Road.

Teams: 1st XV

Bath Spa University RFC

(Founded 1981)

League: BUCS West 3A

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

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 GIII

(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, Women's

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.

Blake Bear's RFC

(Founded 1994)

(Formerly The Great Escape RFC)

Sunday morning and occasional Sunday afternoon fixtures

Club Website:

Club Address: c/o Chairman

Chairman: Neil Baker, 25 Northfield, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 7HA

(M: 07854 860975; E: neilbaker1974@gmail.com)

Secretary: Miss Debbie Williams, 25 Northfield, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 7HA

(M: 07876 351934) **Treasurer:** as Chairman

Fixtures Secretary: as Chairman Referees Contact: as Chairman

Club Captain: Matthew Ruddel (M: 07863 583?; E: mjruddle@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Black body, Grey arms

Ground: Bridgwater College Academy, Parkway, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4QX.

From A39 Turn right onto Parkway and Academy half way down on the left

Teams: 1st

Bridgwater & Albion

(Founded 1875)

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

Club Website: www.barfc.co.uk

Club Address: College Way, Bath Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (01278 428900;

(F: 01278 446608; E: carlturner1@hotmail.com)

Chairman: Steve Smith, Old Farm House, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater

TA7 8RE (H: 01278 455375; M: 07760 172677;

E: steveandjosmith@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Mrs Joanne Smith, Old Farm House, Front Street, Chedzoy, Bridgwater TA7 8RE (H: 01278 455375; E: 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)

Referees Contact: Steve Bryant (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coaches: Kevin Innalls (07976 957936); Simon Martin (07814 979070); Darren Crompton (07990 572071). All c/o B&ARFC Ltd, College Way, Bath

Road, Bridgwater TA6 4TZ (01278 423008; F: 01278 446608; E: michelle@barfc.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: 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)

Club Website: www.bristolcombination.pitchero.com

Secretary: A.E. (Tony) Swash, 6 Downs Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3TX (H: 01179 629047; M: 07970433156; E: tonyswash@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Terry Tovey, Rockleaze House, 91 Gloucester Road North, Filton Park, Bristol, BS34 7PT (M: 07976678202; E: terry@tockleazehouse.co.uk)

Fixtures Exchange Secretary: See via Bristol Combination website or contact

Alan Stanton (H: 01209 711607; M: 07825190287;

E: George.stanton1@btinternet.com)

Ground: Meetings are held at Portway Rugby Development Centre, 2nd

Tuesday of each month throughout the season at 19:30.

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

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

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

Chairman: Glenn Forde, 6 Beeches Grove, Brislington, Bristol. BS4 2PA

(M: 07727 613381; E: gphforde@yahoo.co.uk)

Secretary: Bob Barnes, 91 Mallard Close, St George, Bristol. BS5 7TW

(M: 07469 942368; E: bobbybarnesy@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer: John Bane, (M: 07917 750862; E: m.bane@sky.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hillier, 38 Grangeville Close, Longwell Green, Bristol.

BS30 9YJ (M: 07968 041606; E: ian.hillier@ee.co.uk)
Referees Contact: Ian Hillier (as Fixture Secretary)

Club Coach: Andy Crocker (M: 07580 761002; andy.croker@bluevonder.co.uk)

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 1

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.

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: 0117 9092710; 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 as Secretary

Club Colours: Blue, black and white hoops.

Teams: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Mini

Burnham-on-Sea

(Founded 1947)

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

Club Website: www.burnhamonsearfc.org

Chairman: Caine Harding, 21 Southern lea 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.prewett@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 RFC

(Founded 1976)

Sunday & midweek Fixtures

Chairman: Paul Reed, Millfield School, Butleigh Road, Street, Somerset

BA6 0YD (E: reedy p@hotmail.com)

Secretary: H C Harding, 10 The Cheviots, Overbury Road, Parkstone, Dorset

BH14 9JL (H: 01202 733694; E: harding588@btinternet.com)

Treasurer: Susanna Maunder, Peace Close Cottage, Kingsweston, Somerton,

Somerton TA11 7BD (E: suzie maunder87@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: as Chairman Referees Contact: as Chairman

Club Colours: Multi.

HQ: Rose & Portcullis, Butleigh (01458 850287)

Ground: Kingweston Park, Nr Somerton, Somerset TA11 6BD. On the B3153

between Somerton and Keinton Mandeville

Teams: 1st only

Castle Cary (Founded 1888)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 3 South
Club Website: www.castlecarvrfc.co.uk

Club Address: Brook House Field, Alhampton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset

BS7 7PF (01963 351178)

Chairman: Simon Clifford, Langford Farm, Alhampton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6PY (M: 07739 300144; E: somersetcomms@hotmail.co.uk)
Secretary: Vivien Armson, Sweet Apple Barn, Rodgrove, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 9QU (H: 01963 370642; M: 07875 701581; E: vivienarmson@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Martin Trott, 836 North Barrow, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7LZ

(M: 07980 843247; E: martin.trott52@gmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Gareth Watts, 15 Woodford Green, Castle Cary, Somerset

BA7 7LD (M: 07894 86202 E: gareth-2705@hotmail.co.uk)

Referee Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Ben Coombes, Rose Cottage, Woolston, North Cadbury, Somerset

BA22 8BL (M: 07891 872282; E: bjcoombes@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Sharon Willoughby, Court Cottages, 1 Weston

Street, Blackhorn Weston, Dorset SP8 5HJ (M: 07969 937752;

E: sharon.w825@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Red and black hoops.

