



East Berks Football Alliance

EBFA - Our Kids - Their Dreams

Annual General Meeting

2024/25

Minutes

Monday 15th July 2024





East Berks Football Alliance

EBFA - Our Kids - Their Dreams

1 Welcome – Register

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Current member Clubs attending

Leaving member Clubs attending

New Clubs seeking election to membership

EBFA Ltd Directors

EBFA Officers & Management Committee Officials

EBFA Officers & Management Committee Officials - New Div Sec

EBFA Officers & Management Committee Officials – Retiring Div Sec

2 AGM 23/24 Minutes & Matters Arising [Link](#)

Vote to accept the Minutes of the 23/24 AGM held on 18-Jul-23.

No Matters Arising.

Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee – unanimously voted for the acceptance of the Minutes of the 22/23 AGM held on 18-Jul-23.





East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile - Chairperson Report 2022/23

Thanks to Management Committee Officials – Without them this League would not be so well run and be such a success.

2023/24 Season

- 13,028 Registered Players (+ 399 players up from 22/23)**
- 945 Team - U7s to U18s (+ 33 teams up from 22/23)**

End of Pre-season meeting was an ITC ambush by people who do not understand the FIFA/EFA Regulation – EBFA now refers all Clubs with potential ITC players to the EFA Regs Dept.

App O updated, referring all ITC processing to the English Football Association Registration Department

Being assaulted at EBFA gives a different perspective on running a football league. My wife told me to leave.

Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee





East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile - Chairperson Report 2023/24

Thanks to Mike Harrison and Chris Day for leading the Incorporation of EBFA to EBFA Ltd, which is designed to provide financial protection to the League and ability to remove personal liability risks to officers on EBFA when signing contracts and HR contracts.

Chris Day will cover EBFA Ltd, as approved by the League SGM, in his report.



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee



East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile - Chairperson Report 2023/24

2023/24 Season - Memories

Rain, Rain and More Rain! (Dec-Apr)

2,235 Matches Rained-Out, many Rescheduled.

Those who think sunshine is happiness have never played football in the rain



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee



East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile - Chairman Report 2023/24

Trophy Events

**32 Trophy Event Finals U7s to U18s were held at Binfield FC
and Ascot United FC in April-24/May-24**

**Issues with Isthmian League and Combined Counties Football Leagues
which both have very little respect for kid's grassroots football**



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee



East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile – Chairperson Report 2023/24

Presentation Day

Champions, Runners Up and Respect Age Group Winners

**EBFA Presentation Day at Reading University Student Union
3Sixty Nightclub on 01-Jun-24 – 2,100 KG of trophies!**



**110 Teams invited to Presentation Day in 12 Sessions
with 2,115 Individual Trophies**

Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



East Berks Football Alliance

3 Chris Day - Secretary's Report

East Berks Football Alliance Ltd (EBFA Ltd)

Over the last 12 months a group of senior MC members have considered the implications of changing the legal structure of the league and consulted with a number of EBFA Clubs. The result is that we have established East Berks Football Alliance Ltd (Company Number 15767296) and it is now listed at Companies House. East Berks Football Alliance Ltd is a limited company by guarantee.

Berks and Bucks FA are aware, and we have been advised by Muckle partners, The FA lawyers. There will not be shares in the company, but all members (i.e. clubs and specific MC officials) would be required to pay £1.00 in the unlikely event that the company is declared bankrupt or wound up.



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee



East Berks Football Alliance

3 Chris Day - Secretary's Report

East Berks Football Alliance Ltd

The initial Directors of EBFA Ltd are;

James Bradbury - Whitegrove and Warfield FC

Wendy McBride - Ashridge Park FC

Kevin Bavington – EBFA Rules and Regs Secretary

Chris Day – Current EBFA Secretary

Robbie Langsbury- Whitegrove and Warfield FC

Wayne Cannon – Berks County FC

Steve Brown – Caversham Treants



The principal roles of the board of directors is the governance of the league, its finances, its future direction and sustainability of the league. The directors will all be unpaid volunteers.

*Woodley Utd raise issue of tax planning for Ltd Company, which was reported by Chris as already being consider.
Report noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee*



East Berks Football Alliance

4 Kevin Bavington - EBFA Vice Chair & Rules and Regulations

253 Match Claims

- **221 games awarded**
 - **212 Fines applied**
 - **9 No fines applied**
 - **Numerous fines increased from minimum amount as clubs have not responding to charges**
- **31 games not awarded**
 - **5 Games rescheduled**
 - **16 Games cancelled/void**
 - **10 Claims rejected**
- **1 outstanding claim**
 - **Personal Hearing requested**

63 Rules Cases

- **13 Charges for non-attendance at League AGM**
- **15 Charges for non-attendance at League Presentation**
- **6 teams playing ineligible players in games.**





East Berks Football Alliance

4 Kevin Bavington - EBFA Rules and Regulations

63 Rules cases(Continued)

- **7 Abandoned Matches cases (except Abandonment due to Player Injury) these Abandoned matches are referred to County FAs (CFAs) & more serious cases referred to the CFA/FA (racism, sexism, homophobia, serious assault of match official)**
- **9 teams withdrawing from League after AGM/Season Start – clubs fined.**
- **Plus, numerous queries about rules received from clubs & divisional secretaries**
- **This season the R&R Committee still have dealt with considerable number of match claim forms, and this resulted in cases taking longer than expected. Especially in last 3 weekend of the season 76 match claims.**

