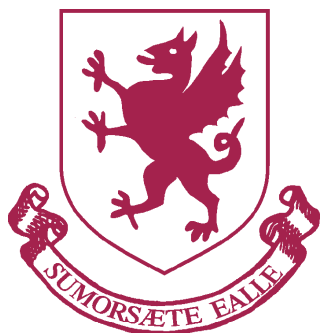


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**FOREWORD BY ANDY SHORNEY,
PRESIDENT, SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY
FOOTBALL UNION LTD 2016–2017**

As someone born in Wellington and having lived in the County all of my life I am greatly honoured to have been elected as the Somerset RFU President for the coming year and I would like to thank you all for your support in this regard. I am both proud and grateful to have been elected.

My association with Somerset RFU began back in 1972 when I was selected to play as a 19yr old for the full County XV in a match against Exeter RFC, who were celebrating their Centenary Season. Following on from then (and it took another 4 years to be selected again!) I received my County cap for playing 20 matches and much later I became the Disciplinary Secretary and for a further 12 seasons as Secretary. During these most enjoyable years I have met some wonderful exponents of the game and some truly exceptional volunteers who always represented their clubs in the best way possible. Some are still involved in one way or another in the sport they love and others have stepped aside for younger men and women to take over the reigns.



During the season I hope to be able to visit as many of the clubs that I can to meet some of these volunteers to thank them for the work they do for rugby. I also hope it will provide an opportunity to meet some old, and not so old, members of our thriving clubs for an opportunity to informally discuss any problems that clubs face and what they feel the County Committee, or RFU, can do to assist them.

To all of our individual members, member clubs and sponsors I extend best wishes for an enjoyable and successful season and let us all try to maintain and develop rugby at all levels in our County.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and wish you good luck this season.

Sumorsaete Ealle!

*Andy Shorney
Somerset County RFU President*

**FOREWORD BY PETER BAINES, PRESIDENT,
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
2016–2017**

It is a real pleasure to wish all involved in Somerset rugby a successful and enjoyable 2016/17 season as I take up the role of RFU President. It is a particular delight for me having been born and brought up in Somerset and introduced to rugby there.

The legacy of Rugby World Cup 2015 is still alive and well and I know that Somerset's hard working volunteers continue to ensure that as many players as possible, both young and old, have the opportunity to play rugby.

This season, with the introduction of Old Mutual Wealth Kids First Rugby, it is to be hoped that more and more youngsters have such a fun time playing that they will continue in our sport long into the future.

From the Somerset County XV, to all your excellent coaches and match officials, I know that rugby union continues to thrive in Somerset. It does so thanks to that army of volunteers that we rely on throughout the game and throughout the land.

You have contributed to the development of many leading players, among them Richard Hill and Jerry Guscott, Danielle Waterman and Marlie Packer, and to the enjoyment of countless players over many years.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to work for and support the game in Somerset and to wish you all a great season.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Baines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter Baines
RFU President



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Nominations for Officers of the Union

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

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

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

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

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Club Development

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Competitions

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Discipline

D Chalmers (Chair), S Mead (Secretary), A Bennett, N Robins, H Davies,
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J Wheatley, K Travers, P Shepherd, M Hawkes

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P Shepherd, S Arnold, M Hawkes

Bath Combination

S Mead, J Wheatley

Bristol Combination

S Arnold & P Box

ERCA

D Chalmers, S Mead, & A A Shorney

Representatives Referees Society

S Mead

South West Mutual Benefit Fund

A A Shorney & D Chalmers

DPP

J Wheatley

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

Discipline

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

Rugby Development Partnership

- Have responsibility for providing teams at all age levels for SCR FU 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 SCR FU 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 2015–2016 SEASON

COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the end of my first season in the role of Secretary, I would like to start my report by thanking the Committee and in particular the elected officers for all their assistance throughout the year. It has sometimes been a steep learning curve with a few bumps along the way and I would also like to extend my thanks to all my contacts at the Clubs for their patience.

It is reassuring and at times inspiring to see the work of volunteers and RFU staff throughout the county, enabling all those involved in the game in the county to continue to enjoy this great game we are involved in. Without their commitment that would be much more difficult to achieve.

If the performance of the national side during the world cup was disappointing to say the least, as an event it was a huge success, which it is hoped will go on to make the game in this country stronger as a result. Obviously since then the appointment of Eddie Jones and the 100% record that has ensued gives us great hope for the future.

Whilst it is reassuring from the disciplinary committee report that discipline cases are about the same as last year and have not increased, there remains serious concerns particularly in junior rugby around both player and spectator behaviour. Once again we must point out that 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.

One area in particular which is a very positive story is the continuing growth in girls and women's rugby in the county, with the girls representative teams in particular being very successful and national recognition taking place at both U-18 & U-20 level.

In the leagues Taunton again challenged at the top of the table throughout the season in National League 2 South before tailing off a little towards the end but still finished in the Top 4 with a very impressive home record. At Level 5 Hornet's and Old Redcliffian's both continued to consolidate their position in that league. In the Tribute South West One West, Weston led the way finishing 4th, Bridgwater & Albion, North Petherton, Clevedon and Chard all maintained their place in the league but unfortunately Wells were relegated after a very poor second half to the season. They have been replaced by Midsomer Norton who will be playing at their highest ever level having won promotion from Southern Counties in a play-off.

In the remaining Tribute sponsored leagues congratulations also go to Yatton who won Somerset Premier, and Bridgwater 2nds for winning Somerset One with a 100% record. Worthy winners in Somerset Two North were Old Redcliffians 3rds and Two South, Wells 2nds. Three North and South were won by Whitehall 2nds and Yeovil 3rds respectively.

All winners were invited to attend the League sponsors Tribute Presentation evening at the Weston Super Mare club in May and received their well-deserved awards. Congratulations go to all of these clubs. The tribute you've earned it

award was won by Old Culverhaysians who battled through a difficult season but still managed to play 19 out of their 20 league fixtures.

In the County Cup the Final was a Weston derby, held at Weston Super Mare in front of a fantastic crowd of 2,500 people. In game where the lead changed hands a number of times and eventually went to extra time, Hornets ran out close winners. In the Somerset Vase Yatton completed a double by defeating Tor at Weston super Mare.

In the County U18 League Chard clinched the title. The Junior competitions culminated in the finals being played on the same date at Bridgwater 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. National selections were again achieved 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

The Somerset Referees' Society 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.

Andy Shorney will be taking over from Des Chalmers as President, and we would all like to thank Des for all his hard work in that role since he took over in difficult circumstances.

Finally, I would like to thank John Harding for chairing the Committee of Management and the other Officers and members of the Committee for their advice and assistance over the year.

Good luck for next season.

Neil Skinner
County Secretary

SOMERSET RDP REPORT 2015/2016 SEASON

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. Through this mechanism the communication with clubs has been strengthened and I am personally very thankful to the clubs who have made me welcome as I have tried to visit and see how the funding has assisted club development.

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. Funding was available for clubs to submit more than one application over the season and it is rewarding to see many clubs being pro-active in looking at opportunities to recruit new players and volunteers. There are plans to fund bigger projects next season but as part of that we will be working with clubs to evaluate the effectiveness of what they set out to achieve.

My thanks, as always, to the members of the committee for their continuing support in their sub-committee chair roles, Jason Wheatley and Paul Shepherd in particular 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. His commitment to assisting clubs has seen an increase in the number of clubs fielding a girls' team, although some clubs have found it difficult to sustain all the girl age groups and this needs to be a focus for next season

We have provided funding towards the end of this season for Coach CPD and will continue to budget for this to support clubs ensuring that all age groups are trained by coaches that have the knowledge and experience to get the most out of their players.

Nat West Rugby force funding applications were strong again this season, congratulations to Bristol Harlequins, Midsomer Norton and Weston RFC who were the top 3 clubs for Somerset. The first AGP pitch to be developed at a Club is underway with Hornets and the next phase of potential clubs within the County is underway. We have also supported funding of a training session slot at Odd Down to help support the clubs within the Bath Combination ensure that training can continue through the winter months. The CB have also funded pitch aeration projects valued at £900 per club and to date 9 of the 13 clubs identified for this season have signed up to take advantage of the funding. We are keen to develop these projects further next season as the feedback from the clubs has been very supportive of the practical help we are able to give.

Every club would not be able to function without the volunteers that turn up every week and as a CB we are looking for any opportunity to say thank you in some way. Events this season have included a Hospitality box at Bath and England U20 game in Bristol. Other volunteers have attended games at Twickenham as well as the CB County games in May. We were also fortunate that volunteers have attended the President's lunches and we will continue to nominate volunteers for any event we are aware of. Thanks to the Clubs for providing names for the database but can always have room for more, please e-mail through the Somerset website.

*Alison Bennett
Somerset RDP Chair*

SOMERSET COUNTY RFU 15/16 REPORT

CORE PURPOSE

“Strengthening clubs and growing the game in the communities around them”

RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS

Through a series of Targeted Delivery program's the local RFU team have worked with many clubs throughout the county to recruit new players. These programs involve funding and equipment, linking schools and clubs better and specialist CRC coach support, all over three years. One highlight from this intervention is the creation of **new girl's teams at Chard RFC at U13 and U15**. Holyrood school was supported by the local CRC to introduce girl's rugby and signpost those most keen to the club with **20 players making the transition**. There is one more year of the three year program and we are on track to realise the aim, which is sustainable club-school links and girls teams U13-U18 linked into the ladies section.

Further **new teams in 15/16** were supported at Minehead Ladies, Morganian's 2nd XV, Burnham on Sea U18 boys, Wellington and Taunton U13 & U15 girls, Stothert & Pitt U16 boys, Yeovil 2nd XV and with **54 new players** in season 1516, Bath Ladies 2nd XV.

RETAINING AND DEVELOPING PLAYERS

The Age Grade Competition Review came on the road to Millfield earlier this year to publish its findings and promote the changes to the game which come into effect Sept 16. The Kids First pledge has been taken by **12 clubs and schools** across the county to ensure children are put at the heart of everything we do in our clubs.

The part RFU funded Odd Down site in Bath was used for social student rugby and over **60 participants** took part. These were largely men who did not want to or could not commit to university rugby but still wanted a regular fix. This year the focus was on informal, fun, games-based sessions but next year we hope to build a few fixtures in and develop club links.

RECRUITING AND RETAINING HIGH QUALITY REFEREE'S, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

The Young Rugby Ambassador program has linked to vRugby this year and new sign-ups **total 22** across the whole county. Participants can log their volunteer hours and gain awards and stash for each level achieved.

RFU staff have helped identify and mentor **36** new qualified club coaches across Level 1 and Level 2 Coach Award courses. Further **90** referee's have been developed across Level 1 and 2 Referee Award courses, many supported by Jason Wallis of the Referee's Society. In addition over **1000** attendees have developed themselves through CPD Workshops such as TAG, In Touch, First Aid and Play it Safe. Many have been identified between CRC's and Club Coaching Co-ordinators.

In June the county's first **RUISS course was delivered to 12 secondary school teachers**. This course has been developed specifically for teachers and incorporates much of the Level 2 content within a school setting.

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT FACILITIES

This year many clubs have bid successfully for **Rugby Football Foundation** grants. These are available to all clubs every 24 months and involve 5K matched funding. Avon gained funding for a re-wiring project in their clubhouse, Cheddar for a floodlight upgrade, Gordano for repairs and upgrading, Somerton for pitch equipment and Stothert & Pitt for pitch maintenance.

Weston super Mare have become the latest club to join the 'Transforming Social Spaces' funding program with a renovation of their members bar and entrance area.

ADMIN AND GOVERNANCE

The Accreditation scheme continues to grow with Avon and Bath Old Edwardian's joining the **existing 21 clubs** who have previously engaged. Not only does the process provide clubs with a Sport England approved status it involves action planning and many clubs have found this to be of benefit as they look to their future.

INTEGRATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Somerset Colleges Partnership was set up this year to provide activity to students at local colleges who were not getting regular opportunity's. The CRC team provided pitch up n play activity across the county to introduce different formats of rugby to **16-18 year old males and females**. The first event was Oct 15 at Bridgwater College and **70+ students** attended and played varied formats of the game.

3 clubs have joined the O2 Touch Centre program, Imperial, Winscombe and Castle Cary, which looks to attract non-rugby players into our clubs through fun and easy going touch sessions. Each club will look to run three blocks of activity over the year whether it be on site or at an external ground and will be supported with £5000 funding over three years.

SENIOR PLAYING REPORT

I would like to start by thanking the senior rugby committee for their hard work and in particular Jason Wheatley and Steve Arnold for their contribution to making the season 2015/2016 happen.

With that in mind, yet another season gone and where are we? Well we have as a county yet again produced some real quality rugby at senior men & women levels.

Successful and enjoyable? Well what is success and in who's eyes?

If it's all about winning and a league / club cup mentality then we underachieved. There are those that sit amongst us will only see success as winning.

However if it's about, doing something different, doing the very best you can with what you have, developing as a person and a rugby player and enjoying being a part of it. Then we have been winners in so many good and different ways.

In the Woman's game. We have had 60+ ladies come and try senior rugby. All have gone off with a bit of kit that has a Somerset logo on it, now being seen in clubs and towns around the county! We have produced a group of players that see no cliques and a brand new sevens team that say "I just wanna play"

An open to all policy for non-pathway players that if I'm being frank (Frank is not a nice bloke) doesn't sit well with everybody but we feel as a collective group of coaches managing senior rugby this is the way for all to access rugby at this level. No matter who you are. The ladies have been superb in their commitment to the group and from all our feedback in their words "Loved it" Its important for us we get the feedback from those that participate because actually they are the only ones that know the experience. Believe me, social media allows that feedback. My thanks to Steve Baber, Steve Arnold & Mark Constable. These guys have worked with the ladies this season and are very much a part of the development of women's rugby in the county. I see and hear far too much about people involved in "coaching" who are not coaches but organise and administrate teams of talented players who then get plaudits when in fact they have done nothing to motivate or coach. I do think we in senior ladies rugby are still making mistakes, however we are learning from them and more importantly happy to listen and put it right. These three guys have "Coached" "Inspired" & "Motivated" and most importantly left the plaudits to the ladies who participate. Their journey has just begun as a ladies coaching group. It's a great start from all involved, thank you.