Ground: The ground is located off the A371, approx. 2 miles from Castle Cary

town centre in the direction of Bristol/Bath.

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

Chard (Founded 1876)

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

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

Chairman: Gavin Smilie, Atom Fabs, Chard RFC, Atom House, Millfield

Industrial Estate, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BB (W: 01460 67402; M: 07772 225263; E: gavin@atomfabs.co.uk)

Secretary: Mark Weseman, 2 Bubwith Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BN (H: 01460 63165; M: 07714 149245; E: mark@weseman.freeserve.co.uk)
Treasurer: Jerry Duffield, 2 Monmouth Court, Chard, Somerset TA20 1HQ

(H: 01460 261810; E: Jeremy.duffield@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Rob Stuckey, 9, Cerdic Close, Chard, Somerset TA20 1RN

(H: 01460 63579 M: 07811 110895; E: robstucks@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Simon Jenkins (M: 07590 334659; E: serjenkins@gmail.com)
Junior & Youth Secretary: Tara Smilie, 31 Linkhay Orchard, South Chard,

Chard, Somerset TA20 2QR (E: tarasmillie@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:

Club Address: Sharpham Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3DR

(M: 07738 220731)

Chairman: Neville Holmes, Rookery Nook, The Hayes, Cheddar, Somerset

BS27 3DR (M: 07584 575916; E: nev holmes@hotmail.com)

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

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

Treasurer: Steve Lorimer, The Old Orangery, Barrows Croft, Cheddar, Somerset

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

Fixtures Secretary: Kay Corbett, @ Chestnut Avenue, Axbridge, Somerset

BS26 2BS (H: 01934 732 881; E: kaycorbo87@gmail.com)

Referee Contact: Alistair Ross, 21 Gough Place, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3DJ

(H: 01934 744622; E: alid.ross@tiscali.com)

Coach: Harvey Parsons (M: 07930 351023; E: harveyparsons1962@gmail.com) Junior & Youth Secretary: 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, Women's, Vets, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Chew Valley RFC

(Founded 1969)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 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, Chandor, Upper Stanton, Stanton Drew, Bristol BS40 4EQ (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: jamescowardaca@yahoo.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hall, 2 Chalk Farm Close, Norton Malreward, Pensford, Bristol BS39 4HQ (01275 837987; M: 07795 421542;

E: ian.hall@spottydogmarketing.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

Club Coach: Bruce Wellman (M: 07721 762760;

E: brucewellman@heinekin.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Andrew Molyneaux (M: 07774 770071;

E: andrew@weaversgallery.co.uk)

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, 3rd, U19s through to Minis

Clevedon

(Founded 1921)

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

Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/clevedonrugbyclub President: Michael Thomas, 46 Treefield Road, Cleveldon. BS21 (M: 07967 041518; E: michaelthomas901@btinternet.com) Chairman: Jeff Durant, c/o The Clubhouse (M: 07872 601662;

E: jeffdurant@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Neil Tucker, 10 Kingston Avenue, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 6DS (H: 01275 340696; M: 07751 916454; E: neiltucker@sky.com)

Treasurer: Steve Warren (M: 07702 676869; E: steveandjoya@blueyonder.co.uk)

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: John McGuigan (M: 07805 670220;

E: johnrmcguigan@btinternet.com)
Club Colours: Royal Blue & Gold

Ground: Coleridge Vale Playing Fields, Southey Road, Clevedon BS21 6PF (01275 877772). Leave M5 at J20, head along Great Western Road, turn left onto

Old Church Road then left onto Coleridge Vale Road **Teams:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd,U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, Mini

Combe Down RFC (Founded 1896)

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

Club Website: www.combedownrfc.com

Club Address: Holly's Corner, Bramble Way, Bath BA2 5DE (01225 832075)

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

(M: 07703 131849; E: paul@playforce.co.uk)

Secretary: Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath BA2 1JN (H: 01225 312393; 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: As Secretary. **Referees Contact:** As Secretary.

Club Coach: Dave Cobb (M: 07919 602888; E: dave.cobb@hotmail.co.uk)
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.

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, U14, U13, Minis

Crewkerne (Reconstituted 1975)

League: 1st, Somerset 1; 2nd, Somerset 3 South Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/crewkerne

Club address: The George Reynolds Centre, South Street, Crewkerne,

Somerset, TA18 8DA (01460 73972)

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; M: 07702527562; E: Debbie.boyer@zen.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Trevor Boyer, 55 St. James, Beaminster, Dorset DT8 3PW

(H: 01308 863169; M: 07702527562; E: Debbie.boyer@zen.co.uk)

Club Coach: Jon Hendy, 68 Glenswood, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1AJ

(M: 07815832045; E: jonhendy133@hotmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Simon Shackleford, 111 Park View, Crewkerne,

Somerset, TA18 8JG (H: 01460 78490; M: 07921942699;

E: simon.shackleford@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Red and black hoops

Ground: The George Reynolds Centre, South Street, Crewkerne TA18 7JJ (01460 76422). Head for Crewkerne Town Centre, follow signs to the Aqua

Centre/Waitrose, situate by the carpark. The Club House (The George Reynolds

Centre) is next to the Aqua Centre. **Teams:** 1st XV 2nd XV U12 U11 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 South; 3rd,

Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.fromerfc.org

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

(M: 07979 593 868; E: chairman@fromerfc.org)

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

Treasurer: Dave Winduss. Glebe House. Buckland Dinham. Frome. Somerset

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: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Kevin Moggridge, 41 Mountain Wood, Bathford, Bath, Somerset

BA1 7RZ (M: 07912 540950; E: coach@fromerfc.org)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Tim Doyle, Richmond House, High Street, Buckland Dinham, Frome, Somerset BA11 2QR (H: 01373 461318; M: 07860 363618;

E: juniorchairman@fromerfc.org)

Club Colours: Red, black and white hoops.