Info for previous seasons

- **2022/23 Season – 256 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2021/22 Season – 373 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2020/21 Season – 168 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2019/20 Season – 110 cases (Match claims / Rules)**



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee



Finance

5 Accounts for 2023/24 - Income

East Berks Football Alliance

<u>Detailed Surplus / (Deficit) Account</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>Reasons/Notes</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Application Fees	£0.00	£0.00	
Deposits	£0.00	£0.00	
Membership Fees	£83,957.25	£84,926.50	25% on Team Fees for Club with no OS Balances to League last Season
Player Registration Fees	£42,287.25	£38,356.50	Late Player Regs, Transfers and de-regs
Fines	£4,587.50	£7,247.00	
Trophy Event - Cup Entries	£0.00	£0.00	
Trophy Event - Gate Receipts	£10,660.30	£10,245.20	
Interest	£295.35	£53.44	Bank now paying interest
Donations	£0.00	£0.00	
Other - Protest Fees	£300.00	£300.00	
Other - Misc.	£68.82	£33.00	
	£142,156.47	£141,161.64	



Finance

5 Accounts for 2023/24 - Expenditure

Expenditure	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	
County FA Sanction	£30.00	£30.00	County FA Affiliation Cost
Public Liability Insurance	£64.00	£60.00	Extended Liability Cover For League
Printing, postage, and stationery	£2,468.66	£1,949.26	Royal Mails Stamps Increases
Professional Fees (<i>e.g. accountants/auditors</i>)	£150.00	£150.00	
Salaries/stipends	£79,222.50	£137,708.00	23/24(79K) 22/23(73K) & 21/22(65K) Provision
Meeting space hire (<i>e.g. AGM/MC Mtgs</i>)	£593.54	£1,896.01	AGM, PSM etc
Trophies/Medals	£28,816.90	£27,303.43	
Cup Finals	£10,285.92	£9,115.82	Pitches, Referees, Balls etc – 32 TE Finals
Equipment for participants	£4,321.62	£4,646.75	ID Cards System
Professional Subscriptions (<i>e.g. website</i>)	£11,719.96	£11,514.23	Web/FTP/GotFootball
Marketing (<i>e.g. Social Media advertisements</i>)	£0.00	£0.00	
Capital Expenditure (<i>e.g. computer equip</i>)	£5,711.66	£4,009.89	Computers/Software
Refreshments/hospitality	£0.00	£0.00	
Respect/Travel expenses	£1,512.12	£1,627.65	League attending fixtures
Donations/Transfer <i>to Benevolent Fund</i>	£0.00	£0.00	
Other – Storage	£2,067.55	£2,002.75	Only Service with minor increase
Other – Presentation Day	£3,179.80	£3,645.09	Presentation Event Day
Other – Reconstruction Costs	£3,099.60	£0.00	EBFA Ltd Costs
Other –	£0.00	£120.00	
	£153,243.83	£205,778.88	Costs increasing/ Salary/Services Provision



Finance

5 Accounts for 2023/24 - Balances

	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(£11,086.36)	(£64,617.24)
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Premium Deposit Account	£24,889.74	£24,530.87
Community Account	£344,768.72	£283,889.74
Debtors	£31,196.00	£14,304.50
Creditors	(£231,275.09)	(£142,121.90)
	£169,516.85	£180,603.21
	Difference = (£11,086.36)	

1 year's income as reserve = £141K





Finance

5 Accounts for 2023/24 Season

- **League Website Portal (Outstanding from 22/23)**
- **League seeing costs rapidly still increasing
Team, Player and Referee fees will be reviewed next year and may increase for 25/26 season.**

Vote to accept the 23/24 Accounts.



Attending Club Membership and EBFA Officers & Management Committee – unanimously voted for the acceptance of the Accounts for 2023/24.



Finance

5 Accounts for 2023/24 Outstanding Invoices

- League worked to reduce outstanding invoices
 - League will be in communication with a number of Clubs as to outstanding invoices balances.





Clubs 2024/25

6 Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (max 250 Clubs)

Clubs – Leaving EBFA (12 Clubs/20 Teams)

1	ABC Premier FC	2 Team	7	Manorcroft United Juniors FC	1 Team
2	Badshot Lea Colts FC	1 Team	8	NPL Youth FC	7 Team
3	Curley Park Rangers FC	1 Team	9	SW9 Coaching & FC	2 Teams
4	Fleet Town Colts Youth FC	1 Team	10	Taplow United Youth FC	1 Team
5	Henley Lions FC	1 Team	11	Thatcham Town FC	1 Team
6	Langley FC	1 Team	12	Zoom FC	1 Team

If by start of season they agree with Ian Nile to registering team(s), then their membership will be restored.

These Club no longer take part in the AGM as all further matters relate to 2024/25 Season.