The Men's senior group, well a tough one, some superb rugby with the first wins in 10 & 13 years respectively against North Midlands and Kent again, however a loss against Devon the first in 10 years.

We played some super rugby on occasions and our victory against Kent, the Twickenham finalists was superb.

Our 1st XV and development side were yet again effected by county cup competitions both south & north of the river "Malago" We really do ourselves no favours at all with cup planning and "Tails wagging dogs" scenarios both in this county and the other one beginning with "G" It is time for a large scale review of cup rugby in this county. It has been fractured for three or four seasons now and needs refreshing in its admin and playing format. Of course that is if CB rugby is to be our priority and that is in doubt! For me it's a "no brainer" we try and give club rugby players a vehicle "should they want it" to try something different and in

many cases play the highest level of rugby they will ever play and a shop window that may allow some of them to go to the "Next level" Now it does not always sit well with club coaches that "their" rugby players may try and be better however first and foremost those rugby players are not "property of" and many contrary to common belief want to be the best they can as we have seen this past four or five years now a lot of rugby players out there want to challenge themselves to be better. This season for example saw players from the county cup winners Hornets who are right at the top of their game in the county join up with players from NAT 2 Taunton & Clifton to form strong bonds on and off the rugby field. It saw Haydn Tuttiet whose grandfather played for the county at scrum half some 50 years ago also wear the county shirt at scrum half. It meant so much to Haydn pulling on the hoops. Again this for me says so much about our heritage and tradition in rugby a game that "we" can still make a special one. Yes it costs money as I'm often reminded. However at a time when sadly money is overtaking heritage and tradition all I can say is "it's worth it" ask Haydn. The competitive animal is an intricate creature and one that is hungry to be better. Long may it continue and more importantly in this county.

Our under 20's group worked hard to compete at national level and performed really well just missing out on a place at the next round. Sam Williams & James Hanks organised & coached this group overseen by Paul Shepherd. It was tough for all involved and they had to work hard to get players of this age into the shirt. This age area seems to be one of the toughest to get young men playing as we have experienced for the past three years and I firmly believe that the coaching staff should be out there watching under 20's play and getting them interested in CB rugby at this level. We need to do something different. I have no doubt from previous experience we have very talented players in the west and south of Somerset I would love to see some of them playing for the county. Again this age group is one that produces a South West group and England Counties side. I have no doubt that Paul will continue to make this group one of the building blocks for county rugby at CB & Club level.

Finally my thoughts go to the coming season and beyond. I have worked with and on occasions against, some really good people involved in rugby at CB level. Let's try and keep the good people involved and allow them and the rugby players who want to, to be the best that they can be by giving them every opportunity in Somerset.

Mark Hawkes
Senior Rugby Chairman

APPLE GROWERS 7'S

June saw the Somerset Ladies 7's team open their season with a name change to the Apple Growers 7's.

Training sessions were held at Worle. Where a squad of players from all over the county came together. Once again we entered the CF Charity 7's this year held at Bristol Barbarians RFC

The team played some good rugby and scored some great tries and should be proud of their achievements in the first tournament of the season. Our second tournament was at Yeovil 7's, where after three wins and only one loss we topped the table to come away with the trophy. The Apple Growers really are growing and hopefully after the summer that has brought 7's to the fore will attract many more players for more tournaments in 2017.

Apple Growers 7's squad

Sam England, Abi Lyndon, Daisy Travers, Steph Jones, Charlotte Hynam, Amy Dowdell, Tamzin Reis- Day, Elle Chandler, Meg Palfrey, Jasmin Donovan, Danielle Meredith, Libby Allen, Bernadette Chubb,

Coaches

Mark Hawkes, Jason Wheatley

*Steve Arnold,
Team Manager*

SOMERSET CUP REPORT 2016

After 2 close semi-finals the senior cup final this season was a Weston Super Mare derby, played at Weston Super Mare RFC, in front of a fantastic crowd of 2,500 people. In a game where the lead changed hands a number of times and eventually went to extra time, Hornets ran out close winners.

Many thanks to Weston Super Mare 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.

Semi-Finals

Old Redcliffians 20 Weston Super Mare 23

North Petherton 34 Hornets 40

Final

Weston Super Mare 27 Hornets 31

*Neil Prescott
Cup Administrator*

SOMERSET VASE REPORT 2016

Another season past, which I am sorry to say was a great disappointment as only 3 clubs participated, if this cup is to continue we need clubs to back the competition or there may not be one for the future which would be a great shame.

My congratulations to Yatton for winning the cup many thanks to Somerset referees for providing the match officials. My thanks also goes to Tor for hosting the semi-final and to Weston super mare for hosting the final.

Thanks to the players and clubs that took part let's hope there is more support from clubs next season.

Semi- final

Tor 26 v Castle Cary 0

Yatton v Morganians WO

Final

Yatton 64 v Tor 17

*Eddie Cooper,
Vase Administrator*

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUPS

U14

Winscombe 50 - Weston Super Mare 5

U15

Taunton 7 - Hornets 12

U16

Yeovil 13 - Chew Valley 5

U18

Nailsea & Backwell 37 - Hornets 12

U18 League

Winner: Chard

Runners up: Nailsea & Backwell

*Andrew Derry,
Junior Cup Administrator*

SCRFU DISCIPLINE REPORT

This season we dealt with 80 cases in total, pretty well the same as last year but with the significant difference being an increase in senior cases and a reduction in reported Age Grade discipline issues. We did not receive a single report from schools matches.

A quick analysis of these show about 50% of cases were for punch/strike and 20% for verbal abuse.

Not included in our statistics were two cases of verbal abuse handled by the RFU Discipline team as they concerned a high profile player and an RFU employed coach.

The problem of junior reporting is being addressed again in a further revamp of the Youth/Schools Regulations which should enable us to see more reports from Age Grade and Schools matches .It is hoped that even more clubs and schools will report discipline issues to the CB, as they are required to, but clearly do not always do so.

We have aligned Safeguarding into the Discipline Group, so can offer Dave Binding and his team a close support mechanism and again deal with discipline issues appropriately. Several potentially nasty issues have been dealt with through the season

Our grateful thanks as ever to those clubs who have taken the initiative in correctly handling discipline cases and a further drop in the need for personal appearances so that most cases have been dealt with being dealt with on the "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 meant fewer hearings and consequent reduction in travelling and costs.

There are no significant regulation changes to Chapter 19 expected to be issued prior to the start of the new season, though we will arrange for two roadshows early next season in order to discuss any changes with clubs, as they were held over from this season

Can I close in thanking Des Chalmers, Discipline Chairman, for all his personal support and also all the members of the Panel for their help and understanding, particularly from February when I had my unexpected heart issues.

Thank you also for all the good wishes I received during the worst times, it meant a lot.

*Steve Mead,
Discipline Secretary*

PLAYERS WITH 20 OR MORE APPEARANCES FOR SOMERSET

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

* = Pre World War I

PAST OFFICERS OF THE UNION

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1901-1902	F.H. Fox	1886-1887	F.J. Thomas
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1905-1934	Wm. S. Donne	1889-1990	F.C. Cross
1934-1941	Frank West	1990-1991	H.M. Jones
1946-1947	T.S. Bradford	1991-1992	W.A. Bishop
1947-1955	W.H. Tamlyn	1992-1993	H.M. Jones
1955-1961	R.G.B. Quick	1993-1995	F.J. Ellison
1961-1964	Arthur House	1995-1997	R.T. Bagg
1964-1967	H.L. Bradford	1997-1999	J.A. Stockwell
1967-1969	G.H. Bastable	1999-2001	B.C.J. Saunders
1969-1971	T.R.I. Morrish	2001-2003	C. MacDonald
1971-1972	T.J.M. Barrington	2003-2005	B. Durnford
1972-1973	A.O. Lewis	2005-2007	M.R. Berry
1973-1975	B.A. Tuttiett	2007-2009	J.R. Williams
1975-1977	E.J. Garland	2009-2011	J.P. Whittock
1977-1979	A.O. Lewis	2011-2013	J. Hole
1979-1981	W.R.G. Pearce	2013-2014	D. Smith
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1982-1983	E.G.W. Gunter	2016-	Andy Shorney

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1884-1891	F.H. Fox
1891-1893	G. Fox
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1905-1907	B. Morris
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1964-1965	H.L. Bradford (acting)
1966-1975	E.J. Garland
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1981-1993	F.J. Ellison
1993-2003	C. MacDonald
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1912-1928	W.S. Growtage
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1946-1961	Arthur House
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2015-	M Wicks

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

1932-1933	G.G. Gregory		J. Ackerman
1933-1937	R.A. Gerrard	1978-1979	R. Speed / F. Hartley
1937-1938	R.A. Gerrard / F.W. Williams	1979-1980	G. Parsons
1938-1939	R.A. Gerrard / F.C. Goddard	1980-1981	M. Fry / R. Lye
1945-1946	J.H. Biley / D.L. Roberts	1981-1985	J. Horton
1946-1947	D.L. Roberts / I.J.M. Lumsden	1985-1986	S. Jones
1947-1948	D.L. Roberts / F.H. Discombe	1986-1987	G. Crane / M. Reece
1948-1949	D.L. Roberts/F.H. Discombe/ K. O'Shaughnessy	1987-1988	N. Maslen / J. Horton
1949-1950	A.H. Burcombe	1988-1989	C. Lilley
1950-1951	M.D. Corbett	1989-1990	G. Crane / M. Reece
1951-1952	M.D. Corbett / A.O. Lewis	1990-1991	M. Reece
1952-1953	A.O. Lewis / B.A. Tuttiett	1991-1992	C. Book
1953-1955	B.A. Tuttiett	1992-1993	M. Reece
1955-1956	B.A. Tuttiett / J.W. Collard / J. Blake	1993-1994	N. Edmonds / S. Withey
1956-1958	J. Blake / H.F.C. Brown	1994-1995	J. Bamsey / M. Westcott
1959-1960	J. Blake	1995-1996	M. Westcott
1960-1961	J.D. Currie	1996-1998	M. Venner
1961-1962	G. Williams / J.D. Currie	1999-2001	M. Pells
1962-1963	J.D. Currie	2001-2002	D. Bird
1963-1964	D.St.G. Hazel	2002-2003	J. Gordon
1964-1965	L. Davies	2003-2004	R. Cox
1965-1966	C.W. McFadyean	2004-2005	C. Rowlands / M. Stiles
1967-1968	C.W. McFadyean/G.G. White	2005-2006	G. Cooper / A. Glen
1968-1969	C.W. McFadyean	2006-2007	M. Styles
1969-1970	G.P. Francombe	2007-2008	G. Cooper / M. Denbee
1970-1971	J.S. Waterman	2008-2009	M. Rhodes / M. Denbee
1971-1972	B.A. Dovey	2009-2010	C. McGrath
1972-1973	R.D.H. Bryce / M.C. Beese	2010-2011	C. Rowlands
1973-1975	J. White	2011-2012	C. Rowlands
1975-1976	D.G. Tyler	2012-2013	E. Hack
1976-1977	C. Kent	2013-2014	E. Hack
1977-1978	C.Kent / J. Waterman /	2014-2015	E. Hack
		2016-	B. Harvey

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION RUGBY FOOTBALL MUTUAL BENEFIT FUND

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

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

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

5. You will see the Fund was founded in 1920 under the aegis of the South West Constituent Bodies for rugby people.

Full details are available from Roger Farthing,

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

WARNING

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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

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

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

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS RE PRACTICE MATCHES

Your attention is drawn to the following:

RULE 8, CLAUSE C.

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

Note:

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

CLAIMS PROCEDURE

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

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

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	Henderson J.	Richardson E.G.	Wicks M.
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Davidge T.J.	Hole J.	Roys E.	Wood M.
Davies H.J.R.	Holley D.		Woodland G.
Dawson W.	House R.J.		
Derrick C.	Howe M.		

SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT CUP

SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT CUP FINALS

1970-71	Bath.....	13	Somerset Police.....	8
1971-72	Bath.....	13	Somerset Police.....	8
1972-73	Bridgwater & Albion.....	15	Old Redcliffians.....	9 (a.e.t)
1973-74	Bath.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	3
1974-75	Bath.....	41	Old Redcliffians.....	3
1975-76	Bath.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	7
1976-77	Bridgwater & Albion.....	18	Old Redcliffians.....	6 (replay)
1977-78	Avon & Som. Police.....	13	Combe Down.....	10
1978-79	Weston-super-Mare.....	14	Midsomer Norton.....	9
1979-80	Midsomer Norton.....	9	Bridgwater & Albion.....	6
1980-81	Weston-super-Mare.....	14	Old Redcliffians.....	6
1981-82	Keynsham.....	6	Old Redcliffians.....	3
1982-83	Bath.....	39	Old Redcliffians.....	10
1983-84	Old Redcliffians.....	22	Keynsham.....	9
1984-85	Old Redcliffians.....	28	Gordano.....	9
1985-86	Taunton.....	22	Combe Down.....	13
1986-87	Old Culverhaysians.....	16	Weston-super-Mare.....	13
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1992-93	Bridgwater & Albion.....	21	Old Redcliffians.....	5
1993-94	Clevedon.....	10	Bridgwater & Albion.....	15
1994-95	Hornets.....	14	Keynsham.....	12
1995-96	Bridgwater & Albion.....	12	Weston-super-Mare.....	11
1996-97	Bridgwater & Albion.....	26	Hornets.....	15
1997-98	Clevedon.....	10	Keynsham.....	36
1998-99	Bridgwater.....	27	Keynsham.....	21
1999-2000	Old Redcliffians.....	23	Gordano.....	6
2000-01	Bridgwater & Albion.....	20	Clevedon.....	21
2001-02	Weston-super-Mare.....	29	Walcot.....	6
2002-03	Weston-super-Mare.....	41	Clevedon.....	17
2003-04	Weston-super-Mare.....	17	Bridgwater & Albion.....	9
2004-05	Bridgwater & Albion.....	53	Clevedon.....	0
2005-06	Bridgwater & Albion.....	29	Hornets.....	20
2006-07	Weston-super-Mare.....	33	Bridgwater & Albion.....	7
2007-08	Taunton.....	48	Clevedon.....	18
2008-09	Bristol Harlequins.....	22	Weston-super-Mare.....	53
2009-10	Taunton.....	8	Weston-super-Mare.....	15
2010-11	Weston-super-Mare.....	41	Clevedon.....	19
2011-12	North Petherton.....	12	Clevedon.....	9
2012-13	Weston-super-Mare.....	33	Old Redcliffians.....	32
2013-14	Old Reds.....	30	North Petherton.....	16
2014-15	Wells.....	14	Hornets.....	30
2015-16	Weston-super-Mare.....	27	Hornets.....	31

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

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

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

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

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

6 POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 6.1 If weather conditions prevent a match being played or a match is abandoned because of such conditions

with less than 60 minutes having been played it shall be played or re-played before the date of the next round on a day and at a time agreed by the two clubs concerned and by the Committee. If there is no agreement within 4 days of the date of the match which was not played or abandoned or if the date and time agreed between the two clubs is not acceptable to the Committee, the date and kick-off time will be as directed by the Committee upon the application of either club.