Ground: The Clubhouse, Gypsy Lane, Frome BA11 2NA (T. 01373 462506).

When entering Frome from Bath turn left into Gypsy Lane at the top of the hill past Oldford

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

Gordano (Founded 1970)

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

Club Website: www.gordanorfc.co.uk

Chairman: Neil Steer, 1 Marjoram Way, Portishead BS20 7JR (M: 07899 805358; E: n.steer@sky.com)

Secretary: Ian Pope, 38 Nightingale Rise, Portishead, Portishead BS20 8LN

(M: 07411 461802; E: ian.pope@ephesoft.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

BS41 9ES (M: 07875 734260; E: critchfamily@blueyonder.co.uk)

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

BS3 4SW (M: 07929 011717; E: edd_whitaker@hotmail.com)

Club Coach: as Referee Contact

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, follow club sign.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Women's, Vets, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini, Girls U18. Girls U15

Hornets (Founded 1962)

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

Club Website: www.hornetsrugby.net

Chairman: Brad Speller, c/o Hornets RFC (M: 07587 152285;

E: brad.speller@talktalk.net)

Secretary: Jenny Cockayne, 34 Anson Road, Locking BS24 7DE (H: 01934 823561; M: 07717 790838; E: jc1962@btinternet.com)
Treasurer: Stuart Simmons, c/o Hornets RFC (M: 07773 547633;

E: stuart.simmons@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Steve Hanney, c/o Hornets RFC (M: 07736 858885;

E: steve.hanney@yahoo.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Neil Cowlin, c/o Hornets RFC (E: neilandaudrey@icloud.com) Club Coach: Jon Richardson, c/o Hornets RFC (E: jonrichardson10@gmail.com); Jack Gadd, c/o Hornets RFC (jack.gadd12@gmail.com)

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

E: ianhumphris@hotmail.com) Club Colours: Black and Amber.

Ground: Hutton Moor Park, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8LY (01934 621433). Leave M5 Motorway at Junction 21. Head into Weston-super-Mare. Go over three roundabouts and then follow the brown sign for Hornets RFC

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

Imperial (Founded 1905)

League: 1st. Somerset One: 2nd. Somerset 2 North:

Club Website: www.imperialrfc.org.uk

Club Address: Imperial RFC. South Bristol Sports Centre. West Town Lane.

Bristol, BS14 9EA (0117 9038681)

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

Bristol BS14 9EA (M: 07968 788596 or 07500 006814:

E: aaronbinns4@googlemail.com)

Secretary: Craig Pullinger, c/o Imperial Fire & Security, The Old Bank, Eagle

Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 3LQ (M: 07970 782060:

E: craig@imperialfireandsecurity.co.uk) Treasurer: Craig Pullinger, (as Srevretary)

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Hopkins. (M: 07904 056240; E: Ian.Hopkins@serco.com)

Referees Contact: Ian Hopkins (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coach: Wayne Millard (M: 07505 941939; E: wayne.millard@intoheat.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Tom Dalton (M: 07824 469695)

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. Mini

Kevnsham

(Founded 1923)

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

Club Address: Crown Field, Bristol Road, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2BE (T: 0117 9872520)

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 (M: 07813 895962; E: wettoncccj@aol.com)

Treasurer: Craig Wetton, High Trees, The Glen, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3JP

(M: 07866 686796; E: CW@apollomam.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Ashton Broad, The Pantiles, 157 Bristol Road, Whitchurch,

Bristol BS14 0PU (01275 831605; E: ashtonbroad18@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: Ashton Broad, as above

Club Coach: Jason Wheatley (M: 07770674010; E: jason.wheatley@hp.com) Junior & Youth Secretary: Currently vacant – please contact Club Secretary Club Colours: Amber and black.

Ground: Crown Fields, Bristol Road, Keynsham BS31 2DE (01179 872520). From Bristol follow signs for A4. At Hicks Gate roundabout follow the signs for Keynsham. Go past the football ground, straight on at the mini roundabout and KRFC is on the left.

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

Martock (Founded 1992)

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

Club Website: www.martockrugbyclub

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

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

Treasurer: John Hoar, 13, Hill View, Queen Camel, Yeovil BA22 7PE
(H: 01935 851205: M: 07501 467446; E: jameshoar04@vahoo.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: John Hole, 13 Hollies Close, Bower Hinton, Martock TA12 6LB

(M: 07720 762304; E: johnhole04@hmail.com) **Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

Coach: As Fixtures Secretary.

Junior & Youth Secretary: Pete Watts 3, Foldhill Lane Martock TA12 6NH

(H: 01935 829030; M: 07908 829756; E: watts_peter@sky.com)

Club Colours: Green and black quarters.

Ground: Stoke Road Recreation Ground, Stoke Road, Martock TA12 6AF (M: 07717 477093). Take Martock exit from A303 at Percombe Hill. Turn left at

T-Junction to join Stoke Road. Ground is on left after about a mile.