Clubs 2024/25

6 Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (max 250 Clubs)

Clubs – Renamed (1 Clubs)

1	Wokingham & Emmbrook FC to Wokingham Town FC	Club Name Change	
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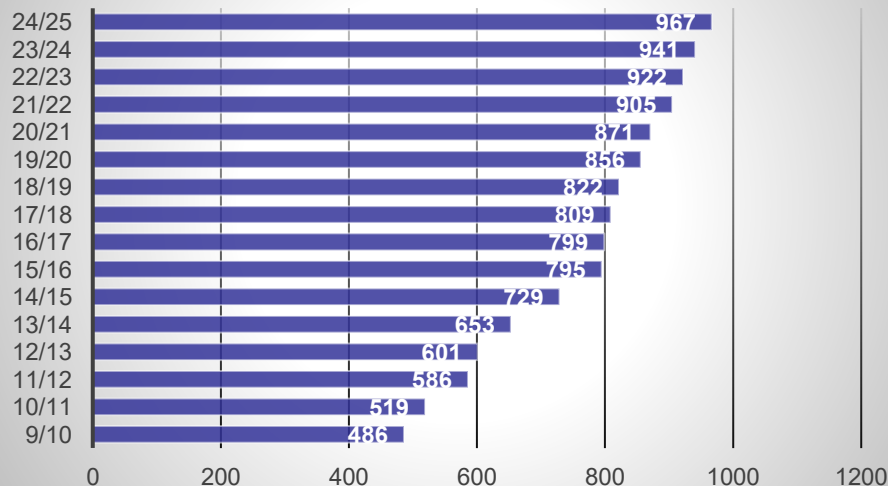
Clubs 2024/25

Team Application – 967 Teams (+ 26 Teams)

Current Clubs (94 Clubs) - 946 teams

Returning/New Clubs (9 Clubs) - 21 teams

EBFA Teams Per Season



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Applications 2024/25

Team Applications – 967 Teams

Applications for 2024/2025 (Age Group)	No of Teams	No of Sections/Divisions
U7	55	6
U8	70	7
U9	84	9
U10	99	10
U11	96	8
U12	95	8
U13	91	8
U14	96	8
U15	94	8
U16	79	7
U17	64	6
U18	44	4

**At 31-May-24 applications were 968 Team. Since, 01-Jun-24, 40 teams
withdrawn and 39 team added to applications**

*Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee – U7 WD Pre AGM –
966 to be invoiced in accordance with rules*





Applications 2024/25

Team Applications – 967 Teams

- 941 Teams at end of 2023/24
- 140 Teams from 2022/23 not playing 2024/25
- 800 Teams from 2022/23 Continue to 2024/25
- 146 Teams New for 2024/25, Current Clubs
- 21 Teams New from New Clubs for 2024/25



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



6 Returning/New Clubs Applications 2024/25

Summary provided (Next Pages) of the 3 returning clubs and 6 new clubs Applications.

EBFA reviewed application and will make recommendation on each New Club Application to the Current EBFA Membership.

Q&A session for new Clubs and they will then be asked to wait outside while voting take place – Questions only during the period while returning or new Clubs are present.

Current Clubs and All EBFA Management Committee Members to vote on Returning and New Clubs for 2024/25, after which New Clubs will be informed, with new elected clubs returning to meeting and issued voting cards.





New Clubs 2024/25

3 Returning and 6 New Club Applications

No	Returning Clubs	No Teams	Age Groups of Teams	FA Accreditation Club:	Geographical Location:	Pitch Postcode	Distance from Bracknell
1	Bedfont Eagles FC	6	1xU7, 1xU8 1xU9, 1xU10 1xU11,1XU15	★ ★	Bedfont	TW14 9QS	14.15
2	Thatcham Tornadoes FC	1	1xU15	★ ★ ★	Thatcham	RG7 5TA	18.30
3	Theale Tigers FC	1	1xU14	★	Theale	RG7 5AS	14.33
No	New Clubs	No Teams	Age Groups of Teams	FA Accreditation Club:	Geographical Location:	Pitch Postcode	Distance from Bracknell
1	Bramley United FC	1	1xU16	★	Tadley	RG26 5BN	15.06
2	Burnham FC	1	1xU15	★	Burnham	SL1 8JG	9.12
3	Gen Lions		1xU10,1xU12	★	Feltham	TW13 7EF	15.06
4	Talent ID Academy	3	1xU11,1XU12 1x U15	★	Thame	OX9 7AU	23.34
5	Virtu Juniors FC	5	1xU9, 1xU10 1xU12,1xU13 1XU15	★	Reading	RG2 8AF	9.19
6	Walton and Hersham Youth FC	1	1xU12	★ ★	Walton	KT8 2LX	16.34





New Clubs 2024/25 – League Investigations

No	New Clubs	No Teams
1	Bedfont Eagles FC	Returning Club to EBFA. Large Club entering Saturday Football. No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
2	Thatcham Tornadoes FC	Club normally Sunday football looking for Saturday Football Returning Club to EBFA. No Issues reported by County FA.
3	Theale Tigers FC	Teams from U13 BYDL. Returning Club to EBFA. No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
1	Bramley United FC	Were U15 Whitchurch Utd Black U15 NEHYFL Prem Div. No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
2	Burnham FC	New Team for U15 Div 3 from surplus players No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
3	Gen Lions	Feltham based – Other teams in JPL No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
4	Talent ID Academy	Oxford base development teams No Issues reported with Club by County FA.
5	Virtu Juniors FC	Teams from Wokingham & Emmbrook FC. Recent incident at Tournament – Club removed Manager, off duty police at event and supporting Virtu Junior Team in investigation with B&BCFA. Recent changes in Leadership at this Club has resulted in strong governance improvements.
6	Walton and Hersham Youth FC	Team joining Club from JPL – looking for consistent football No Issues reported with Club by County FA.