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

7 GROUNDS

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

8 MATCH OFFICIALS

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

9 CLASH OF COLOURS/IDENTIFICATION OF PLAYERS

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

10 KICK-OFFS AND DELAYED ARRIVALS

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

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- 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.

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

13 PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND TRANSGRESSIONS

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SOMERSET KNOCK-OUT VASE

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2005-06	Minehead Barbarians	6	St Bernadettes.....	12
2006-07	Midsomer Norton	32	Wellington.....	26
2007-08	Avon.....	18	Wells	56
2008-09	Tor	16	Burnham on Sea	15
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- 4.1.7 A match may be played on a date in advance of the fixed date or at a different venue if both clubs agree in writing to that effect at least 48 hours before the match is due to take place and such rearrangement(s) has/have been approved by the Competitions 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 Administrator who shall deduct proper expenses and the balance shall be divided as to one third to each of the participating clubs and one third to the County Union.

13 PROTESTS, DISPUTES AND TRANSGRESSIONS

- 13.1 Any complaint of an alleged breach of these Regulations must be made to the Competition Administrator immediately by telephone and written confirmation thereof be sent to him within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint, setting out the grounds of such complaint in full. The Committee shall have absolute discretion (and using such procedure as it in its absolute discretion deems appropriate) to resolve any such complaint as it shall think fit and may decline to accept a complaint validly made if it considers doing so to be in the interests of the Competition generally or the game of Rugby Football. Subject only to the provisions of Regulation 13.2 the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 13.2 Where any party having an interest in the matter is aggrieved by any decision of the Committee taken pursuant to Regulation 13.1 above or otherwise in relation to the Competition it shall have the right to appeal that decision to the Management Committee of the County Union by so notifying the Secretary of the County Union in writing (within 48 hours of the decision of the Committee being announced) giving full details of the grounds of such appeal and supplying all evidence upon which it wishes to rely. In submitting its application the complainant Club must lodge a fee of £100; which payment will be refunded in full if the appeal is upheld.
- 13.3 The Management Committee in dealing with any appeal may use such procedures as in its absolute discretion it may decide.

14 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 14.1 Each club in consideration of the monies received by it from the County Union or any funding from a sponsor(s) whether or not received direct from the sponsor(s) or any third party for participating in the Competition agrees that by commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union and separate obligations with each other club in the Competition and with any sponsor(s) of the Competition that it will fulfill its fixtures in the Competition, comply with these Regulations and will indemnify any club which suffers loss due to failure to fulfill a fixture subject to the duty of the loss sustaining club to mitigate its losses so far as reasonably practicable.
- 14.2 Any club agreeing to play in the Competition agrees that by entering or commencing its first match in the Competition it has entered into a legally binding obligation with the County Union, any sponsor of the Competition and as a separate covenant with each other Club in the Competition, Referee, Touch Judge or Match Official involved in any match in the Competition or cancellation or abandonment thereof that it will not hold liable or make any claim against such official, the Committee or the County Union:-
- for any loss charge compensation or expense arising out of or in connection with any kind of injury or illness suffered by any player, spectator or other person,
 - for any damage to property of any kind,
 - for any other loss, cost, charge, expense or damages be it financial or consequential loss of profit or additional expense incurred or otherwise and whether directly or consequential or in relation to the result of any match,
 - arising out of or due to any decision or action that may taken under the Laws of the Game these Regulations or any other rules or regulations published by the RFU or in respect of the normal procedures to hold, play, control, cancel or abandon a match.

THE SOMERSET R.F.U. JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITIONS – REGULATIONS 2016–2017 SEASON

DEFINITIONS:

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

1 DESCRIPTION & FORM:

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

2 ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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

3 ELIGIBILITY OF CLUBS & PLAYERS:

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

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

4 MATCH OFFICIALS:

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

5 DETERMINATION OF MATCH RESULTS:

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

6 NOTIFICATION OF MATCH RESULTS:

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

7 CLASH OF COLOURS:

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

8 KICK-OFFS AND DELAYED ARRIVALS:

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

9 DISPUTES:

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

10 POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES:

- 10.1 If weather conditions (which includes bad light) prevent a match from being played or a match is abandoned because of such conditions with less than two thirds of the proper playing time having been played it shall be played or re-played before the date of the next round on a day and at a time agreed between the clubs or failing agreement as determined by the Committee. If there is no agreement within

48 hours of the match which was not played or was abandoned or if the date and time agreed is not acceptable to the Committee, then the date and time of kick-off shall be determined by the Committee.

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

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

11 REMINDERS:

11.1 Trophies must be returned to the Competitions Administrator no later than 1st April 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 2016-2017

Year	Saturday	Internationals	Eng Counties	16 Team Leagues (Levels 3 & 4)	14 Team Leagues (Levels 5 & 6)	12 Club Leagues (Levels 7 & below)	County Champ	U20's
2016	Sep 3			National 1 & 2	National 3/Divisional	National 3/Divisional		
2016	Sep 10			Lge 1	Lge 1	Lge 1		
2016	Sep 17			Lge 2	Lge 2	Lge 2		
2016	Sep 24			Lge 3	Lge 3	Lge 3		
2016	Oct 1			Lge 4	Lge 4	Lge 4		
2016	Oct 8			Lge 5	Lge 5	Lge 5		
2016	Oct 15			Lge 6	Lge 6	Lge 6		
2016	Oct 22			Lge 7	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup		
2016	Oct 29			Lge 8	Lge 7	Lge 7		
2016	Nov 5			Lge 10	Lge 9	Lge 8		
2016	Nov 12	Eng v S Africa		Lge 11	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup		
2016	Nov 19	Eng v Fiji		Lge 12	Lge 10	Lge 9		
2016	Nov 26	Eng v Argentina		Lge 13	Lge 11	Lge 10		
2016	Dec 3	Eng v Australia		Lge 14	Lge 12	Reserve/Cup		
2016	Dec 10			Lge 15	Lge 13	Lge 11		
2016	Dec 17			Lge 16	Lge 14	Lge 12		
2016	Dec 24-31			Ring-fenced weekend. No matches to be arranged unless both teams and the relevant competition committees agree.				
2017	Jan 7			Lge 17	Lge 15	Lge 13		
2017	Jan 14			Lge 18	Lge 16	Lge 14		
2017	Jan 21			Lge 19	Lge 17	Lge 15		
2017	Jan 28			Lge 20	Lge 18	Lge 16		
2017	Feb 4	Eng v Fra (4.50pm)		Lge 21	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup		Shld Rd/Cup Rd
2017	Feb 11	Wal v Eng (4.50pm)		Lge 22	Lge 19	Lge 17		
2017	Feb 18			Lge 23	Lge 20	Lge 18		
2017	Feb 25	Eng v Ita (Sun 3pm)	Eng Co. v Scot Clubs	Reserve	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup		Shld Rd/Cup Rd
2017	Mar 4			Lge 24	Lge 21	Lge 19		
2017	Mar 11	Eng v Sco (4pm)		Lge 25	Lge 22	Lge 20		
2017	Mar 18	Ire v Eng (5pm)	Ire Clubs v Eng Co.	Reserve	Reserve/Lge	Reserve/Cup		Shld Rd/Cup Rd
2017	Mar 25			Lge 26	Lge 23	Lge 21		Shld OF/Cup OF
2017	Apr 1			Lge 27	Lge 24	Lge 22		
2017	Apr 8			Lge 28	Lge 25	Lge 23		
2017	Apr 15-ES			Reserve	Reserve/Lge/Cup SF	Reserve/Cup SF		Shld SF/Cup SF
2017	Apr 22			Lge 29	Lge 26	Lge 24		
2017	Apr 29			Lge 30	PO	PO		
2017	May 6			PO	Cup F	Cup F	Pool	Shld F/Cup F
2017	May 13						Pool	
2017	May 20						Pool	
2017	May 27	England International					F	

LEAGUE COORDINATING SECRETARY

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Terry Webb, 50 Monks Park Avenue, Filton, Bristol

Gloucestershire

Derek Howe, Old Cryptians RFC
(Gloucester 414010)

ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH WEST LEAGUES 2016–2017 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 are below, these will be changed during the course of the season once RFU approval is confirmed.

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

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

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

The modifications are:

1. Second, third and lower teams of a Club may play in the modified leagues with the approval of and at the level agreed by the South West Organising Committee (SWOC), who shall consider the advice of the Somerset County RFU Limited (SCRFU).
2. A second, third or lower team may not be promoted above Level 8. In the event of such a team winning the Level 8 league or getting into a Play Off position then the next highest placed eligible side in that league shall, subject to the agreement of SWOC, take its place.
3. At Levels 8 & 9 all players must be registered with their club in accordance with the Player Registration Regulations.
4. At Level 10 and below teams may contain players who are not registered with that club. They should however be made up of bona fide club members; although if this is not possible then players may be borrowed from other clubs to make up the numbers and encourage participation in the game. However

such teams may not knowingly play players holding Effective Registration with another club at Level 8 or above.

5. Notwithstanding point 4 above and subject to point 6 below clubs at all levels are encouraged to continue to register their players.
6. Players of a club whose first team plays at Level 4 in the League or above may play for the Club's second, third or lower team in a modified league subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Players who wish to participate in league rugby at Level 10 and below may choose not to be registered with their club.
 - b. Players who wish to participate in league rugby at Levels 8 or 9 must be registered with their club and also comply with the following conditions:
 - i. Any player playing in the modified leagues is not permitted to and will not receive any Material Benefit as the same is defined in RFU Regulation 1 which for the avoidance of doubt shall include being paid or subsidised (including any arrangement for future payment bursary or subsidy in cash or in kind) in any way to play rugby by any club, sponsor, person or organisation.
 - ii. Contracted Players (as defined in RFU Regulation 1) or members of any club academy may not play in the modified leagues. A player who is or has been registered as a Contracted Player for any club in the previous 12 months will for the purposes of this regulation continue to be classified as a Contracted Player until a period of 12 months has elapsed from the date such player competed in his last match when being or registered as a Contracted Player or his contract expired or was terminated whichever is the later.
 - iii. Subject to the exception below, a player who has played for any club in its first XV, in any league match at level 4 or above (to include being nominated as a replacement) will not be permitted to play in the modified leagues for a period of 12 months from the date of such playing or selection as a replacement. Exception: The purpose of this exception is to allow clubs playing at Level 4 or above to create a pathway and progress developing players from within the club and trial them at first XV level without fear that unless they are successful they cannot continue to play for that club in the modified leagues for a period of 12 months. To facilitate this objective, players who have been registered playing members of a club for a period of 12 months prior to selection for their first league match with that club at level 4 or above may play league matches for their club at level 4 or above for a maximum of 8 games (whether they are selected as a starting player or as a replacement) and still be eligible to return to play in the modified leagues. Players injured whilst playing at level 4 or above, and are unfit to play for a period of 3 weeks or more will be able to play in the modified leagues for a period of 2 consecutive games to aid their rehabilitation.
7. If a team at level 10 and below justifiably cannot field a front row then the match will proceed with uncontested scrums. No league points will be deducted providing the fixture is honoured.
8. Two teams from the same club may not play in the same league. Subject to this, and point 14, normal promotion and relegation rules will apply except that a team may decline promotion with the approval of SWOC; who in reaching their decision shall consider advice from SCRFU. Should a team decline promotion then point 13 will apply. For the avoidance of doubt the next highest placed side in that league has no automatic right to promotion in such circumstance.
9. Where the first or higher team of a club does not have a match (but does have a lower team league fixture) on an appointed day then the club must field a genuine team(s) commensurate with the level of match (es) being played. That will include situations where a club fields a lower team but cancels a higher team's fixture on the same day. Clubs are reminded that such first team (or any other team in the Club) may also suffer penalty for non-compliance. The League Secretary may enquire into such circumstances and impose any sanction in accordance with Game Regulations.
10. In the interests of encouraging participation in the game at Level 10 or below the captains may agree prior to a match to more than 3 replacements being used by the teams in any match. At Level 10 and below teams with surplus players are encouraged to lend the opposition surplus players to make up even numbers per side.