Teams: 1st 2nd

Midsomer Norton

(Founded 1936)

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

Club Website: www.midsomernortonrfc.co.uk

Chairman: Neil Denning, 10 Orchardleigh View, Frome BA11 3SB (H: 01373 463345; M: 07773 567887; E: njdenning@blueyonder.co.uk)

Secretary: Ian Tiley, 13 Westfield Terrace, Radstock. BA3 3UT (H: 01761 432071;

M: 07765 053225; E: ian.tilev@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Robin Browning, Norton Down Playing Fields, Silver Street,

Midsomer Norton, BA3 2UE (E: robinbrowning@pgtax.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Tom Lovell, 42 Church Court, Midsomer Norton BA3 2JA

(M: 07446987575; E: t-lovell@hotmail.co.uk) **Referees Contact:** As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: As Secretary.

Junior & Youth Secretary: Kath Adams, 11 Withies Park, Midsomer Norton

BA3 2NN (H: 01761 414561; E: kath@robadamsn.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, Vets, U18, 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, Oborne, 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)

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

Secretary: Rod Speed, Sharkell, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Somerset

BA11 6PQ (E: Rod@OMSociety.com)

Minehead Barbarians

(Founded 1946)

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

Club Website: www.mineheadbarbarians.co.uk

President: Graham Lawrence, c/o Minehead Barbarians RFC (H: 01643 704558;

M: 07980561249; E: grahamjlawrence@hotmail.com)

Chairman: Simon Hutchinson, c/o Minehead Barbarians RFC (M: 07771 812822; E: simonihutchinson@btinternet.com)

E: Simonjnutchinson@btinternet.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; M: 07974 567011; E: mike@hi-techdrains.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Bryan Stevens, Wesr Harwood Farm, Timberscombe,

Minehead, Somerset TA24 7UQ (H: 01643 707155; M: 07815 913352;

E: bigchief@stevens333.fsnet.co.uk)

Referee Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Andrew Stevens, c/o Minehead Barbarians (H: 01643 707155;

M: 07917 632234; E: aj.stevens@live.co.uk)

Junior and Youth Secretary: Steve Murray (smurray965@btinternet.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; 2nd, Somerset 3 South

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

Club Address: The Clubhouse, Chedzoy Lane, Bridgwater TA7 8QW

(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: 07984 461888;

E: andreajohnmcbain@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Jeremy McBain, Ashleigh,126 Taunton Road, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6NN (H: 01278 662396; E: Jezzamcbain@morganiansrfc.co.uk) Fixtures Secretary: Dave Harris, 30 Church Street, Highbridge, Somerset

TA9 3AG (07584 437443; E: Harrisdaye1992@hotmail.com)

Referee Contact: As Fixtures Secretary Club Coach: Elisi Vuniploa (c/o Cub address)

Junior and Youth Secretary: Mrs J Arend, 56 High Street, Stogursey, Somerset

TA5 1PL (M: 07964 407887)

Club Colours: 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 hillon the left.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U15, Mini

Nailsea & Backwell

(Founded 1972)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier;

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

Chairman: Ross Parson (M: 07816 765874)

Secretary: Christopher Newbury, (M: 07505 564516; E: flabpack@icloud.com)
Treasurer: Anthony Warren (M: 07765 092674; E: anthonywarren@sky.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Steve Callicott (M: 07748 308 090;

E: stephcall78@hotmail.co.uk)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Junior & Youth Secretary: Phil Matthews, (M: 07583 919656;

E: pmatthews1999@gmail.com)

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, Occasional 3rd, Occasional Vets, All Junior sides from U6 to

Colts, u13s and u15s girls teams

North Petherton

(Founded 1893)

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

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

Chairman: Bill Frost, 1 Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6QP

(H: 01278 663535; M: 07808 811999; E: billnprfc@aol.com)

Secretary: Clive Pearn, 48 Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6QT (H: 01278 663032; M: 07920 194717; E: clive@pearn.go-plus.net)

Treasurer: Mrs Kirsty Roberts, 32, Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton,

Somerset TA6 6QS (H: 01278 662246; M: 07894 665079; E: kirstytett23@aol.com) Fixtures Secretary: Neil Prescott, 25 Gordon Terrace, Bridgwater, Somerset

TA6 5JP (H: 01278 420795; M: 07545 020626; neil.prescott@hotmail.co.uk)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Nic Sestaret (M: 07500 666922; E: woolacott796@btinternet.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mrs Sharon Sweet, 3 Kingsdown Close, Bridgwater,

Somerset TA6 4XT (M: 07525 125928; E: s sweet@sky.com)

Club Colours: Black/white.

Ground: Beggars Brook, Taunton Road, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6NW (01278 663028). Leave the M5 at Junction 24. On the main A38 just outside the village of North Petherton on the way to Taunton.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Women's, U18, U17, 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: Ladies NCC South West 2 North

Club Website: 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)

Chairman: James Trezona, 6 Miners Close, Long Ashton

BS41 9DE (H: 01275 392492; M: 07974 178575; E: jtrezona@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Ben Bagnall, 31 Anglesea Place, Bristol BS8 2UN (Mob

07483 447688 E: BenB@Robbins.co.uk)

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

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

Fixtures Secretary: Llewelyn Pickering, 20A Ashgrove Road, Bristol BS6 6NA,

(M: 07855 601276 E: llewelyn.pickering@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: Llewelyn Pickering (as Fixtures Secretary)
Club Coach: Simon Hunt (E: impactrugby@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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

Junior & Youth Secretary: Paul Tinkler as above.

Juniors Coaching: Simon Hunt as above Club Colours: Maroon, amber and green

Ground: Memorial Playing Field, Failand, Bristol BS8 3TQ (01275 392137). Off B3219 Beggar Bush Lane, Failand, Bristol, behind the former Corus Hotel / Redwood Lodge Country Club).