New Clubs 2024/25 – League Recommendation

No	Returning Clubs	Recommendation
1	Bedfont Eagles FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
2	Thatcham Tornadoes FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
3	Theale Tigers FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
No	New Clubs	Recommendation
1	Bramley United FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
2	Burnham FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
3	Gen Lions	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
4	Talent ID Academy	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
5	Virtu Juniors FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
6	Walton & Hershaw Youth FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership





New Clubs 2024/25 –

A number of questions were presented to Virtu Juniors FC club representatives on structure of club and interface to the Virtu Academy organisation, which were answered by the Virtu Juniors FC club representatives.

A number of questions were asked about Talent ID Academy, about Academy status and their website detailing success in the signing of players to professional Academies. However, Talent ID Academy were not represented at the AGM meeting, so question could not be fully answered.





New Clubs 2024/25 – Vote on Election of Clubs – Clubs Leave Meeting

Returning and New Clubs for 24/25, now leave the room
Vote to elect Clubs to EBFA for 24/25 Season.

No	Clubs	Results
1	Bedfont Eagles FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
2	Thatcham Tornadoes FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
3	Theale Tigers FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
1	Bramley United FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
2	Burnham FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
3	Gen Lions	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds
4	Talent ID Academy	Vote - 27 Green / 43 Reds
5	Virtu Juniors FC	Vote - 56 Green / 7 Reds
6	Walton and Hersham Youth FC	Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds

Elected Clubs return to Meeting and are issued voting cards

Vote outcomes - all returning clubs and all new clubs, except Talent ID Academy, were elected (Results Above)





Constitution 2024/25

7 Constitution Of The League for 2024/25

EBFA 2024/25 season will be scheduled to start on 7-Sep-24

Constitution of League 2024/25 ->

[Link](#)

Calendar 2024/25 ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U7s to U10s (10 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U11s to U18s (12 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U11s to U18s (8 Teams per division) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U11s to U18s (6 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)





Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 Retiring Officers of Management Committee.

Officers that have retired from EBFA Management Committee Service

None

We thank, you all for your Service to East Berks Football Alliance and "Our Kids".



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 Election of Officers of Management Committee.

EBFA Ltd General Manager – Ian Nile (Club Independent) Report to EBFA Ltd Board

Chairperson	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Hon. Secretary	- Chris Day	- Club Independent
Vice Chairperson	- Kevin Bavington	- Club Independent
Hon. Treasurer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent



Vote on election of Exec Officers reporting to EBFA Ltd General Manager for 24/25 Season.

All 4 officer Votes - Unanimously Green / No Reds



Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 Election of Officers of Management Committee.

League Welfare Officer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
League Asst. Welfare Officer	- Wendy McBride	- Ashridge Park FC
Referee's Secretary	- Stephen Saunders	- Club Independent
Club/Team & Player Registrar Officers		
Team Registrar Officer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Player Registrar Officer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Player Registrar Officer	- Wendy McBride	- Ashridge Park FC



**Vote on election of MC Officers reporting to EBFA Ltd
General Manager for 24/25 Season.**

All 5 officer Votes - Unanimously Green / No Reds. Except Asst. Welfare Officer which was all green except 1 red



Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 Election of Officers of Management Committee.

Training & Events Officer	- Mike Clothier	- Club Independent
Events Officer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Data Protection Officer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Respect Coordinator	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Respect Ambassador	- Deborah England	- Club Independent
Rules & Regs Chairperson	- Kevin Bavington	- Club Independent
Accreditation Coordinator	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent
Inclusion & Diversity Officer	- Laura McBride	- Ashridge Park FC
Social Media Co-Ordinator	- Laura McBride	- Ashridge Park FC



**Vote on election of MC Officers reporting to EBFA Ltd
General Manager for 24/25 Season.**

All 9 officer Votes - Unanimously Green / No Reds



Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

Retained Divisional Secretaries

Mark Bailey

Robert Barnes

Andy Bolt

James Bradbury

Steve Brown

Wayne Cannon

Mike Clothier

Kevin Collins

Cornelius O'Kane

Chris Day

- Maidenhead Boys & Girls FC

- Windlesham United Youth FC

- Eversley & California Youth FC

- Whitegrove & Warfield FC

- Caversham Trents FC -

- Berks County FC/Laurel Park FC

- Club Independent (Referee)

- Westwood Wanderers FC

- Woodley Pensioners FC

- Club Independent





Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

Retained Divisional Secretaries

Neil Graham

Robbie Langsbury

Nancy Lee

Tony Lenon

Ian Nile

Laura McBride

Wendy McBride

Chris Webb

Kerry-Anne Wooden

- FC Bracknell

- Whitegrove & Warfield FC

- Pinewood FC

- Eversley & California Youth FC (Referee)