11. At Level 10 and below match result cards must be completed and posted to First Eleven in accordance with the SWOC Administrative Instructions although the names of participating players may be omitted.
12. Where a team finishes in a promotion or relegation spot but cannot be promoted or relegated by virtue of these regulations (e.g. because a club team would gain promotion to the same league as another side in their club) then SWOC (having taken advice from the SCRFU) will make appropriate arrangements for promotion or relegation within the leagues affected. In the case of relegation causing two teams from the same club to be in the lowest league then if no other suitable arrangement is appropriate this could include two sides from the same club being in the same league.
13. Where anomalies occur within the modified leagues that are not provided for within these regulations or that are contrary to the objectives of providing competitive, structured and enjoyable rugby to relevant teams of Somerset clubs then SWOC (having taken advice from SCRFU) reserves the power to make appropriate arrangements to fulfil those objectives.
14. Providing it is otherwise possible under these regulations and SWOC agrees then the winners of Somerset 2 (North & South) shall be promoted to Somerset 1 and the bottom two placed sides in that league relegated. The winners of Somerset 3 (North & South) shall be similarly promoted to Somerset 2 (North & South) and the bottom side in each of those leagues relegated. There will be no play off matches for the second placed sides in either of these leagues.
15. The League Secretaries of Somerset Premier, Somerset 1, Somerset 2 (North & South) and Somerset 3 (North & South) shall be appointed from nominees submitted by SCRFU.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

MEMBER CLUBS BY DIVISIONS

Division A (18)

Avon; Avonvale; Bath RFC; Bath Rugby Ltd; Bath Combination; Bath Old Edwardians; 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; Old Alruedians; 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 2016–2017

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: Ian Ayres, 74 Lower Oldfield Park, Bath, BA2 3HP (M; 07866603978
E; iayres@ima-tp.com)

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

Treasurer: Paul Kirby, 10 Badminton Gardens, Bath BA1 2XS
(H; 01225 426877, M; 07904 967704 E; paul@kirbyweb.co.uk)

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: Kayne Book (M: 07817220418; E: kcbath@aol.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,

Avonvale

(Founded 1883)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 North

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

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

(H: 01225 742396; M: 07831 600314; E: martin.bath@hpe.com)

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

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

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

(H: 01225 744309; E: jhobbs@mjchurch.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Steve Vowles, 72 Locksbrook Road, Lower Weston, Bath, BA1 3ES (H: 01225 333852; E: steve.f.vowles@hsbc.com)

Referees Contact: Steve Vowles, as above

Club Coach: Chris Hobbs, 1 Elm Road, Colerne, Wilts, SN14 8QB

(H: 01225 744309; M: 07595 863625; E: Hob27@aol.com)

Youth Secretary: Chris Hobbs, as above

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

Ground: Bathford Playing Fields, Bathford, Bath BA1 7SP (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 opposite the Crown Inn. The clubhouse is up the hill on the left along a track just before the 20MPH zone and immediately above the public telephone box.

Teams: 1st, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, 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

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: secretary@bathrfc.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Sarah Burgess (E: sarah@savagestrenght.co.uk)

Referee Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Peter Morgan (E: petermorgan@tpkmanagement.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Fraser Cook (E: fraser.cook@6hm.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.

Teams: 1st Women's, 2nds Women's, 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@bathrugby.com)

General Enq: 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@bathrugby.com)

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

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

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

Bath Combination

(Founded 1901)

Chairman: Ben Hartley, 4 Townsend, Gt. Cheverell, Wilts SN10 5TL

(01380 813687)

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

(H: 01225 312393; M: 07740 404372; E: steve.white@boltongate.co.uk)

Treasurer: Vernon Edwards, 1 Baytree Road, Fairfield Park, Bath, BA1 6NA

(H: 01225 426971)

Bath Old Edwardians

(Founded 1926)

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

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

Chairman: Jim Edmunds, Belle Vue Gardens, Gloucester Road, Bath, BA1 8BG

(M: 07962 041451; E: jjedmunds21@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Andy Todd, 22 Bailbrook Lane, Bath (M: 07980 505585;

E: Andrew.todd@vercoglobal.com)

Treasurer: Richard Shipp, 4 Spring Vale, Larkhall, Bath BA1 6AH

(H: 01225 590956; W: 01793 314020; M: 07867 601781;

E: richard.shipp284@mod.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Nick Tumber, 3 Aspen House, Stratton on the Fosse, Radstock, BA3 4RW (M: 07834 047302; E: nick.tumber@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Mark Tyrrell, 49 New King Street, Bath BA1 2BN (M: 07714 008022;

E: cdm-batholdedwardiansrhc@outlook.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, 2nd

Bath Saracens

(Founded 1947)

League: Dorset & Wilts 2 North

Club Website: www.bathsaracens.co.uk

Club Address: Sulis Club, Claverton Down Road, Bath BA2 7AU

Club Website: www.bathsaracens.co.uk

Chairman: David Pyles, 237 Wellsway, Bath BA2 4RZ (H: 01225 310319)

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

Referees Contact: See Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Jack Biss (E: biss.jack@live.co.uk)

Club Colours: Navy Blue, cardinal red, gold

Ground: From Bath take A367 to Frys Garage mini roundabout. First left, then straight on for 2 miles. On right immediately after Ralph Allen School.

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: Melissa Burns (E: m.burns@bathspa.ac.uk)

Treasurer: Mike Gill

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

Fixtures Secretary: Philip Smith (as Chairman)

Referee Contact: Melissa Burns (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: Ryan Rossiter

Club Colours: Black body, Grey arms

Ground: North Petherton RFC (See entry for North Petherton RFC)

Teams: 1st

Bridgwater & Albion

(Founded 1875)

League: 1st, South West 1 West; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 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.crocker@blueyonder.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 Somerset Premier; 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: Sam Beresford, 23 Monkton Road, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3JF
(M: 07720 202310; E: secretary@bristolharlequins.com)

Treasurer: Tony Watts, 72 Lydiatts Road, Redfield, Bristol BS5 9HL
(M: 07766 090584; E: treasurer@bristolharlequins.com)

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

Referees Contact: Mark Ralph, as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Mike Jefferies

Junior & Youth Secretary: Lisa McCormick 52 West Park Road, Downend,
Bristol, BS16 5SJ (M: 07973 562189; E: info@bristolharlequins.com)

Club Colours: Blue, black and white hoops.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Mini

Burnham-on-Sea

(Founded 1947? 1885)

League: 1st, Western Counties West; 2nd, Somerset 2 South; Colts, Gloucester
Development League

Club Website: www.burnhamonsearfc.org

Chairman: Chris Jones, Crossway Cottage, Puriton Hill, Puriton, Bridgwater,
TA7 8AF (M: 07817 528996; E: chris_m_jones_@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Julie Cameron, 59 Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-sea, TA8 2DB
(H: 01278 795654; M: 07711 566753; E: tickleyourtastebuds@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer: Don Bowerman, 127 Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 2DE
(M: 07522 196889; E: Donald.bowerman1@gmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary & Referees Contact: Chris Jones – as Chairman

Club Coach: Richard Muskett, 75 Priory Gardens, Burnham on Sea, Somerset
TA8 1QW (M: 07824 478835; E: Richard.muskett@gmail.com)

Junior Chairman: Paul Mills, 26 St Marys Road, Burnham on Sea, Somerset, TA8 2AZ (H: 01278 794126; M; 07733 267985 E: millsp.pm@gmail.com)

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

Ground: Burnham Assoc. of Sports Clubs, Stoddens Road, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 2NZ (01278 788355). From Junction 22, M5, follow signs to Burnham-on-Sea. At Tesco's roundabout take the 3rd exit on to Stoddens Road, signposted to the BASC Ground. BASC and Club entrance is approx 1 mile on the right.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U18, U17, U16, U14, 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 ; 2nd, Friendlies only

Club Website: www.castlecaryrfc.co.uk

Club Address: Brook House Field, Alhampton, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 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: Sharon Willoughby, 1 Court Cottages, Weston Street, Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, SP8 5HJ (H:01963 370854; M: 07969 937752; E: p.collins825@btinternet.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 Parker, 61 Woodhayes, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset, BA8 0RU (M: 07716 325709; E: nebarker@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Karen Travers, 11 Clarks Meadow, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 4FD (M: 07799 506898; E:traverska44@gmail.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, U17, 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: Mike Berry, 7 Holbear Grange, Chard, Somerset TA20 2ED (M: 07855 464412; E: Mike@pmbi.co.uk)

Treasurer: Nigel Tinley, 14 St Helliens Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1LL (W: 01460 67402; M: 07966 170814 E: accounts@atomfabs.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Mark Wesemann, 2 Bubwith Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BN

(H: 01460 63165 M: 07714 149245; E: wesemann.Freeserve.uk)

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 (M: 07775 580241,H; 01460 2200060,W; 01460 30044; 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, , U14, U12, U11, Mini

Cheddar Valley RFC

(Re-founded 1963)

League: 1st, Somerset 2 North, 2nds, Somerset 3 South

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

Club Address: Sharpham Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3DR (M: 07738 220731)

Chairman: Neville Holmes, Rockholme, Barrows Road, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3BD (M: 07584 575916; E: nev-holmes@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

Secretary: Gareth Chew, 20 Fairlands Way, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3NN (M: 07738 220731; E: gareth.chew@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

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

Fixtures Secretary: Kay Corbett, 2 Chestnut Avenue, Axbridge, Somerset BS26 2BS (H: 01934 732 881; E: kay.corbett@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

Referee Contact: Alistair Ross, 21 Gough Place, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3DJ (H: 01934 744622; E: Alistair.ross@cheddar.co.uk)

Coach: Harvey Parsons (M: 07930 351023; E: harvey.parsons@cheddar-rugby.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: as Secretary

Club Colours: Scarlet and Sky Blue hoops.

Ground: 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, 2nds, Women's, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Chew Valley

(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; W: 01275 331934; M: 07843 435744; E: chrismiller@hoistway.co.uk)

Joint Secretary: Adrian Miller, Chan Dor, Upper Stanton, Stanton Drew, Bristol BS39 4EQ (H: 01275 332456; M: 07717 313193; E: adrian@milgrange.co.uk)

Joint Secretary: Vivienne McKay-Hope, The Hill House, 31 Currells Lane, Felton, Bristol, BS40 9XF (M: 07968 385277)

Treasurer: James Coward, 4 Fairview, North Brewham, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0JT (M: 07846 378028; 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@spotteddogmarketing.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

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). Between Chew Stoke and Chew Magna, next to Chew Valley School.

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

Clevedon

(Founded 1921)

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

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

Chairman: Dave Russell, Woodlands, 237 Clevedon Road, Tickenham, North Somerset, BS21 6RX (H: 01275 857749 M: 07810 501800; E: dave.b.russell@gmail.com)

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

Treasurer: Amy Wilson, 8 Edward Road South, Clevedon, BS21 7HY (H: 01275 879393; M: 07803 698313; E: Amykswilson@hotmail.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Michael Thomas, 46 Treefield Road, Clevedon, BS21 6JB (H: 01275 875497; M: 07967 041518; E: michaelthomas901@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

Director of Rugby: Nick Hill

Junior & Youth Secretary: John McGuigan, 5 Princes Road, Clevedon, BS21 7SY (H: 01275 878308; M: 07715 703732; E: johermcguigan@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Royal Blue & Gold

Ground: Clevedon Rugby Club, Coleridge Vale Playing Fields, Southey Road, Clevedon BS21 6PF (01275 877772). Drive through the town centre and follow the signs to Clevedon RFC.

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

Combe Down RFC

(Founded 1896)

League: 1st, Southern Counties South; 2nd, Dorset & Wilts 2 North

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

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

Chairman: Mr Paul Ashman, 17 Mendip Gardens, Odd Down, Bath, BA2 2UT
(M: 07703 131849; E: paul@playforce.co.uk)

Secretary: Giles White, 63 Church Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5JQ
(M: 07775 686919; E: giles@gileswhite.co.uk)

Treasurer: Warren Miller, 60 Hansford Square, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5LZ
(M: 07738 464225; E: warren.miller@hotmail.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Steve White, 48 Blackmore Drive, Southdown, Bath, BA2 1JN (H: 01225 312393; M: 07740 404372; E: steve.white@boltongate.co.uk)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: Dave Cobb, 46 Meare Road, Combe Down, Bath, BA2 5PP
(M: 07919 602888; E: dave_cobb@hotmail.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Adrian Sprake, 50 Ivy Avenue, Bath BA2 1AL
(M: 07912 477758; E: adriansprake@hotmail.com)

Club Colours: Black and Amber hoops.

Ground: Opposite Barclays Bank on junction of North Road (A3062 and Combe Road).

Teams: 1st, 2nd, U16, U14, Minis

Crewkerne

(Reconstituted 1975)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 2nd, Somerset 2 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: Jo Stubbins, 21A Lang Road, Crewkerne. TA18 8HQ
(E: Crewkernesecretary@gmail.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 Shackelford, 111 Park View, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 8JG (H: 01460 78490; M: 07921942699;
E: simon.shackelford@btinternet.com)

Club Colours: Red and black hoops

Ground: 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 U14 U12 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: Mr A Biddecombe, Melutas, Oxford Street, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet BA4 6HT

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

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

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

Fixtures Secretary: as Chairman

Referees Contact: as Chairman

Coach: N/A

Junior & Youth Secretary: N/A

Club Colours: Pink and black quarters

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

Teams: Sunday XV, Vets

Frome

(Founded 1883)

League: 1st, Southern Counties South; 2nd, Dorset & Wilts 1 North; 3rd, Somerset 3 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: Michael Bansey, 6 Hillbourne Close, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 0BL (M: 07766 557546; E: coach@fromerfc.org)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Leo Stickley, 35 Wellow Drive, Frome, Somerset BA11 2DU (M: 07814 034199; E: juniorchairman@fromerfc.org)

Club Colours: Red, black and white hoops from the shoulder down.

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, U12, U11, Mini

Gordano

(Founded 1970)

League: 1st, Somerset Premier; 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, Bristol, BS20 8LN (H: 01275 845798; M: 07411 461802; E: ian.pope@gordanorc.co.uk)

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: As Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Keith Leaker, 30 Slade Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 6BS (M: 07973 121289; E: Keith@imperialsports.co.uk)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mark Davis, 39 Wetlands Lane, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 6RF (M: 07817 506648; E: mjschairman@gordanorc.co.uk)

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

Ground: Gordano RFC, Caswell Lane, Portbury, Bristol BS20 9UF (07411 461804). M5 Junction 19 (Gordano Services); take A369 to Bristol, after 100 meters filter right, then turn right towards Portbury village. At village green War Memorial turn left, follow signs along narrow lane for 800 meters. Ground is on right.

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

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.imperialfc.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 Secretary)

Fixtures Secretary: Mike Jackson. (M: 07902 943910; E:michaeljackson160@yahoo.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Mike Jackson (as Fixtures Secretary)

Club Coach: Ross Hickery (M: 07976 978102)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Tim Dalton (M: 07824 469695; E: timpdalton@gmail.com)

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

Keynsham

(Founded 1923)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 1; 3rd, 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: 0777 0674010; E: jason.wheatley@hp.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Nick Towe (M: 0771 2002892; E: NickT@mulberry.com)

Club Colours: Amber and black.