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Vets, Ladies, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Minis. U14 Girls

Old Culverhaysians

(Founded 1959)

League: Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.oldculverhaysians.co.uk

Chairman: Nigel Franckom, 58 Haycombe Drive, Bath, BA2 1PG

(M: 07780 622405; E: nigelfranky@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Wayne Miller, 19 Chantry Mead Road, Bath BA2 2DE

(H: 01225 340717; M: 07525 842715; E: waynemiller1@blueyonder.co.uk) **Treasurer:** Nick Harding, Westend Cottage, Number 1, Hunstrete, Bristol

BS39 4NT (H: 01761 490186)

Fixtures Secretary: Nigel Frankcom, 58 Haycombe Drive, Bath BA2 1PG

(M: 07780 622405; E: nigelfranky@hotmail.com)
Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

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

E: bigmace49@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Secretary

Club Colours: Black / Amber

Ground: Odd Down Sports ground, Chelwood drive, Odd Down, Bath. Follow to Traffic lights at Noads Corner, follow signs to Odd Down Sports Ground approx.

300 yards from lights **Teams:** 1st, Vets, Mini

Old Redcliffians

(Founded 1918)

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

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

Chairman: Christopher Fry, 30 Dunedin Way, St Georges, Weston-super-Mare,

North Somerset, BS22 7RN (H: 01934 510023; M: 07778 595968;

E: chris.frv1@o2.co.uk)

Secretary: John Price, 5 Sherwell Rd, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4JX

(0117 99771560, M: 07939 138196, E: j_price@sky.com) **Treasurer:** Malcolm Gleed, c/o Clubhouse (M: 07860 620609;

E: papa-g@hotmail.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Russell Yandell, c/o Clubhouse (H: 01275 373444;

M: 07828 796504: E: russvandell@hotmail.com)

Referee Contact: As Secretary

Club Coach: Saul Nelson, c/o Clubhouse

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. ¼ mile right hand side.

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

Old Sulians RFC Limited

(Founded 1926)

League: 1st, Somerset 1

Club Website: www.oldsulians.com

Chairman: Tom Shaw, Flat 4, Belvedere, Bath BA1 5ED (M: 07789 980162;

E: t0m0shaw@gmail.com)

Secretary: Terry Haines, 16A Rockliffe Avenue, Bath BA2 6QP (H: 01225 465107;

W: 0117 9797540; E: terry.j.haines@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Jon Wrigley, 30 Horsecombe Brow, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5QY

(01225 832006; E: jon54wrigley@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Maria Davies, 6 Highfield Road, Peasedown St John, Bath BA2 8HF (H: 01761 435701; M: 07522 184412;E: bigtd190461@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: Maria Davies, as for Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: Tom Shaw, as for Chairman

Club Colours: Red & blue.

Ground: Lansdown Road, Bath (01225 310201) Follow Lansdown Road from city centre. Ground is on left 500m after Hare & Hounds.

Teams: 1st

Oldfield Old Boys

(Founded 1950)

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

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

Chairman: Pat Bunton, Valley View, St Julian Rd, Shoscombe, Bath BA2 8NB (H: 01761 439807: W: 01225 341230: M: 07977 453694: E: pb@lcplc.co.uk)

Secretary: Steve Godwin. 12 Lime Grove Gardens. Bath BA2 4HE

(H/F: 01225 318612; W: 01453 837109; M: 07977 275548; E: stevegodwin36@hotmail.com) Treasurer: As Chairman

Fixtures Secretary: Chris Quintin, 47 Longfellow Avenue, Bear Flat, Bath

BA2 4SJ

(H: 01225 480460; M: 07973 839499 E: chris.quintin@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Chris Lilley (M: 07583 939570; E: chrislilleyrugby@aol.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Lee Morris, 9 Middlewood Close, Odd Down, Bath

BA2 2TU (H: 01225 590568: E: leemorris431@amail.com)

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 entranceis past the pitches on the right hand side.

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

Pelicans

(Founded 1968)

Club Website:

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 House: 1st Floor, The Globe Inn, Market Place, Somerton TA11 7LX

(01458 272474)

Club President: Goff Rumbles, Gardeners Cottage, Kingsdon, Somerton,

Somerset, TA11 7JZ (H: 01935 840132; M: 07836 521655;

E: goff@rumbles.uk.com)

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

Secretary: Chris Palmer, 2 Hawthorne Close, High Ham, Langport, Somerset, TA10 9EA (T. 01458 251066; M: 07527 045662; E: chris1953p@gmail.com)
Treasurer: Paul Farmer, Moortown Farm, Curry Rival, Somerset, TA10 0AB

(M: 07515 652321; E: paulfarmer1@me.com)

Fixtures Secretary: As Chairman

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coaches: Mark Patten (E: markpatten.photos@gmail.com)

Club Colours: Blue and yellow

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Chairman

Ground: Somerton Recreation Ground, Gassons Lane, Somerton TA116HS (Tel: 01458 273808). The ground can be found on the B3153 (Langport Road). Turn into Gassons Lane, by the side of ground and then turn right into the car park.

Teams: 1st, U18 (Colts - friendlies only), Girls U18 (friendlies only)

St. Bernadette's Old Boys

(Founded 1962)

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

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

Chairman: Eddie Quirke, 1 Hitherbath Bridge, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5JD

(M: 07825 058016; E: eddie.guirke@wilts.co.uk)

Secretary: Richard Blacker, 44 Paddock Garden, Bristol BS14 0TG

(M: 07887 855477; E: Richard blacker@skv.com)

Treasurer: Matt Morgan, 12 Paddock Gardens, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0TG

(M: 07977 716641; E: mattmorgan67@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

Club Coach: John Cole & Kevin Crehan

Junior & Youth Secretary: Nick Marshall (M: 0796 0989479:

E: marsh.y@blueyonder.co.uk)

200m on the left past this building.