- Club Independent

- Ashridge Park FC

- Ashridge Park FC

- Hawley Raiders FC

- Harts of Bracknell FC





Election of EBFA Officers 2024/25

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

New Divisional Secretaries for 24/25

Adedayo Benson

- Whiteknight FC

Daniel Hinton

- Arborfield Aces FC

Rebecca Sarney

- FC Bracknell

Graeme Wilson

- Hawley Raiders FC



**Vote on election of MC Div Secs reporting to EBFA Ltd
General Manager 24/25 Season.**

All 4 New Div Sec Votes - Unanimously Green / No Reds



Finance 2024/25

10 Accounts for 2024/25 – Appointment of Auditor/Verifier

- Steve Brown FCCA of Caversham, Reading.
- **Vote to accept the 24/25 Auditor/Verifier.**



Vote - Unanimously Green / No Reds



Rules & Regulations 2024/25

9 Rules and Regulations of the League for the 2024/25 season – Proposed Changes

See Separate Documents

2024/25 Summary Rules (Subject to AGM Approval) ->

[Link](#)

2024/25 Full Rules (Subject to AGM Approval) ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U7s & U8s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U9s & U10s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U11s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U12s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U13s to U18s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format Sheet - Trophy Events Penalty

Shootout Procedure U7s to U18s ->

[Link](#)





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

11 Rules and Regulations of the League for the 2024/25 season

FA SCORY – Rule Changes - **Added** - ~~Removed~~

EBFA – Proposed Rule Changes - **Added** - ~~Removed~~

B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes - **Added** - ~~Removed~~





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

11 FA SCORY Rule Changes -> [Link](#)

1(A) "Club Portal" means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time;

To define Club Portal as referred to in 4.(E) below.

2(G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association.

The content of the first paragraph is to be largely removed as Clubs now provide this information via the Club Portal.

The Leagues will have access to the Competition Portal, which shows the information inputted by clubs on the Club Portal.

2(K) Clubs Immediately Inform the Competition when entered another Competition for which they have obtain Permission to enter.

To ensure clubs keep the Competition informed of external fixtures to support them with planning and operating the Competition.

Note: EBFA will not give consent for teams to enter any other competition.





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

FA SCORY Rule Changes

4(E) Clubs ensure all its team are entered in Competition on Club Portal

Affiliation numbers are no longer available, and competitions can see the affiliation status of each team in the Competition Portal.

8(H) New Club Application Must have opportunity to be put forward for membership at AGM.

Competition have lost appeals when not allowing clubs to be considered at AGM/SGM.

15(B) Expenditure Limits

To update to reflect current payment methods (Debit Cards, Credit Cards and BACS Transfer), which do not include payment by cheque.

18(B)(i) Contract Player added Exception for "or Tiers 1-4 of the Women's Pyramid System."

To be consistent with SCOR

Note: Introduction of new EFA ITC system mid way through 23/24, requires a new EBFA Policy on Club ITC Due Diligence to ensure Clubs meet their responsibility to source ITC or ITC exception for players born outside England.





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

FA SCORY Rule Changes

18(E)(ii) Player Registration, from different clubs, first valid submission given registration priority

The existing wording is unclear as to the order of priority and should be clarified by date of registration submitted.

18(G) Management Committee shall accept the Registration of any Player subject to 18(G)(ii) & (iii)

To clarify that the only basis for refusing a registration of a Player is pursuant to the grounds set out in 18G2 or 18G3.

18(M) Player Played in other Competition Matches

A Team shall not include more than one (1) Players who has/have taken part in one (1) or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition is any other EFA Affiliated League, played at Under 7s to Under 21s age groups.





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

FA SCORY Rule Changes

19 Add Teams Must Register Design as well as Colour of Shirts/Shorts

To align with change to 19.B below.

19 Teams Must Register Design as well as Colour of Shirts/Shorts must get Competition approval first.

To align the position regarding mid-season kit changes with the position regarding pre-season Competition approval set out in 19A above (i.e. that Competition pre-approval is required).

20(C) Home Club to Confirm Kit Colour (including Goalkeeper)

To improve the likelihood of a clash being resolved prior to the day of a match.

20(E)(i) Clarify Penalties for Club failing to keep its engagements

To reformat/redraft this rule to make it easier to understand.





Rules & Regulations 2024/25

FA SCORY Rule Changes

20(I) FA Football Debt Club Suspension

The proposed amendment gives a clear timeline for when a competition can postpone a fixture due to an active club suspension in relation to a football debt.

Sch A Fines 4(E) ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL

To update cross-referencing to reflect the proposed amendments to 4.(E) above.

Sch A Fines 21(D) TO 21(C)

To update cross-referencing of rules in the Schedule containing the fines tariff.

Already correct in EBFA Rules.



No Vote on FA SCORY Rule Changes for 24/25 Season

Noted ALL SCORY changes by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Rules & Regulations 2024/25

11 Clubs Proposed Rules Changes -> [Link](#)

18(Q) & 23(P) EBFA GotSport Team Sheets – Uploaded to GotSport and Electronic Versions - (Proposed by Woodley United – Paul Ferris)

Thanks to Paul Ferris of Woodley United FC for identifying the app Notability, for digital editing of GotSport Team sheets for completion and upload after each match to GotSport.

20(A) (viii) EBFA Kick-Off Times for Teams Travelling 20 Miles or More - (Proposed by Clubs at AGM 23/24)

To delay kick-off time for teams travelling 20 miles or more. Unless both teams agree to an earlier kick-off.