Ground: 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, Vets, U18, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Martock

(Founded 1992)

League: 1st: Somerset 2 South

Club Website: www.martockrugbyclub

Club address: 2nd Floor, Commerce House, North Street, Martock, TA12 6DH
T: 07717 477093

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

Secretary: Peter Watts, 3 Foldhill Lane, Martock TA12 6NH (H: 01935 829030;
M: 07908 829756 E: watts_peter@sky.com)

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

Fixtures Secretary: Scott Jones, Stone Acre Underway, Combe St Nicholas,
Chard, TA20 3NS (M: 07516 977919 E: sapperscottpauljones@yahoo.co.uk)

Referee contact: Steve Beale, 5 Cranleigh Court, Palmer Street, South
Petherton, TA13 5EA (H: 01460 241015; M: 07852 349260;
E: grizzle260464@aol.com)

Coach: John Hole, 13 Hollies Close, Bower Hinton, Martock TA12 6LB
(M: 07720 762304; E: johnhole04@hmail.com)

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Secretary.

Club Colours: Green and black quarters.

Ground: Stoke Road Recreation Ground, Stoke Road, Martock TA12 6AF. From
the A303 go along Stoke Road into Martock, the Rec will be on your left.

Teams: 1st

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.tiley@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@robadamns.wanadoo.co.uk)

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

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

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 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, Osborne, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4JY (M: 07855 035175)

Referee Contact: Malvern Carvell, as above

Club Coach: Nigel Domoney, 50 Simons Road, Sherborne DT9 4DN

(01935 816532; M: 07971 537363)

Club Colours: Emerald green and gold.

Ground: Memorial Ground, Springfield Road, Milborne Port, Sherborne, Dorset.

Arrive at crossroads in centre of village, turn north into North Street, which reverts to Station Road. Springfield Road is the 3rd turning on the right.

Teams: 1st XV, Vets (sometimes)

Millfield Old Boys (Founded 1985)

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: simonjhutchinson@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, West 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

Club Website: www.morganiansrfc

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

(01278 423434)

Chairman: Mike Britton, 82 Sedgemoor Road, TA6 5NR (H: 01278 427321; E: mbritton1@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary: Deborah Smith, 126 Taunton Road, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6NN (M: 07984 461888; E: Deborah.morganians@gmail.com)

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

Fixtures Secretary: Dave Harris, 36 Priestly Way, Burnham on Sea, Somerset TA8 1QX (M: 07584 437443; E: harrisdave1992@hotmail.com)

Referee Contact: As Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Elisi Vuniploa, 6 Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4BN (M: 07701 084616; E: bosco7278@yahoo.co.uk)

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

Club Colours: Navy Blue, Red and Yellow.

Ground: From Bridgwater take Bath Road (A39) go over the motorway bridge opposite Mole Valley Farmers, turn right, the club is then on the left.

Teams: 1st, U16, Mini

Nailsea & Backwell

(Founded 1972)

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

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

Chairman: Ross Parson (M: 07816 765874)

Secretary: Justin Siedle (M: 07939 007265; E: justin.siedle.nbrfc@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Anthony Warren (M: 07765 092674; E: anthonywarren@sky.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Bob Nelson (M: 0777 6047481; E: nandbfixtures@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club coach: Tony Hill (c/o Club address)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Phil Matthews, (M: 07583 919656; E: pmatthews1999@gmail.com)

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

Ground: West End Park, West End Lane, Nailsea. BS48 4BY (01275 810818). Sign post located at main roads into Nailsea.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, Occasional 3rd, Occasional Vets, U17/18, U16, U15 (boys & girls), U14, U13 (boys & girls), U12, U11, Minis

North Petherton

(Founded 1893)

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

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

Chairman: William Frost, 1 Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6QP (H: 01278 663535; M: 07808 811999; E: Frostlorraine@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: Kirsty Roberts, 32, Broadlands Avenue, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6QS (H: 01278 662246; M: 07402 244269; E: kirstytett@aol.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Adam Griffin, 106a Lambrook Road, Taunton, TA1 2AE (M: 07800 758031; adam_gg@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Coach: Nic Sestaret (M: 07496 519009; 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, Green & White, Ladies Pink/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, Vets, U18, 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 Alrudedian RFC

(Founded 1892)

1st, friendlies only

Club Website: www.alrudedian.co.uk

All correspondence to: N. S. Gresswell, Head of Sport, Kings College, Taunton, TA1 3LA (T: 01823 328200; M: 07703 741049)

E: NSGresswell@kings-taunton.co.uk)

Treasurer: Chris Rew, 105 South Road, Taunton Somerset, TA1 3EA (H: 01823 324272; M: 07771 515977; E: chrisrew62@hotmail.co.uk)

Fixture Secretary: As correspondence

Club Colours: White shirts and black shorts

Club Address: c/o N.S Gresswell, Head of Sport, Kings College, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3LA

Ground: 1st XV rugby pitch of King's College, Taunton.

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 (M: 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 Frankom, 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.fry1@hotmail.com)

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 (M: 07828 796504;
E: russyandell@hotmail.com)

Referee Contact: As Secretary

Club Coach: Saul Nelson, c/o Clubhouse

Junior & Youth Secretary: Jim Hanks, 2 Woodbridge Road, Knowle, Bristol
BS4 2EU (M: 07585 508950; E: jphanks@hotmail.co.uk)

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

Ground: Scotland Lane, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4LU (01179 778501). Take A4
from central Bristol towards Bath, travel approx 4 miles from Temple Meads, turn
right at McDonalds/Park & Ride, travel for ¼ mile. Ground is on the right.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U17, U16, U13, 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 Rockcliffe 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.oldfieldrfc.com

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: Jason Humphries, (M: 07976 566058;

E: humph2@blueyonder.co.uk)

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

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 entrances past the pitches on the right hand side.

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

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@goffrumbles.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: Andy Gibbons, C/O Halfway House, Pitney Hill, Pitney Langport, Somerset TA10 9AB, (W; 01458 252513 M; 07900 566092)

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, U15 (Girls – 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.quirke@wilts.co.uk)

Secretary: Richard Blacker, 44 Paddock Garden, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0TG (M: 07887 855477; E: richard_blacker@sky.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.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Contact Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Kevin Crehan/Leo Costello

Junior & Youth Secretary: As Fixtures Secretary

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 200m on the left past this building.

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

St. Brendan's Old Boys

(Founded 1929)

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

Club Website: www.sbobrfc.co.uk

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 BS7 8SD

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

Treasurer: Stephen Power (M: 07791 935918;

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

Fixtures Secretary: John Halliwell, 33 Cotswold Road North, Windmill Hill,

Bristol BS3 4NL; (M: 07813 617781; E: johnhalliwell31@hotmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary

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

Junior & Youth Secretary: Adrian Adams, (H: 0117 9626592; M: 0777 4770073;

E: Adrian@weaversgallery.co.uk)

Club Colours: Maroon and Old Gold

Ground: Coombe Dingle Sports Complex, Coombe Lane, Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2BJ (0117 9626718).

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: Nathan Chalmers, Abson Edith Farm, Lodge Road, Abson, Bristol

BS30 5TU (M: 07740 744211; E: nathanchalmers@googlemail.com)

Secretary: Shaun Stephenson McGall, 123 Greenvale Drive, Timsbury, Bath,

BA2 0NR (H; 01761 472228 W; 01225 383848 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 Stephenson McGall, 123 Greenvale

Drive, Timsbury, Bath, BA2 0NR (H; 01761 472228 W; 01225 383848

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; : 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 (acting): As Chairman

Treasurer (acting): As Chairman

Fixtures Secretary: Matt Coley, Silverwood, Havyatt, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8LF (M: 07860 272004; E: matt.coley@britishrenewables.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

Junior & Youth Secretary: Andrew Pearce, Fairview House, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NB (M: 07592 692296; E: shedtune@gmail.com)

Club Colours: Maroon and Navy

Ground: Adjacent to and signposted off the A39 at Glastonbury.

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

University of Bath

(Founded 1967)

League: 1st, BUCS Premiership South A; 2nd, BUCS Premiership South B; 3rd, BUCS Western Conference 2a, 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: SUSArugby@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_meatyard@hotmail.com)

Secretary: Contact Chairman

Treasurer: Sarah Cronk, University of Bath Students Union, Level 3 Norwood House, Claverton Down Road, Bath, BA2 7AY

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 Lyme 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.freeseve.co.uk). Follow signs from the city centre to Lansdown. Up Lansdown Road to Park and Ride. Ground is opposite.

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

Wellington RFC Ltd.

(Founded 1874)

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

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

Chairman: Mr John Dunbar, (H: 01823 462989, M: 07971 184639, E: jdunbar@vatvalve.com)

Secretary: Paul Smith, 64 Dobree Park, Rockwell Green, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9RX (W: 01173 721114; M: 07515 626319;

E: Paul.smith43@networkrail.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mrs Cherry Frost, 2 Holyoake Street, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8LD
(H: 01823 660632; E: cherry.steve@virgin.net)

Fixtures Secretary: Andy Cotterell, 33 Alder Close, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2QP
(M: 07976 529457; E: bosscottrell@sky.com)

Referees Contact: Phil John, 3 Wayside Cottage, Pyles Thorne, Wellington,
Somerset, TA21 8DZ (H; 01823 667633 E; philjohn24@hotmail.co.uk)

Coach: Laurence Owens

Junior & Youth Secretaries: Chris Billinger (E: Chrisbillinger@ymail.com)

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

Wells

(Founded 1876)

League: 1st, Western Counties North; 2nd, Somerset 1; 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: c/o Wells RFC (H: 01749 672823)

Fixtures Secretary: Dawn Hickman, see above

Referees Contact: Dawn Hickman, see above

Club Coach: Peter Kennedy (M: 07834658908)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Mike Durston, c/o Wells RFC (M: 07977 095215;
E: michaeldurston66@gmail.com)

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, Women's, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11,
Mini

Weston-super-Mare

(Founded 1875)

League: 1st, South West 1 West; 2nd, Somerset Premier; 3rd, (Under 23
Development Team) Somerset 2 North, 4th, Somerset 3 South

Club Website: www.westonrugby.co.uk

Chairman: Barry Sparks, c/o Clubhouse (H: 01934 824877; M: 07742 580507;
E: barry_sparks@hotmail.com)

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

BS23 2EN (H: 01934 418377; W: 07909 906771; 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: Gary Moore, 34 Manor Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset, BS22 9XU (W: 07525 985338; M: 07811 46151; E: garymoore64@hotmail.com)

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

Ground: Recreation Ground, Sunnyside Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 3PA (Office: 01934 623118). Situated off Drove Road, Weston Super Maren and close to the main railway station.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rds,4ths, U18,U-17 , U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini.

Wincanton

(Founded 1982)

League: Somerset 3 South

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

Chairman: Mike Brimble, Steppes, White Cross, Zeals, BA12 6PH (M: 07753 29388, E: mike@moowell.co.uk)

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: Keith Lavelle, Sandpit Cottage, Horsington, Templecombe, BA8 0DJ (M: 07711 350124; E: keith.m.lavelle@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixtures Secretary.

Club Coach: As Secretary

Club Colours: Black and gold. 2nd Choice of Colours: Gold.

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 South; 3rds, friendlies

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

Chairman: Kevin Rosser, Sakejoro, Hannay Road, Somerset BS27 3BJ (H: 01934 740166; M: 07801 619986; F: 01394 740139; E: kevin.m.rosser@outlook.com)

Secretary: Adam Cashman, Rosadene, Bristol Road, Langford, Bristol, BS40 5JH (W: 0117 9406640; M: 07590 037933; F: 01934 843605; E: adam@biztecgroup.co.uk)

Treasurer: Mark Jelbert, The Cottage, Edingworth Road, Edingworth, Weston-s-Mare BS24 0JB (H:01934 751069; W: 01934 825873; M: 07879 999680 E: mjelbert@btinternet.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Edward Sands, 7 Belmont Road, Winscombe BS25 1LE (E: etsands.7@btinternet.com)

Referees Contact: As Fixture Secretary

Club Coach: Graham Buller, Yedlands, Brent Road, East Brent (H: 01278 710703; M: 07771 960794)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Nicola Freaque

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

Ground: The Recreation Ground, Winscombe, Noth Somerset, BS25 1AZ. Turn off A38 into Winscombe, turn left into The Lynch. The Recreation Ground is on the first right hand bend. Note – buses not to go out top of Banwell as height restriction on bridge.

Teams: 1st, 2nd, 3rds friendlies, Vets, U18/17(colts), U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, Mini

Wiveliscombe

(Founded 1872)

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

Club Website: www.wiveliscomberfc.co.uk

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

Secretary: Hugh Kelly, Orchard House, Rowford, Taunton, Somerset TA2 8JY
(E: hughnkelly@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Monika Aplin, 19 Church Street, Wiveliscombe TA4 2LR
(H: 01984 629252)

Fixtures Secretary: Bruce Keay 19 Lion D'Angers, Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2PN (H: 01984 624835; W: 01984 624055; E: bruce.keay@webbers.co.uk)

Referees Contact: Contact Fixtures Secretary Bruce Keay, as above

Club Coach: Peter Stone (H: 01984 624582) & Brian Stone

Rugby Chairman (Senior & Junior): Hugh Kelly (M: 07753 323883)

Junior Fixtures Secretary: Samantha Nash (H: 01984 623808)

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

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

Wyvern

(Founded 1970)

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

Club website: www.wyvernrfc.co.uk

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

(W: 01823 350500; M: 07802 499007; E: chairman@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

Secretary: David Hughes, 21 Trent Meadow, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2NP
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Treasurer: Jonathan Barker, 29 Franklin Road, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6TS
(H: 01823 327305; M: 07881 480571; E: treasurer@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

Fixtures Secretary: Justin Bennett, 10A Alfred Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3HU (H: 01823 330639; M: 077876 550839;
E: fixtures-secretary@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

Referee Contact: as Fixtures Secretary

Club Coach: Scott Goodsir, (E: coach@wyvernrfc.co.uk)

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

Club Website: www.yattonrugby.co.uk

Chairman: Howard Davies, 3 Franklins Way, Claverham, North Somerset BS49 5ND (H: 01934 833605; M: 07967 346189; E: hmd.yrhc@gmail.com)

Secretary: Rob Murray, 3 The Avenue, Yatton, North Somerset BS49 4DA (H: 01934 835070; E: yrhcsec@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Peter Sellissy, 4 Hillcrest Road, Nailsea, North Somerset BS48 2JB (H: 01275 855512; E: pspellissy@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Sally Mackay, 6 Stonewall Park Road, Congresbury, North Somerset BS49 5DP (H: 01934 830358; M: 07960 783424; E: sallylmackay@gmail.com)

Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary

Club Coach: Rob Thirlby (M: 07803 147458)

Junior & Youth Secretary: Jason Clarke (M: 07896 590862; E: jasonandsuzy@btinternet.com)

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

Yeovil

(founded 2001)

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

Club Website: www.ivelrugby.com

Chairman: Stu Froude (M: 07968 135133; E: stu.froude@sky.com)

Secretary: Alice Edmonds, 39 High Street, West Coker, Yeovil BA22 9AS (M: 07946 378203; E: natural_blond2000@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Jason Dobson, Longlands, Longlands Lane, East Coker, BA22 9HN (M: 07973 224424 E: dobsonjason@hotmail.com)

Fixtures Secretary: Richard Gaston (H: 01935 472371; M: 07854 596432; richgaston@hotmail.co.uk)

Referees Contact: as Fixture Secretary

Club Coach: Neil Pitman (M: 07551 191533; E: yeovilrc.coaches@gmail.com)

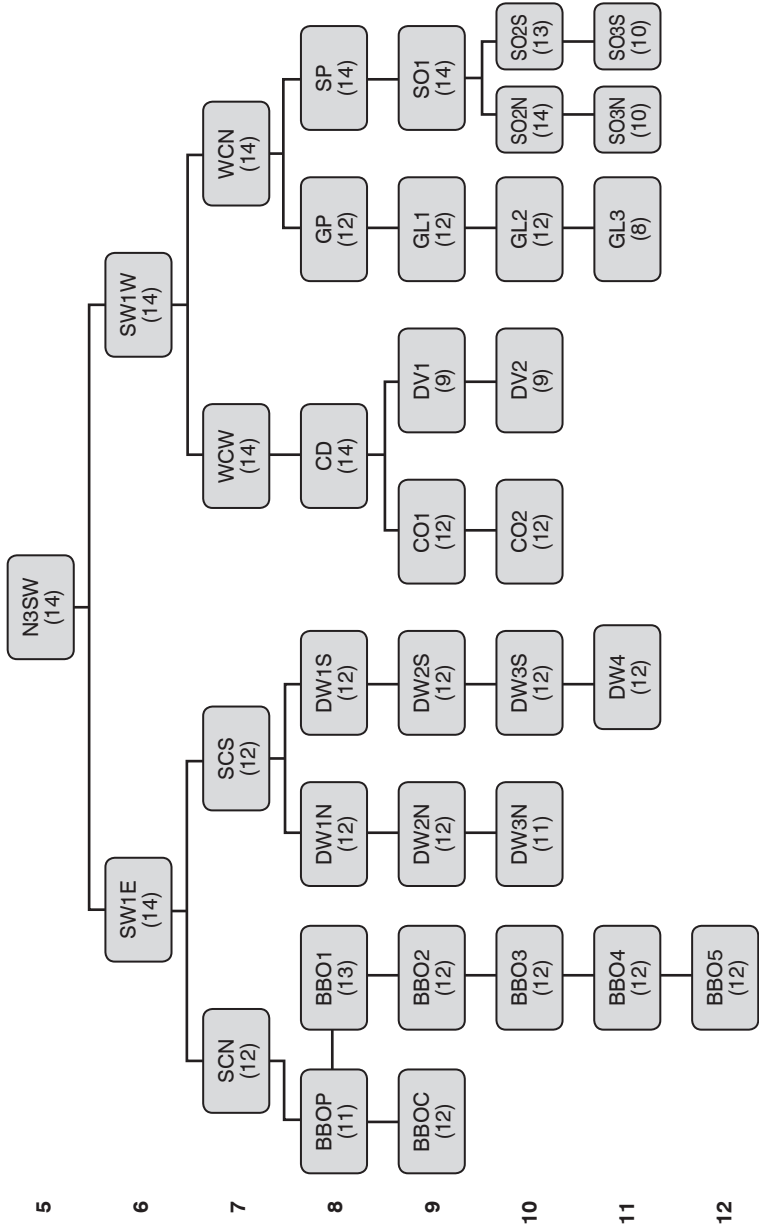
Junior & Youth Secretary: Paul Leonard (M: 07980 565630; E: yrhcm.j.fixtures@gmail.com)

Club Colours: Black & White quarters.

Ground: Dorchester Road, Yeovil BA22 9TR (01935 474591). Follow signs to Weymouth along A37 out of Yeovil. Take 1st exit at the Red House roundabout.

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

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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

CODE OF RUGBY

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

Teamwork

Respect

Enjoyment

Discipline

Sportsmanship

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

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SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION REFEREES SOCIETY LTD.

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C. Daniels	27
H.J. Luxon	14
A.J. Lock	13
S.H. Budd	11
J.S. Wride	11
G. Jones	10
C.J. Reeks	9
A.E. Padfield	8
W.H. Hurford	6
T.J.M. Barrington	5

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1889-1894	R.M.P. Parsons	1950-1953	C.L. Andrew
1894-1899	F.H. Fox	1953-1954	A.J. Lock
1899-1901	W.T. Webb	1954-1957	L.G. Coles
1901-1906	F.J. Reed	1957-1969	P.G. McN. Holmes
1906-1908	P.H. Browne	1969-1971	R.W. Cridge
1908-1910	T.S. Bradford	1971-1975	F.J. Ellison
1910-1913	W.F. Dolman	1975-1980	A. Pomeroy
1913-1914	F. Porter	1980-1991	D. McDaniel
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**SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL
REFEREES SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
2015-16**

As ever 2015/16 was a busy season for the Referees Society with referees and touch judges being appointed to over 1,100 games. In addition to the match official's advisors and coaches were also appointed to work with both Somerset referees and those visiting us from other Societies.

A big thanks to all from the Society for their availability although it was disappointing that we were not able to officiate all games advised to us during the season. Particular thanks must go to the small band who seemed to spend every waking hour refereeing whether Saturday, Sunday or midweek.

The committee has worked tirelessly during the season and special thanks to the appointments / re-appointments team of Reg Lewis and Wayne Davis. At the end of the season Barry Malpass stood down as chairman and was warmly thanked by all at the Society's recent AGM for the work he put in during his period in office.

In order to improve the training of referees we are making ever increasing use of communication systems and video recording and if there are any budding Steven Spielberg's out there who would like to assist with the videoing please let us know

During the season we hosted a contingent from the Swiss Rugby Referees and trust that they enjoyed their experience both on and off the pitch

The Society are always looking for new members whether those retiring from playing or those of less mature years wanting to start out. The Society have set up a junior academy so age is no barrier.

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

When refereeing young players match officials should:

- Recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating young players
- Provide verbal feedback in a positive way during games
- Appreciate the needs of the players
- Be a positive role model
- Recognise that safety is paramount
- Explain decisions – most young players are still learning
- Do not tolerate verbal abuse

Officials should not:

- Change in the same area as young players
- Shower with young players – agree with the coaches a timetable
- Be alone with young players at any time – if a young player comes into the dressing room ensure another adult is present
- Check studs without the coach being present
- Administer first aid
- Allow a young player to continue playing if you have doubts about their fitness
- Tolerate bad language from young players
- Engage in any inappropriate contact with young players
- Give a lift to a player unless there are other young people or adults in the car and the parents are aware
- Take a young player to your home
- Overtly criticise young players or use language which may cause the player to lose confidence or self esteem
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players even in fun

Officials must always

- Report, in writing, to the Club or CB Welfare Officer and/or Society Secretary, behaviour by adults which you feel contravenes RFU Child Protection Policy
 - Verbal bullying by coaches/parents/spectators
 - Physical Abuse by coaches/parents/spectators
 - Inappropriate or aggressive contact by an adult to a young person
 - Verbal abuse directed at you by young people or adults

REMEMBER: THE WELFARE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IS PARAMOUNT

SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

RULES

I NAME, OBJECTS & POWERS

- 1 **NAME:** The Society shall be called the “Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited”
- 2 **DEFINITIONS:** Except where otherwise defined, 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 for men, women, boys and girls 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 development, coaching and 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 further the benefit of the Constituent.
- 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 No person shall be a member of the Committee other than those members co-opted under Rule 11.2, unless he or she is a member.
- 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 and in the absence of such determination it shall be a requirement for admission to the position of member for the candidate to be a member of a club affiliated to Somerset

- Rugby Football Union Limited and to be nominated and seconded by persons who are members.
- 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 times.
- 5.10 A Member shall cease to be a Member:-
- 5.10.1 On resignation
- 5.10.2 In the case of a corporate Member on ceasing to be corporate.
- 5.10.3 On termination of membership by the Committee.
- 5.10.4 On replacement as the nominee of a Club.
- 5.11 For the avoidance of doubt the vote of a club (whether incorporated or unincorporated) at any meeting of the Constituent Body shall be cast by its secretary or other nominated person. If such secretary or nominated person for the time being is also a member of the Constituent Body in his or her own right he or she may in addition cast a vote in his or her personal capacity.

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 August 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 Members of the Committee for the ensuing year
- 8.1.6 Where necessary in law or where the members require:
- 8.1.6.1 To appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year or
- 8.1.6.2 To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors
- 8.1.7 To consider as a special resolution any addition or alteration to these rules duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.5
- 8.1.8 To consider any other motion or business duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.5
- 8.1.9 To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.
- 8.1.10 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:
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| 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 the period of office of a Representative expires in accordance with clause 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 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 of the clubs in that Division. The ballot should be conducted in writing with each club of the Division in question having one vote. The Secretary of the Constituent Body shall send to the Club Secretary of each club in that Division a postal ballot form indicating clearly the nominations that have been received from that Division. Each club shall return the ballot form to the Secretary within 7 days of the receipt of the ballot form by the Club indicating which Nominee it votes for. The Nominee(s) receiving the most votes shall be the Nominated Representative(s) for that Division and in the event of a tied vote the President for the time being of the Constituent Body shall cast a deciding vote. A Nominated Representative shall take office with effect from the next following Annual General Meeting of the Constituent Body. 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 A Representative nominated for a particular Division need not necessarily be resident in that Division.

8.4.5 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 or (c) the relevant Officer where that power or authority has been delegated by the Committee to an Officer.

12 OFFICERS

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

13 COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Committee shall consist of:
 - 13.1.1 The Officers.
 - 13.1.2 Fourteen Divisional Representatives (or such other number not exceeding twenty as may be determined from time to time by the Constituent Body in General Meeting) duly elected in accordance with Rule 8.4. The Divisional Representatives shall hold office for the DR Term. Should any replacement Divisional Representative cease to hold office for any reason during the DR Term, any replacement Divisional Representative shall only be elected at the next Annual General Meeting following the cessation of office and shall, for the avoidance of doubt, serve a period of three (3) years from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which he was elected. The Representative(s) who shall hold office from the end of the Union Annual General Meeting next following his election until the end of the following Union Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 The Committee shall each year elect its own Chairman for the ensuing year to hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting until the date of the following year's Meeting. He may hold any other office in the Constituent Body at the same time and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.3 The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be seven (or such other number as may be determined from time to time by the Constituent Body in General Meeting) and the Member elected to take the Chair shall be entitled to exercise a second or casting vote
- 13.4 If a vacancy shall occur for an elected Member of the Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee.
- 13.5 If a Member of the Committee shall commit an offence under Rule 5.9 or shall be adjudged bankrupt or if a court order is made appointing a receiver to administer such Member's property such Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Committee.
- 13.6 Committee Members shall receive no remuneration for serving on the Committee other than the payment of authorised expenses for carrying out their duties.

V FINANCE

14 CONSTITUENT BODY FINANCE

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The profits of the Constituent Body shall be applied only in furthering the objects of the Constituent Body.
- 14.3 The Constituent Body shall not have power to receive money on deposit from Members or others.
- 14.4 A Financial Statement of the Constituent Body's affairs shall be made up to 30 June 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.

- 14.5 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.

15 MATCH TICKETS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.

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.

17 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF CLUBS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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

18 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 18.1 The registered office of the Constituent Body shall be at 11 Venus Lane, Clutton, Bristol BS39 5SP or at such other location in England as the Committee may from time to time otherwise determine.
- 18.2 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.

19 USE OF NAME OF THE CONSTITUENT BODY

- 19.2.1 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.
- 19.2.2 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.
- 19.2.3 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.

20 SEAL

The Constituent Body shall have its name engraved in legible characters on a seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Honorary Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of the Committee which may determine who shall countersign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be countersigned by any two of the Officers.

21 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

21.1 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:

21.1.1 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.

21.1.2 A statement of the share held by each Member and the amount paid therefor.

21.1.3 A statement of other property, if any, in the Constituent Body held by each Member whether in loans or otherwise.

21.1.4 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.

21.1.5 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.

21.2 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.

22 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.

23 ANNUAL RETURN

23.1 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.

23.2 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.

24 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.

25 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.

26 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

27 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.

28 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 provided that no person who is found guilty of a criminal offence or fraud shall be entitled to an indemnity in respect of his or her costs, charges expenses or liabilities relating to any legal proceedings resulting in such conviction or any fine or order for restitution that may result therefrom.

29 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.

30 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.

31 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.

32 SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

the Act	means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies.
Auditors	means the auditors of the Constituent Body for the time being.
Club	means a club admitted into membership of the Constituent Body in accordance

	with the Rules of the Constituent Body.
Constituent Body	means Somerset County Rugby Football Union Limited
Committee	means the committee designated in Rule 13 and “Committee Member” or “Member of the Committee” means a member of the Committee for the time being and shall include a person co-opted under Rule 11.2.
Financial Statement	means a Balance Sheet together with a Statement of Accounts showing Income and Expenditure.
Game	means the game of rugby union football.
General Meeting	means a general meeting of Members
Honorary Life Members	Means persons, in recognition of outstanding service to the Constituent Body, nominated by the Committee and elected by the Members in General Meeting
Honorary Secretary	means the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body for the time being
Individual Members	means members of Clubs who are elected to membership of the Constituent Body by the Committee, having first been proposed and seconded by two existing Individual Members
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.
Officer’s	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
World Rugby	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.
World Rugby Regulations	means the Resolutions and Regulations relating to the game promulgated by the IRB from time to time.

SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

REGULATIONS

1. **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH TICKETS:** The rates of subscription to the Constituent Body shall be decided by the Committee and any alteration shall be confirmed by the members of the Constituent Body at an Annual General Meeting. Membership shall be current from 1st September in any one year to 31st August in the next year. The appropriate membership subscription shall be paid by 30th September in the current year or the member will be liable to be struck off the membership register and the member's voting rights will be lost.
Individual Members shall be entitled to:
 - 1.1 (a) Free admission to any Somerset club ground (and a stand ticket if available) for any home County friendly fixture.
 - 1.2 (b) Apply to purchase stand tickets at any home County Championship fixture. Prior consideration will be given to applications for the first two such tickets applied for, the first of which shall be supplied free of charge. All members will be notified of the closing date for such ticket applications.
 - 1.3 (c) Apply for international tickets and for tickets against touring sides in which Somerset are involved as one of the host counties.
2. **THE PRESIDENCY:** Subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting the President, who must be a member of the Constituent Body, will normally serve a two-year term of office. During the President's first year of office, the retiring president shall remain a co-opted member of the Committee, if not an elected member of the Committee, for one year only. At the end of the President's first year of office, the Committee will nominate a President-Elect to succeed the President at the end of his two-year term. This nomination shall be approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any nominee for President must have served a minimum of five years on the Committee. The President-Elect shall serve on the Committee as a co-opted member if not an elected member of the Committee.
3. **PATRONS:** Each year at the Annual General Meeting, Patrons of the Constituent Body shall be elected from past and present members of the Constituent Body in recognition of their service to the Constituent Body. Nominations for Patrons must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not later than 30th April in each year.
4. **OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER CLUBS:** All Clubs in membership are required to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Rugby Football Union.
5. **REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER CLUBS:** The Secretary of each affiliated club, shall for various purposes, be considered as the club's representative in connection with the Constituent Body although it is not necessary that he or she shall be one of the club's delegates at General Meetings. Notices of all matters in which clubs are concerned shall be deemed to be served on a club if communicated to the club's Secretary at the address which was last supplied to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body. All changes in Secretaries and any changes in addresses must be advised to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body as soon as possible.
6. **QUALIFICATIONS FOR PLAYERS:** A player selected to play for the County need not necessarily be a member of the Constituent Body provided that he complies with the current RFU Regulations with regard to County Championship player qualifications.
7. **COLOURS:** The colours of the Constituent Body shall be black white and crimson. All players participating in County matches shall wear the County jersey (normally black white and crimson 1 hoops with white collar) and black shorts. A player who plays in his first County Championship match shall be awarded a County tie. On the fifth occasion a player plays in a County Championship match or plays in four matches and is selected for a fifth match that is cancelled, he shall be awarded a County blazer badge. When a player has played in twenty County Championship or other matches recognised by the Committee, he shall be awarded a County cap.
8. **CAPTAIN:** The Senior Playing Committee shall appoint from time to time the Captain of the Senior County XV and may, at its discretion, request his assistance for the purpose of selecting the Senior County Squad.

9. **COACH:** The Committee shall have the power from time to time to appoint a County Coach and to determine the Coach's terms and conditions of employment including any remuneration if appropriate.
10. **PLAYERS INSURANCE:** The Committee shall insure the Constituent Body teams' players under the RFU Death & Total Disability Scheme and at its discretion effect loss of earnings and other cover with the South Western Division Rugby Football Mutual Benefit Fund or any other appropriate organisation.
11. **EXPENSES:** Committee members and players shall be entitled to reclaim all legitimate out-of-pocket expenses on application to the Honorary Treasurer. All such payments are made at the discretion of the Admin and Finance Sub-Committee.
12. **COMPETITIONS:** County cup competitions at all levels shall be administered by a Competitions Sub-Committee which shall be responsible for drafting rules for those competitions and any subsequent amendments to those rules, all of which shall be subject to final approval by the Committee.
13. **AUDITORS:** The Constituent Body's auditors, if appointed, shall be Registered Auditors.
14. **ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS:** No regulation may be altered or rescinded or any new regulation included without the consent of two thirds of the Members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Notice of any changes to the Regulations must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body together with the names of the proposer and seconder in the case of an Annual General Meeting by 30th April prior to the meeting and in the case of a Special General Meeting at least one month before the date of the meeting.
15. **DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO THESE REGULATIONS:** In the case of any difference of opinion as to the meaning of these Regulations, such meaning shall be decided by the Committee or if it occurs at a General Meeting, by the Chairman of the meeting. Any such decision shall be recorded in the appropriate minutes and shall be accepted as the true meaning of the Regulation unless otherwise interpreted at a General Meeting, after due notice has been given.
16. **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THESE REGULATIONS:** Any matter not provided for in the Rules or these Regulations shall be discussed and settled by the Committee and the members shall be bound thereby until the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Constituent Body when any new ruling of the Committee, provided that due notice of the same has been given (under Rule 8.5) to the Honorary Secretary of the Constituent Body, shall be brought before the meeting for ratification or otherwise.

RULES OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION REFEREES' SOCIETY LIMITED

NAME, OBJECTS & POWERS

1 NAME

The Society shall be called the Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited.

2 DEFINITIONS

Except where the context otherwise permits or requires, the words and expressions listed in the Schedule of Definitions set out in Rule 31 shall bear the meanings given to them therein.

3 OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be:

- 3.1 To administer all aspects of officiating of the Game in Somerset on behalf of the Union.
- 3.2 To promote encourage and extend the officiating of the Game throughout Somerset including (but not limited to) the recruitment, administration and training of referees) match observers, touch judges (assistant referees) and referee coaches.
- 3.3 To ensure that the Game is refereed in accordance with the Laws of the Game and is administered in accordance with the IRB Regulations and the Rules of the Union and the Referees Union.

4 POWERS OF THE SOCIETY

To further its objects the Society shall have the power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the objects of the Society including (but not limited to) all or any of the following:

- 4.1 Either directly or indirectly to employ, invest and deal with the assets and funds of the Society for the objects of the Society in such manner as shall be considered by the Committee to be expedient, and to do all such other acts and things and carry on all such other activities (including [but not limited to] leasing, subleasing, releasing, renting, acquiring, altering, erecting, holding, selling, improving, developing, repairing, hiring, lending with or without security or otherwise dealing with real and personal property of any kind) as shall be considered by the Committee to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the Society or the advancement of its interests.
- 4.2 To raise or borrow money for the purposes of or in connection with the activities of the Society or any of them as the Committee thinks fit in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 4.2.1 Any sum or sums raised or borrowed may be on mortgage, charge, bonds or debentures of all or any of the funds or property of the Society whether or not including any floating charge of the whole or part of the undertaking property and assets of the Society both present and future.
 - 4.2.2 At the time of any borrowing the sum of the amount then remaining undischarged of monies borrowed and of the amount of the proposed borrowing shall not exceed 50,000 pounds or such sum as the Members in General Meeting may from time to time determine.
 - 4.2.3 The rate of interest payable at the time the terms of borrowing are agreed on any money borrowed shall not exceed the rate of interest which in the opinion of the Committee represents the market rate of interest for borrowings of similar amount and on similar terms prevailing at that time except that in the case of a mortgage loan the Committee may delegate the determination of the interest rate within specified limits to an Officer, Committee Member or Sub-Committee.
 - 4.2.4 The Committee may determine from time to time (subject to Rules 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3) the terms and conditions upon which money is raised or borrowed or security is issued and may vary such terms and conditions.
 - 4.2.5 No person lending money to the Society shall be concerned to see or enquire whether either of the limits imposed by Rule 4.2.2 or Rule 4.2.3 is exceeded at the time of the borrowing or issue and if either or both of such limits were to be exceeded no borrowing

incurred in excess of such limits shall be invalid unless such person had received express notice to this effect at the time of borrowing.

- 4.3 To give any security or securities whether by way of mortgage or otherwise for the performance of any contracts or any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Society or any of its subsidiaries or other persons or corporations in whose business or undertaking the Society is interested, or to whom or in respect of whom the Society has given any personal covenant, guarantee or indemnity, whether directly or indirectly and collaterally or further to secure any obligation of whatever nature of the Society by a trust deed or other assurance.
- 4.4 To accept and grant sponsorship and franchises and to make such arrangements in connection therewith as the Committee shall think fit.
- 4.5 To apply for and hold any licences, consents, certificates, permissions and approvals that may be required for or in connection with the activities of the Society and (among other things) to provide catering and such other facilities as the Committee shall consider desirable.
- 4.6 To invite, receive and make donations for or otherwise promote or assist in the development or continuance of facilities for, or the prestige of the Game or any other sport or recreation.
- 4.7 To support (whether by direct subscription, the giving of guarantees or otherwise) any charitable, benevolent or educational fund, institution or organisation, or any event or purpose of a public or general nature, the support of which will or may in the opinion of the Committee, directly or indirectly benefit, or is calculated so to benefit, the Society or its activities or its employees, ex employees, referees, former referees or their dependants.
- 4.8 To engage such officials and employees upon such terms and at such remuneration as the Committee may deem appropriate, and to dismiss or retire any of them as may be necessary.
- 4.9 To provide pensions, insurances and other benefits to employees or to ex-employees of the Society or the dependants and relatives of any such persons and to establish and maintain or concur in establishing and maintaining trusts, funds, schemes or other arrangements (whether contributory or non-contributory) with a view to providing such benefits including (but not limited to) retirement benefits and/or life assurance schemes.
- 4.10 To maintain bank accounts in credit or overdrawn on such terms as the Committee shall think fit including the giving of guarantees and indemnities in respect of direct debits and other money transmission or collection systems whether pursuant to Rule 15.5 or otherwise.
- 4.11 To pass such resolutions, regulations and instructions which shall be binding on all Members as are considered necessary for the better management, organisation, administration and regulation of the Society.
- 4.12 To settle, conduct, enforce or resist either in a court of law or by arbitration any suit, debt, liability or claim by or against the Society.

5 MEMBERS

- 5.1 The members of the Society shall be the individual persons whose names are for the time being entered in the Register of Members.
- 5.2 Only members of the Society shall be eligible to be elected to the Committee.
- 5.3 All members of the Committee excluding those members co-opted under Rule shall be Members for such period as they are Committee Members.
- 5.4 Subject to Rule the admission of members shall be under the control of the Committee which shall from time to time determine the criteria and conditions applicable for the approval of membership.
- 5.5 A Member may withdraw from the Society at any time by giving to the Honorary Secretary written notice of the intention so to do provided that the Member shall remain liable for all monies then due and owing to the Society.
- 5.6 A Member shall be liable to termination or suspension of membership or to other appropriate punishment by the Society for any infringement of these Rules, any Regulation or any Rules or Regulations of the Union, the Regulations of the Referees Union, the Laws of the Game or the IRB Regulations or any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Society or the Game. The procedure for the exercise of this power shall be as prescribed by the Committee and details

thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by the Members at all reasonable times

5.7 A Member shall cease to be a Member:

5.7.1 On resignation in writing

5.7.2 On termination of membership by the Committee

5.8 Grievance. Any member having a ground of complaint or other grievance against the Society shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary subsequent to which the same shall be considered by the Committee and unless considered frivolous will be investigated as appropriate. The Member will be informed of the outcome of the Committee's determination, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary within 42 days of receipt of the notice. If the member wishes to appeal against the determination he should give Notice, in writing, within 7 days of receipt of the determination stating the ground(s) of the appeal and the Committee will within 14 days of the receipt of such notice convene an Appeals Panel whose decision shall be final. No person in any way involved in making the original determination may serve on the Appeals Panel

6 SHARE CAPITAL

6.1 The capital of the Society shall consist of shares of the value of £1 each.

6.2 Every Member shall hold one share and no more in the capital of the Society. No person who is not a Member shall be issued with a share.

6.3 Each Member of the Society at the date these rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26 who is eligible to be a Member, shall be allocated one share in the name of that Member.

6.4 Any Member admitted to membership after the date on which these rules take effect pursuant to Rule 26, shall be allotted one share on admission.

6.5 No share shall be held jointly, be withdrawable or be transferable by any Member and no interest, dividend or bonus shall be payable on any share. Any Member transferring or attempting to transfer a share shall if the Committee so decides be deemed to have withdrawn from the Society as from the date of such transfer or attempted transfer.

6.6 The Share of a Member shall be forfeited to the Society when that Member for whatever reason ceases to be a Member and any amount then due to the Member in respect of such share shall thereupon become the property of the Society.

6.7 The Society shall not be required to issue a certificate to any Member in respect of the share allotted to that Member.

7 GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 All General Meetings shall be held at such location within the geographical region of the Society as the Committee may determine and any such meeting other than an Annual General Meeting shall be called a Special General Meeting.

7.2 The Chairman of all such meetings shall be the President of the Society or the Immediate Past President or a member of the Society elected from amongst those present

7.3 Every Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting. Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands of those present entitled to vote and votes cast by post or E. Votes cast by post or E: must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 48 hours before the time the meeting is due to commence. If any one member requests a secret ballot then that shall be the procedure adopted.

7.4 The quorum at any General Meeting shall be 20 Members.

7.5 If within thirty minutes after the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the Meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved, and in every other case it will stand adjourned to such other day and at such time and place, or be dissolved, as the Committee shall determine.