Club Colours: Green and blue hoops. 2nd Choice of Colours: Blue and yellow Ground: Bamfield, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0XD (01275 891500) From A37 – follow signs for Bristol Airport. At traffic lights in a large dip on junction with Airport Road, turn left. 0.5 mile at traffic lights, signed Action Indoor Sports, club is 0.25 mile right before sport centre running track. From Bristol Airport on A38- turn right at Kings Head pub. At bottom of the road turn right towards Bishopsworth. At mini roundabout, turn left and stay on this road until you reach a very large roundabout and follow signs for Action Indoor Sports. The club is

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

St. Brendan's Old Boys

(Founded 1929)

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

Club Website: www.sbobrfc.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: 0117 9248905; M: 07988 811175; E: chairman@sbobrfc.co.uk)

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

(H: 0117 9241390; M: 07786 573292; E: secretary@sbobrfc.co.uk)

Treasurer: Stephen Power (M: 07791 935918;

E: Stephen.power@lloydstsb.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Martin Chandler, Flat 3, Ashley Heights, Ashley Down Road,

Bristol BS7 9DD; M: 07967 470055; E: martin.chandler@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary

Coach: Paul Beet (M: 07771 543853; E: PaulBeet@astrased.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: as Secretary Club Colours: Maroon and Old Gold

Ground: Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, Coombe Lane, Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2BJ (Reception: 01179 626718). From Jnct 17 of the M5: Leave the Cribbs Causeway roundabout (Jnct 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 stright 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, Colts, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Stothert and Pitt (Founded 1903)

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

Club Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/stothertpitt
Chairman: Tony Adams. 52 Naischcombe Hill. Wick. Bristol BS30 5QS

(H: 01173 822311; M: 07906 546887; E: tonyadams29@hotmail.co.uk)
Secretary: Shaun McGall. 123 Greenvale Drive. Timsbury. Bath. BA2 0NR

(M: 07917 414382; E: shaun mcgall@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Jon Burcombe, 99 Midford Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5RT

(M: 07813 68332; E: burcombes@midford99.freeserve.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Tom Drew, 27 Hill Avenue, Victoria Park, Bristol, BS3 4SN

(W: 01179 338043; M: 07813 088593; E: tom.drew@immediate.co.uk)

Referees contact: Tom Drew, as above

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

Junior & Youth Secretary U16: Shaun McGall, 123 Greenvale Drive, Timsbury,

Bath, BA2 0NR (M: 07917 414382; E: shaun.mcgall@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Blue, black and amber. Change colour: green and white.

Ground: Bristol Road. Corston. Bath BA2 9DJ (01225 874802). On A4 Bath –

Bristol road three miles west of Bath and one mile east of Saltford

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U16

Taunton RFC 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. 1/2 mile at the Bathpool Inn turn right into Hyde Lane. Taunton RFC is situated 1/2 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: torrfc.co.uk

Club Address: Brian Harbinson, Memorial Park, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury,

Somerset BA6 9BH (H: 01458 832236)

Chairman: Dumiso Ncube, Khaya House, 24 High Street, Queen Camel, Somerset BA22 7NQ (M: 07875 862057; E: dumiso.ncube@btinternet.com)

Secretary: Rob Sheldrake, Edington Villa Farm, Broadway, Edington, Somerset

TA7 9JP (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: Matt Coley, Silverwood, Havyatt, Glastonbury, Somerset

BA6 8LF (M: 07860 272004; E: matt.coley@britishrenewables.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

Club Coach: Jerry Davies (M: 07971 554543; E: jeckers@tiscali.co.uk)
Junior & Youth Secretary: John Sturgess, 42 West End, Street, Somerset

BA16 0LW (M: 07979 595204; E: sturgeuk@yahoo.co.uk)

Club Colours: Maroon, Navy and Gold

Ground: Lowerside Park, Lowerside Lane, Glastonbury, BA6 9BH

(01458 832236). Signposted off the A39 at Glastonbury.

Teams: 1st. 2nd. U12. U11. Mini

University of Bath

(Founded 1967)

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

Club Website: www.Teambath.com/rugby

Club Address: Bath University, Claverton Down Road, Bath BA2 7AY (Chairman: Hugh Meatyard 07576306153; Aaron James Head of Rugby: 07979 536919; www.teambath.com; E: SUSA rugby@lists.bath.ac.uk or SUSA@bath.ac.uk)
Chairman: Hugh Meatyard. C/O Bath University Student Association. Claverton

Down BA2 7AY (M: 07576306153; E: hugh_meatvard@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Contact Chairman Treasurer: Contact Chairman

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 Referee Contact: Contact Club Coach

Junior & Youth Secretary: Contact Club Coach

Club Colours: Royal blue Shirts & Shorts. 2nd choice of colours: White Shirts,

Blue Shorts

Ground: Bath University Main Campus Sports Grounds. Once on campus – go to the Sports Training Village Reception for directions and changing room/pitch allocation. Also Sulis Club BA2 7AU

Teams: Men's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2 Freshers, 1st Women's, Men's 3 Intramural/

social 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.

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

Wellington RFC Ltd.