Vote on Proposed Club Rule Changes for 24/25 Season.

Club Proposed Rule Changes Vote Results

Vote 18(Q) & 23(P) - Unanimously Green / No Reds Against

Vote 20(A) - Unanimously Green, except 4 Reds Against





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

ALL - Migrate From GotFootball to GotSport

Reason -> Decommission of the GotFootball portal, to the same providers new GotSport League/Club Portal.

4(A) - Low Respect/Fair Play Average for the Season (Below 200 Avg out of 300)

Reason -> Respect/FairPlay is important to the operation of the League and poor on field practices and/or just not completing the EBFA TM&RR must be sanctioned.

Thus, financial penalties will increase team's awareness of the importance of Respect/FairPlay on the pitch and in completing the paperwork.

On course being Respectful on the pitch and completing the paperwork will mean no increase in team fees to the team.

This rule will start in 24/25 with fee variations in 25/26 season.





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

18(B) – Academy Player Rules – Club to Gain Academy Grassroot Participation Documents

Reason -> Academy Players rule introduced by English Football Association in 2023/24. There is no EFA system to validate a player is an Academy Players, U7s to U11s, and that the Academy has provided Academy approval documentation to participate in training and matches in League. Academy approval documentation that certifies the authorises of Academy Players to participate in training and matches in grassroots League.

Eldon Celtic Juniors FC asked if there could be a vote on have no Academy players playing in EBFA.

Ian Nile informed meeting that not this AGM, a Club would have to propose the rule for AGM 25 and would be have to achieve County FA approval before rule change could be voted on at AGM 25.





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

18-D - Player Reg Fees

Reason -> Increase Player Reg Fees to Account for GotSport increases in fees (held at same fee since 2014 when EBFA started using GotFootball).

Migration GotFootball to GotSport is for the 24/25 season.

Transfer Fee and De-Reg to remain the by same amounts for 24/25.

Also, introduction an updated late of a new Player Registration Fee 01-Aug to 31-Aug, where ID cards will be printed and collected at Pre-Season Meeting.

Also, introduction an updated late of a new Player Registration Fee 01-Sep to 31-Mar, where ID cards will be printed and posted to the Team Manager's Address.

No account for RPI inflation for these 3 seasons.





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

18-D - Player Reg Fees

Current 23/24 Player Reg Fees

18(D)	Player Registration Fee Up To 31-Jul (U7 to U21)	£0.00
	Player Registration Fee After 31-Jul (U7 to U21)	£7.50
18(H)	Transfer Fee - Club to Club Transfer	£11.50
	Transfer Fee - Internal Club Transfer (U9 to U21)	£7.50
	Transfer Fee - Internal Club Transfer (U7 to U8)	£4.00
18(H)	De-Registration Fee and release of player from Registration system	£8.00

24/25 Player Reg Fee £3, invoiced to Club. Discounted to £2 for 24/25.

18(D)	Player Registration Fee Up to 31-Jul (U7 to U21) (14-Aug-24 due to GF to GS Migration for 24/25 Season)	£3.00 £2.00
	Player Registration Fee 15-Aug to 31-Aug (U7 to U21)	£7.50 £8.00
	Player Registration Fee 01-Sep to 31-Mar (U7 to U21)	£7.50 £9.50

25/26 Player Reg Fee £4, invoiced to Club.

18(D)	Player Registration Fee Up to 31-Jul (U7 to U21)	£4.00
	Player Registration Fee 01-Aug to 31-Aug (U7 to U21)	£10.00
	Player Registration Fee 01-Sep to 31-Mar (U7 to U21)	£11.50

26/27 Player Reg Fee £5, invoiced to Club.

18(D)	Player Registration Fee Up to 31-Jul (U7 to U21)	£5.00
	Player Registration Fee 01-Aug to 31-Aug (U7 to U21)	£11.00
	Player Registration Fee 01-Sep to 31-Mar (U7 to U21)	£12.50

Note to Aug Player Registration - Players registered from 01-Aug to 31-Aug-24, will be processed on GotSport for the start of the season. Compliant GotSport Player registration will have their EBFA ID Cards Printed and approved on Whole Game System (Subject to data compliance of WGS data to GotSport registration data, matching same Team, First Name, Last Name, FAN and Date of Birth) for the season start in 2nd week of September.

FA Dispensation How to Complete -> [Link](#)





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

20-A (i) - PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

Reason -> Reduce confusion of Away Team hosting and clarify if Away Team pitch costs are required for hosting.

In age groups where Divisions are being operated and Home Team has offered the hosting to the Away Team. If there is a charge for the Away Team pitch hosting, where there is little chance of reciprocity pitch swap, later in the season, then the Home Team must agree before traveling to reimburse the Away Team for pitch hire. If Home Team cannot agree to reimburse the Away Team for pitch hire, then Home Team shall not be obliged to accept this offer of the Away Team hosting.

20-A (i) - EBFA Google Claim the Match Points Form

Reason -> Claim the Match Point form – clarify the wording.

U12 to U21 Teams playing in Divisions and U7 to U21 Teams playing in trophy events, wishing to claim the match points, shall use the EBFA Google Claim Match Points Form (CMPF). The EBFA Google CMPF shall be submitted to the competition within three (3) days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which the claim refers. Late EBFA Google CMPF will be rejected. There is no cost for the submission of this EBFA Google form, which can be submitted by a Team's or Clubs Official. It is recommended that the submitting official ensures that a copy of the form is lodged with their Club Secretary.