7.6 All resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded except where:

7.6.1 These Rules provide for a special resolution which shall require a majority of at least two thirds of the votes recorded or

- 7.6.2 A resolution is put to an Annual General Meeting as contemplated by Rule 8.1.8.2 in which case the provisions of the Act as to voting shall apply.
- 7.7 A declaration by the Chairman of a General Meeting to the effect that a particular resolution has been passed or not, or passed by a particular majority or not, shall (subject to the Act) be final and binding on all Members.
- 7.8 A General Meeting shall not be invalidated by reason only of any Member failing to receive a notice thereof or any accompanying document relating thereto.
- 7.9 The procedure for conduct of General Meetings shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Not later than 31st July in every year a General Meeting shall be held (to be known as the Annual General Meeting) for the transaction of the following business:
 - 8.1.1 To consider and approve (with or without amendment) the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.2 To receive and approve a report from the Committee on the affairs of the Society since the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.1.3 To receive and approve a Financial Statement for the preceding financial year and where necessary in law or the members require the Auditors Report thereon.
 - 8.1.4 To elect the following Officers for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.4.1 The President
 - 8.1.4.2 The Chairman of the Committee
 - 8.1.4.3 The Vice-Chairman of the Committee
 - 8.1.4.4 The Honorary Secretary
 - 8.1.4.5 The Honorary Treasurer
 - 8.1.5 To elect Vice-Presidents
 - 8.1.6 To elect the following for the ensuing year, who shall be members of the Committee:
 - 8.1.6.1 The Chairman of the Appointments Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.2 The Chairman of the Grading Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.3 The Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.4 The Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.5 The Chairman of the Training and Development Sub-Committee
 - 8.1.6.6 Two additional members of the Committee
 - 8.1.7 The following shall also be members of the Committee
 - 8.1.7.1 The Immediate Past President, (ex-officio)
 - 8.1.7.2 The representative of the Somerset RFU
 - 8.1.8 Where necessary in law or where the Members require:
 - 8.1.8.1 To appoint the auditors for the ensuing year.
 - 8.1.8.2 To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors.
 - 8.1.9 To consider as a special resolution any addition or alteration to these Rules duly proposed in accordance with rule 8.4.
 - 8.1.10 To consider any other motion or business duly proposed in accordance with Rule 8.4
 - 8.1.11 To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.
- 8.2 Notice of every Annual General Meeting stating the date, time and venue of such Meeting shall be sent to all Members so as to be received not less than two clear weeks prior to the date of the Meeting with the agenda of the business to be considered thereat and with a copy of the Society's Financial Statement for the preceding financial year.

- 8.3 The election of the Officers and Committee Members shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 8.3.1 Any member shall have the right to make nominations, with the written consent of a candidate, for election to any one or more of the offices named in or created under the provisions of Rule 12.1 or to the Committee. Such nominations must be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall also have the right to make nominations for the election of Officers. The Honorary Secretary shall circulate to every member the details of each candidate together with postal voting forms and a Financial Statement not less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
 - 8.3.2 The election of each Officer and Committee Member shall be decided by a majority of votes recorded.
 - 8.3.3 In the event of an equal number of votes being cast for two or more candidates for any office or for any Committee Member a further election for that office shall immediately be held between those candidates for whom the votes cast are equal in number. If there shall still be equality of votes the decision as to the person elected shall be made by the casting vote of the Chairman of the meeting
- 8.4 Proposals for additions or alterations to the Rules or for any other motion to be submitted to an Annual General Meeting shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 8.4.1 Any proposal shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary 28 days before the Annual General Meeting duly proposed by one Member and seconded by another.
 - 8.4.2 Copies of all such proposals and copies of all proposals put forward by the Committee shall be sent to all Members with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.4.3 Amendments to any proposal notified to Members under Rule 8.4.2 shall be sent in writing so as to reach the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded not less than twenty-four hours before the time for which the Annual General Meeting is convened.
 - 8.4.4 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 8.4.3 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

9 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Committee may convene at any time a Special General Meeting by giving to all Members two clear weeks' written notice thereof stating the date, time and venue thereof and the resolution or resolutions to be moved or other business to be transacted thereat.
- 9.1.1 Amendments to any resolution proposed by the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.4.3 for an Annual General Meeting.
 - 9.1.2 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.1.1 shall be added to the agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.
- 9.2 The Committee shall also convene a Special General Meeting on receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a written requisition so to do, duly signed by not less than 20 Members. Each requisition must clearly state the specific resolution to be moved.
- 9.2.1 Two clear weeks notice of such a Meeting stating the date, time and venue thereof and the specific resolution to be moved thereat shall be sent to all Members by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of the receipt of the requisition.
 - 9.2.2 Amendments to such a resolution shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary duly proposed and seconded by Members in the same manner as is prescribed by Rule 8.4.3.
 - 9.2.3 Amendments duly received in accordance with Rule 9.2.2 shall be added to the Agenda by the Chairman of the Special General Meeting.

10 RULES

- 10.1 No new rule shall be made, nor shall any Rule be amended or rescinded, except by a special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 8.4 or at a Special

- General Meeting convened by the Committee in accordance with Rule 9.1.
- 10.2 The Honorary Secretary shall register in accordance with the Act any new Rule or amendment to these Rules and no new Rule or amendment to the Rules shall be valid until so registered.
- 10.3 A copy of the Rules shall be delivered by the Honorary Secretary to any person on demand on payment of such sum (not exceeding ten pence) as may from time to time be determined by the Committee.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

11 POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Society shall be administered by the Committee which shall exercise all the powers of the Society expressed in Rule 4 and without limiting the generality thereof.

- 11.1 The Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees as are considered necessary to deal with the affairs of the Society.
- 11.1.1 The Committee shall determine the composition, powers and terms of reference of each Sub-Committee.
- 11.1.2 The Chairman of any Sub-Committee shall have a second or casting vote, and the quorum necessary for the transaction of business by a Sub-Committee shall be one third of its appointed members or as the Committee may determine.
- 11.1.3 A Sub-Committee may exercise the power of co-option subject to provisions similar to those in Rule 11.2.
- 11.2 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to serve on it provided that the number of such co-opted members shall not exceed one quarter of the number of members elected to hold office on the Committee (the Officers and the Representative(s) for the purposes of this computation being deemed to be elected members) and to approve the co-option of additional members to serve on any Sub-Committee, in both cases either for general or special service and with or without voting rights.
- 11.3 The Committee shall not exercise its powers in any way or for any purpose inconsistent with the objects of the Society.
- 11.4 The procedure for the conduct of meetings of the Committee shall be prescribed by the Committee and details thereof shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary and be available for inspection by Members at all reasonable times.
- 11.5 References in these Rules to any acts or activities or opinion (including, without limitation, decisions, directions, requests, exercises of discretion and the giving of consent) of the Committee shall mean such acts or activities or opinions as shall have been sanctioned or effected or (as the case may be) expressed by (a) a resolution of the Committee or (b) a resolution of the relevant Sub-Committee where the power to act or authority being exercised has been delegated by the Committee to a Sub-Committee or (c) the relevant Officer where that power or authority has been delegated by the Committee to an Officer.

12 OFFICERS

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

13 COMMITTEE

- 13.1 The Committee shall consist of those persons elected under Rules 8.1.4 and 8.1.6 and those named under 8.1.7
- 13.2 A Member of the Committee shall hold office from the end of the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected until the end of the following Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election from year to year.
- 13.3 The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be at least one third of its Members.
- 13.4 The chairman of any meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 13.5 If a vacancy shall occur for an elected Member of the Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next such vacancy shall be filled by the Committee.
- 13.6 If a Member of the Committee shall commit an offence under rule 5.6 or shall be adjudged bankrupt or if a court order is made appointing a Receiver to administer such Member's property such Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Committee.
- 13.7 Committee Members shall receive no remuneration for serving on the Committee other than payment of authorised expenses for carrying out their duties.

14 ASSOCIATES

The Committee may appoint Associates of the Society. Such Associates shall not be members of the Society and shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings but will have such rights as the Committee may decide, and will pay an annual subscription as fixed by the Committee.

FINANCE

15 SOCIETY FINANCE

- 15.1 The Society's income shall be obtained annually from the subscriptions of Members, from charges levied upon the Clubs, from investments and securities, from sponsorship and from any other available sources.
- 15.2 The profits of the Society shall be applied only in furthering the objects of the Society.
- 15.3 The Society shall not have power to receive money on deposit from Members or others.
- 15.4 A Financial Statement of the Society's affairs shall be made up to 31 August in each year (or such other date as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting) and shall when approved be signed by the Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee the Honorary Secretary and one Member of the Committee. An audit where necessary in law or, where the membership require shall be carried out by a registered auditor or, where the conditions applicable for appointing lay auditors apply, by 2 or more lay auditors and a printed copy of the signed Financial Statement, together with the auditors report thereon, shall be sent to each Member with the notice calling an Annual General Meeting.
- 15.5 The Society may participate in a direct debiting scheme as an originator for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for any category of membership and/or any other amounts due to the Society. In furtherance of such a scheme the Society may enter into an indemnity required by the bank upon whom direct debits are to be originated and such indemnity may be executed on behalf of the Society by the Honorary Secretary or as otherwise determined pursuant to these Rules.

16 AUDITORS

- 16.1 The provisions of the Act relating to, the appointment, powers, rights, remuneration, responsibilities and duties of the Auditors shall be complied with.
- 16.2 The Auditors where appointed shall be entitled to attend any General Meeting and to receive all notices of and other communications relating thereto which any Member is entitled to receive, and to be heard at any General Meeting on any part of the business which concerns them as auditors.

STATUTORY PROCEDURES

17 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 17.1 The registered offices of the Society shall be at The Island House, Midsomer Norton, Radstock,

Somerset BA3 2DZ or at such other location in England as the Committee may from time to time otherwise determine.

- 17.2 Notice of any change in the situation of the registered office shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to the Registrar within fourteen days after the change.

18 USE OF NAME OF THE SOCIETY

- 18.1 The name shall be kept painted or affixed in a conspicuous position and in letters which are easily legible on the outside of every office or place in which the activities of the Society are carried on.
- 18.2 The name shall be stated in legible characters in all business letters of the Society, in all notices, advertisements and other official publications of the Society, in all bills of exchange, promissory notes, endorsements, cheques and orders for money or goods purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Society, and in all bills, invoices receipts and letters of credit of the Society.
- 18.3 Save with the authority of the Committee, the name of the Society shall not at any time be used by any Member in any document or advertisement issued or published by, or on behalf of or with the authority of that Member in such a way as to indicate or imply that such document or advertisement was issued or published by or on behalf of the Society or the Committee.

19 SEAL

The Society shall have its name engraved in legible characters on a seal which shall be kept in the custody of the Honorary Secretary and shall be used only under the authority of the Committee which may determine who shall countersign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be countersigned by any two of the Officers.

20 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 20.1 The Society shall keep in its registered office a Register of Members and Officers in which the Honorary Secretary shall enter the following particulars
- 20.1.1 The name and address of each Member
- 20.1.2 A statement of the share held by each Member and the amount paid therefor.
- 20.1.3 A statement of other property, if any, in the Society held by each Member whether in loans or otherwise.
- 20.1.4 The date on which each Member was entered in the Register as a Member and the date on which a Member ceased to be a Member.
- 20.1.5 The names and addresses of the Officers of the Society with the offices held by them respectively and the date on which they assumed and left office.
- 20.2 The Register of Members and Officers shall be so constructed that it is possible to open to inspection the particulars entered pursuant to Rules 20.1.1, 20.1.4 and 20.1.5 without also opening to inspection the other particulars entered in the Register.

21 INSPECTION OF BOOKS

All Members and persons having an interest in the funds of the Society shall be allowed to inspect their own accounts and the particulars entered in the Register of Members and Officers other than those entered under Rules 20.1.2 and 20.1.3 at all reasonable hours at the registered office of the Society subject to such regulations as to the time and manner of such inspection as may be made from time to time by a resolution passed at a General Meeting.

22 ANNUAL RETURN

- 22.1 Every year not later than the date provided by the Act or where the Return is made up to the date allowed by the Registrar not later than seven months after such date the Honorary Secretary shall send to the Registrar the Annual Return in the form prescribed by the Registrar relating to the affairs of the Society for the period required by the Act to be included in the Return together with a copy of the Financial Statement of the Society with the Report of the Auditors where applicable thereon for the period included in the Return and a copy of each Balance Sheet made during that period and the report of the Auditors where applicable on that Balance Sheet.
- 22.2 A copy of the latest Annual Return shall be supplied free of charge on demand to every member or other person interested in the funds of the Society.

23 PUBLICATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Society shall keep a copy of the last Balance Sheet for the time being together with the Report made by the Auditors, where applicable, thereon always hung up in a conspicuous place at the registered office.

24 REGISTRATION

These Rules shall take effect on and from the date of their registration pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.

25 DISSOLUTION

In the event of it having to become necessary for the Members to discontinue the activities of the Society and to dissolve the Society under the provisions of the Act, its funds and property shall be appropriated or divided amongst the Members in such manner as the Committee consider to be fair and reasonable.

GENERAL

26 CONTINUITY

For the avoidance of doubt every Member of the Society who at the date these Rules take effect pursuant to Rule 24 holds office or position in any capacity in the Society (including the position of Vice Presidents) shall continue to hold the same office or position following registration. Such Members shall have the same seniority, dates of appointment, dates of retirement and the like after registration as before registration, subject only to such changes as are necessary by virtue of these Rules.

27 INDEMNITY

Each Officer and employee from time to time of the Society and each person who was or is from time to time a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee shall (to the extent that such person is not entitled to recover under any policy of insurance) be entitled to be indemnified out of any and all funds available to the Society which may lawfully be so applied, against all costs, liens, charges, expenses and liabilities whatsoever incurred by such person in the execution and discharge of duties undertaken on behalf of the Society or in relation thereto or incurred in good faith in the purported discharge of such duties, including any liability incurred in initiating prosecuting or defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted as an Officer or employee or as a Member of the Committee or any Sub-Committee as the case may be.

28 NOTICES

Any notice or other communication or document sent to a Member, Officer or Member of the Committee shall be treated as having been duly delivered twenty four hours after the time when it was dispatched.

29 ARBITRATION

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

30 INTERPRETATION

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

31 SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

The Act

means the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965/1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting Industrial and Provident Societies.

Auditors	means the Auditors of the Society for the time being.
Society	means The Somerset County Rugby Football Union Referees Society Limited
Committee	means the committee designated in Rule 13
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 the Game is played throughout the world.
Member	means a member of the Society.
Officers	means the officers designated in Rule 12.
Referees Union	means the Rugby Football Referees' Union.
Registrar	means the Chief Registrar and Assistant Registrars for England in the Central office of the Financial Services Authority and shall include the statutory successor carrying on the relevant functions of any of them.
Regulation	means a resolution, regulation or instruction made in accordance with Rule 4.11.
Rules	means the Rules of the Society for the time being registered with the Registrar.
Union	means the Rugby Football Union.
Gender	All references to the male gender shall apply equally to the female gender.
Communication	Where communication with Members is concerned "written" or "in writing" shall include sending such communication electronically.

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2016–2017 SEASON

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Please admit Holder to all
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and other matches as designated by the
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.....County Secretary