(Founded 1874)

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

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

Chairman: Mr Phil Braddick, 71 Barrington Way, Wellington, Somerset

TA21 9BF (H: 01823 663442

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: mattbcolman@gmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Paul Smith, 10 Rockwell Gate, Rockwell Green, Wellington

TA21 9EB (M: 07515 626319; E: smudge190@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: as Secretary

Coach: Matt Parsons

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 then 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: johnwowen@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, South West 1 West; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 3rd, Somerset 2 North

Club Website: www.westonrugby.co.uk

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

E: chairman@westonrugbv.co.uk)

Secretary: Rob Solomon, 5, The Retreat, Camp Rd, Weston-super-Mare

BS23 2EN (H: 01934 418377; W: 05603 496282; M: 07966 250859;

E: secretary@westonrugby.co.uk)

Treasurer: Peter Sloman, c/o Clubhouse (M: 07468 456313;

E: treasurer@westonrugby.co.uk)

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

Club Coach: Glenn Dickson (M: 07860 386684; E: gdickson08@gmail.com)

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

BS40 5JQ (M: 07787 126401; E: juniorchair@westonrugby.co.uk)

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

Shirts, Blue Shorts & Blue Socks.

Ground: Recreation Ground, Sunnyside Road North, Weston-super-Mare BS23 3PA (Office: 01934 623118; Bar: 01934 628530). 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, U16, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Wincanton

(Founded 1982)

League: Dorset & Wilts 4

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

Chairman: Keith Lavelle, Sandpit Cottage, Horsington, Templecombe, Somerset

BA8 0DJ (M: 07711 350124, E: keith@canine-kit.com)

Secretary: Chris Hoadley, Cutts Close Farm, Verrington Lane, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8BW (M: 07974 207324; E: hoaders01@yahoo.co.uk)

Treasurer: Barry Taylor, The Red House, West Hill, Wincanton, Somerset

BA9 9BY (M: 07980 455614; E: bjtaylor uk@yahoo.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: As Secretary..com) **Referees Contact:** As Secretary.

Club Coach: As Secretary

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Secretary.

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

Ground: Wincanton Sports Centre, West Hill, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 9EJ (M: 07974 207324) Follow signs for Wincanton Sports Centre which is situated

on West Hill next to King Arthur's School)

Teams: 1st

Winscombe (Founded 1962)

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

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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

Club Website: www.wiveliscomberfc.co.uk

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Ground: Recreation Ground. West Road. Wiveliscombe TA4 2TB

(H: 01984 623897), Take B3227 Taunton to Barnstaple Road, Ground on left as you leave town.

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

Wvvern (Founded 1970)

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

Club website: www.wvvernrfc.co.uk

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Club Colours: Red

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. 2nd

Yatton (Founded 1968)

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

Club Website: www.yattonrugby.co.uk

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Club Colours: Amber & Black hoops

Ground: The Park, North End, Yatton, North Somerset BS49 4AW

(01934 832085) 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, U16, U12, U11, Mini.

Yeovil (founded 1995) formerly Ivel Barbarians

League: 1st Dorset & Wilts 2 South

Club Website: www.ivelrugby.co.uk

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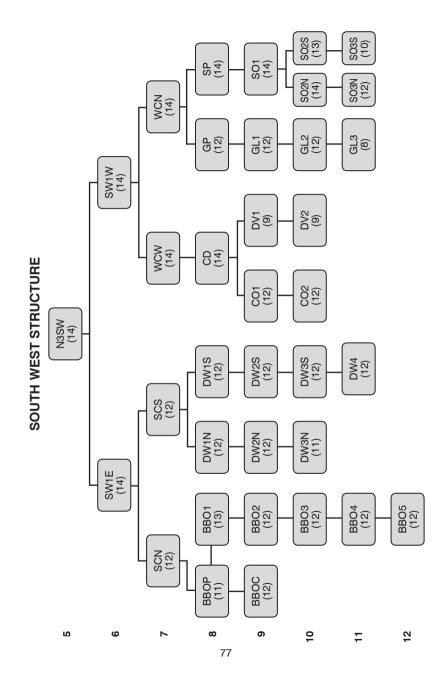
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Club Colours: Black & White quarters.

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

roundabout on the A37 Yeovil to Dorchester Road.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Women's, Vets U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini





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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	F	espect	Enjoyment	Discipline	Sportsmanship
	٧	Play to win	– but not at all	costs.	
	٧	Win with d	ignity, lose with	grace.	
	٧	Observe th	e Laws and reg	ulations of the	game.
	٧	Respect op	ponents, refere	es and all parti	cipants.
	٧	Reject chea	ating, racism, vi	olence and dru	gs.
	٧	Value volur	nteers and paid	officials alike.	
	٧	Enjoy the g	ame.		



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SCRFU REFEREES SOCIETY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT

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The highlight of the 2014/15 Season was the 125th Anniversary Dinner held at Bridgewater RFC. The evening was organised superbly by Barry Malpass but sadly due to a very dodgy prawn curry the night before he spent the evening elsewhere!!

We were delighted to be able to tell our guest speaker from the London Society that they are the second oldest Referees Society in the world with Somerset being the oldest.

Let's just say that again - Somerset Rugby Referees Society is the oldest Rugby Referees Society in the world.

The Society continues to grow with new members joining and taking up officiating duties throughout the county. Special thanks to Jason Wallis for all his hard work with Recruitment and Retention and for maintaining the Society website.

Over the last two years additional clubs have asked us to provide match officials and during 2014/15 we started to provide referees for Yatton.