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

20-B – External Team Format and Competition policy on Div Secs scheduling, cancellation and re-scheduling priority to fixtures that affect teams who are challenging for the championship and runners up positions.

Reason -> 11v11 playing in EBFA, can only enter an 11v11 format competition in the English Football Association or parent County Association Cup Competitions. 11v11 cannot enter, for example 9v9 or Futsal, 5v5 etc.

Competition Divisional Secretary, at U12 to U18, are authorised to give scheduling, cancellation and re-scheduling priority to fixtures that affect teams who are challenging for the championship and runners up positions

20-B Teams that enter an English Football Association FA and/or Parent County Association Competitions, which conflicts with the Team's EBFA fixture day, will be excluded from the EBFA Competition's Trophy Event.

Reason -> Claim the Match Point form – clarify the wording.

U12 to U21 Teams playing in Divisions and U7 to U21 Teams playing in trophy events, wishing to claim the match points, shall use the EBFA Google Claim Match Points Form (CMPF). The EBFA Google CMPF shall be submitted to the competition within three (3) days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which the claim refers. Late EBFA Google CMPF will be rejected. There is no cost for the submission of this EBFA Google form, which can be submitted by a Team's or Clubs Official. It is recommended that the submitting official ensures that a copy of the form is lodged with their Club Secretary.





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

20-B Teams that enter an English Football Association FA and/or Parent County Association Competitions, which conflicts with the Team's EBFA fixture day, will be excluded from the EBFA Competition's Trophy Event.

Reason -> To account for poor weather backlog and pitch closures in last 2 season, that means County Cup delays have an excuse burden on League administration and can mean team having up to 8-12 County FA Cup postponements of games in EBFA.

Teams that play in EBFA Saturday and enter a Sunday The FA and/or parent County Association Cup Competitions are okay as the Sunday does not conflict with their EBFA Fixtures on Saturday. Also vice versa for Sunday EBFA fixtures and Saturday The FA and/or parent County Association Cup Competitions. .





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

23-E Proposed Referee Fees for 24/25

Reason -> To align Referee Fees to Local Leagues.

23 (E)	Match Officials	
	Referees' Fees - Mini-Soccer - 5v5 Football	
	Under 7 and 8	£18.00
	Referees' Fees - Mini-Soccer - 7v7 Football	
	Under 9 and 10	£22.00
	Referees' Fees - Youth - 9v9 Football	
	Under 11 and 12	£26.00
	Referees' Fees - Youth - 11v11 Football	
	Under 13 and 14	£30.00
	Under 15 and 16	£34.00 £36.00
	Under 17 and 18	£38.00 £40.00
	Referees' Fees - Open Age U21 - 11v11 Football	
	Under 21	£40.00
	Assistant Referees' Fees:	
	Under 11 and 12	£17.00
	Under 13, 14, 15, and 16	£22.00
	Under 17 and 18	£24.00 £26.00
	Under 21	£26.00





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

App M - Age Related Registration Bands 2024/25

Reason -> Updated age-related registration bands by one year from 23/24 season to 24/25 season. [LINK](#)

App N - Competition's Constitution – Tried to extraordinary circumstance Section /Division Change in season.

Reason -> League can only change team's Section or Division at Christmas, which for some times is too late, if they are too strong or too weak in a Section or Division.

In extraordinary circumstances, under the Competition's Constitution, the Competition is authorised to make Section and Division changes in the best interests of the competition, at any time during the season.

Although Berks and Bucks County FA understand the idea behind this proposed rule change, and agree there should be more flexibility allowed, but under SCORY, Berks and Bucks County FA were NOT able to approve this rule change.

Shame that teams which are being overpowered, every week, have to fold instead of the rules allowing the League to address their constitutional division. Where is inclusion?

App M Season Change noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee
App N B&BCFA no approved noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

App S - B&B CFA - 24/25 English Football Association Safeguarding Requirements.

App T - Heading in U7-U11 Youth Grassroots Football Matches in EBFA from 24/25.

Confirm in EBFA U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s and U11s Age Groups Heading of Football phased out completely. (NOT over 3 years, but from 24/25 season). Updated Age Group Formats, links below.

Age Group Format 2024/25-U7s & U8s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U9s & U10s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U11s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U12s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2024/25-U13s to U18s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format Sheet - Trophy Events Penalty

Shootout Procedure U7s to U18s ->

[Link](#)





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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

Sch B Fines – Double Negative (.... NOT... NO to NOT)

20 (A) (iv) 20 (A) (viii)	DELAYING KICK OFF BY NOT HAVING NO NETS	£30.00	£10.00
20 (A) (iv) 20 (A) (viii)	DELAYING KICK OFF BY NOT HAVING NO CORNER FLAGS	£30.00	£10.00

Reason -> Both contain a double negative "... NOT ... NO ... ". So remove "NO"



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EBFA Proposed Rule Changes – Vote Results