The Society are being asked to officiate more and more games each season

(clubs, schools colleges and universities) and as far as possible we try to cover the games but sometimes it is just not possible due to referee availability and late notice of games.

The appointments could not be undertaken without a well organised and enthusiastic team of volunteers. So on behalf of all clubs and referees many thanks to Mike Purse, Reg Lewis and Mike Fullegar – without you I don't know what we would do!

We try and watch and assess as many referees as possible but we are limited by the number of Assessors available. If there are any retired referees who would like a new "career" please let me know as we can then look to arrange assessor courses.

Graeme King Secretary

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

WHEN REFEREING 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 Bule 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 and 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 to a Committee to a 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.

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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 ARRITRATION

Every dispute of the type specified in Section 60 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 or any amendment, modification or re-enactment thereof (not being one in respect of which the decision falls to be made in some other way under these Rules) shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator (pursuant to the Arbitration Act for the time being in force) to be appointed in default of agreement between the parties to the dispute by the President (or failing whom one of the other office holders) for the time being of the Union.

32 INTERPRETATION

Subject to the provisions of the Act any difference of opinion as to the interpretation of these Rules or on any matter not provided for therein shall be decided by the Chairman of a General Meeting at such Meeting or by the Committee in every other circumstance, and every such decision shall be recorded in the minutes and shall be accepted as the true meaning until thereafter otherwise interpreted on due notice at a subsequent General Meeting.

33 SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

the Act means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978 and any

subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies

Auditors means the auditors of the Constituent Body for the time being.

Club means a club admitted into membership of the Constituent Body in accordance

with the Rules of the Constituent Body.

Constituent Body means Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited

Committee means the committee designated in Rule 13 and "Committee Member" or

"Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee for the time

being and shall include a person co-opted under Rule 11.2.

Financial Statement means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing

Income and Expenditure.

Game means the game of rugby union football.

General Meeting means a general meeting of Members

Honorary Life Members Means persons, in recognition of outstanding service to the Constituent Body,

nominated by the Committee and elected by the Members in General Meeting means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being

 Honorary Secretary
 means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being means members of Clubs who are elected to membership of the Constituent Body by the Committee, having first been proposed and seconded by two

existing Individual Members

IRB means the world Governing Body of the Game which at the date of the

adoption of these Rules is the International Rugby Board of which the Union

is a member.

IRB Regulations means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated

by the IRB from time to time.

Laws of the Game means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which

the Game is played throughout the world.

 Member
 means a member of the Constituent Body.

 Officers
 means the officers designated in Rule 12.

Registrar means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central

Office of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Regulation means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule

4.12

Representative(s) means the representative(s) elected to represent the Constituent Body on the

Council of the Union in accordance with the Rules of the Union for the time

being registered with the Registrar

Rules means the Rules of the Constituent Body for the time being registered with

the Registrar.

Union means the Rugby Football Union

SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

REGULATIONS

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH TICKETS: The rates of subscription to the Constituent Body shall be decided by the Committee and any alteration shall be confirmed by the members of the Constituent Body at an Annual General Meeting. Membership shed 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.
- 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 he 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.
- 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, hirring, 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 14days 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 Meetings. 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 guorum 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-Committee 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-Committe.
 - 11.1.2 The Chairman of any Sub-Committe shall have a second or casting vote, and the quorum necessary for the transaction of business by a Sub-Committe shall be one third of its appointed members or as the Committee may determine.
 - 11.1.3 A Sub-Committe 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 to an Officer.

12 OFFICERS

- 12.1 The Officers of the Society shall be The President, the Chairman the Vice-Chairman the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Society may in General Meeting from time to time determine.
- 12.2 The Officers of the Society shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.3.
- 12.3 Each Officer on election at an Annual General Meeting shall hold office from the end of that Meeting until the end of the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 12.4 If any such offices shall fall vacant between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee for the period of the vacancy.

13 COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Committee shall consist of those persons elected under Rules 8.1.4 and 8.1.6 and those named under 8.1.7
- 13.2 A Member of the Committee shall hold office from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected until the end of the following Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.3 The guorum 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 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 SFAI

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

Committee Member or Member of the Committee means a member of the Committee for the time

being and shall include a person co-opted under Rule 11.2

Financial Statement means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing

Income and Expenditure.

Game means the game of Rugby Union Football.
General Meeting means a general meeting of Members.

Honorary Secretary means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being.

He or she may also be the Executive Director.

IRB means the world Governing Body of the Game which at the date of the

adoption of these Rules is the International Rugby Board of which the Union

is a Member.

IRB Regulations means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game promulgated

by the IRB from time to time.

Laws of the Game means the laws promulgated by the IRB from time to time according to which

means the laws promulgated by the IRB fro the Game is played throughout the world.

 Member
 means a member of the Society.

 Officers
 means the officers designated in Rule 12.

 Referees Union
 means the Ruoby Football Referees' Union.

Registrar means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central

office of the Financial Services Authority and shall include the statutory

successor carrying on the relevant functions of any of them.

Regulation means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule

4.11.

Rules means the Rules of the Society for the time being registered with the Registrar.

Union means the Rugby Football Union.

Gender All references to the male gender shall apply equally to the female gender.

Communication Where communication with Members is concerned "written" or "in writino"

shall include sending such communication electronically.



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2015-2016 SEASON

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Please admit Holder to all County Friendly matches, Under-20 matches, Under-18 XV matches and other matches as designated by the County Committee of Management.

PLEASE NOTE

This Handbook can only be used for admission purposes if validated by the County Secretary's signature.

......County Secretary