EBFA Rule Changes	Vote Results
ALL - Migrate From GotFootball to GotSport	<i>Unanimously Green, except 1 Reds Against</i>
4(A) - Low Respect/Fair Play Average for the Season (Below 200 Avg out of 300)	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
18(B) – Academy Player Rules – Club to Gain Academy Grassroot Participation Documents	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
18-D - Player Reg Fees	<i>Unanimously Green, except 1 Reds Against</i>
20-A (i) - PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
20-A (i) - EBFA Google Claim the Match Points Form	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
20-B – External Team Format and Competition policy on Div Secs scheduling, cancellation and re-scheduling priority to fixtures that affect teams who are challenging for the championship and runners up positions.	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
20-B Teams that enter an English Football Association FA and/or Parent County Association Competitions, which conflicts with the Team's EBFA fixture day, will be excluded from the EBFA Competition's Trophy Event.	<i>49 Green, except 21 Reds Against</i>
23-E Proposed Referee Fees for 24/25	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
All App M No Vote, Season change noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee	<i>No Vote – Noted as season update</i>
App N B&BCFA no approved. noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee	<i>No Vote – Noted as season update</i>
App S Addition noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>
App T Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee	<i>Unanimously Green, except 13 Reds Against</i>
Sch B Fines – Double Negative (.... NOT... NO to NOT)	<i>Unanimously Green / No Reds Against</i>



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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

13(A) Trophy -

EBFA – Reason for Not Adopted

{IN – As EBFA does not present returnable cup or trophy to winners of cup or trophy – Thus not appropriate in EBFA Rules and Regs}

B&BCFA 13 A - agreed to add

“The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of ~~the~~ any cup or trophy *which is the property of the League*”

24/25 Revised Rule 13 A

(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of ~~the~~ any cup or trophy *which is the property of the League*:-“We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before []. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Noted - Not Adopted restored as revised rule by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee





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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

18(E) Player Registered to more than one club –

(iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:

- The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or
- Except for the purpose of a transfer.

And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

EBFA – Reason for Not Adopted

{IN – 18.E.(iii) Never in 22 years has EBFA Approved this }

{If required, then need a means of knowing how many minutes the player played in each match so League can apply rule 20 (A) }



Age Group	Minimum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events (trophies & medals)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	5	10	10	20	40 (40 Minutes in 1 st and 2 nd or 30 each match)	40 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (8 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	10	12.5	20	25	50 (50 mins in 1 st and 10 Mins in 2 nd or 30 each match)	50 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	N/A	N/A	20	30	60 (60 mins in 1 st and 20 Mins in 2 nd or 40 each match)	60 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods
Under 12	N/A	N/A	20	30	60 (60 mins in 1 st and 20 Mins in 2 nd or 40 each match)	60 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	N/A	N/A	25	35	80 (70 mins in 1 st and 20 Mins in 2 nd or 60 each match)	80 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100 (90 mins in 1 st and 20 Mins in 2 nd or 50 each match)	100 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120 (90 mins in 1 st and 30 Mins in 2 nd or 60 each match)	120 (Cannot play for 2 teams in trophy Event in 1 season)	Any varieties including one season long league table



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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

18(E) Player Registered to more than one club –

B&BCFA 18 E - This rule exists so that players who wish to play in multiple age groups, but whose Clubs do not offer Teams at each group, are able to do so. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager/s to ensure a player does not exceed the maximum recommended playing time.

24/25 Revised Rule 18 E

(iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:

- a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or
- b. Except for the purpose of a transfer.

And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

For (iii) (a), the Team Managers from each Club, to compile with their responsibility, must inform, by email, the other Club and League div Sec of the minutes played by the player, after each EBFA fixture, to ensure a player does not exceed the maximum recommended playing time. Player Shall only play in 1 trophy event competition per season.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



Noted - Not Adopted restored as revised rule by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Rules & Regulations 2024/25

B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

18(M) Player playing in EBFA from a more senior Competition Match

A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have played in [] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is /are [].

B&BCFA 18 M –

This rule lets grassroots leagues restrict the number of players that play at a higher level playing in their competition too frequently. In the youth game you may consider the JPL (for example) a higher level of competition and therefore want to restrict the number of players/number of times a player in the JPL can play in the EBFA. The 21 day limit is there to allow players recovering from injury, or who are on the fringes of the “higher” level Team but not playing regularly to still play in another League.

24/25 Revised Rule 18 M

A Team shall not include more than one (1) Players who has/have taken part in one (1) or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition is any other EFA Affiliated League, played at Under 7s to Under 21s age groups. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



Noted - Not Adopted restored as revised rule by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

18(P) Cancel Registration

18 (P) *If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.*

If a Player's registration is cancelled, they will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of [x] days from the date of cancellation.

EBFA – Reason for Not Adopted

{IN – 18.P EBFA runs a de-registration Google Form }

B&BCFA 18 P

This is an optional rule in SCORY so can be not adopted.

24/25 Revised Rule 18 M

No Change – Not Adopted



Noted - Not Adopted – No Change, still Not Adopted noted by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

20(H) Cancel Registration

The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who *may/shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

EBFA – Reason for Not Adopted

{IN – 20.H Players are too young for this responsibility }

B&BCFA 20 H

If you are against this, the option “may” should be adopted. I would argue that passing the captaincy around a team can be a good way of inspiring/teaching leadership and responsibility in young age groups. A League should not prevent a Club from doing this if they wish. It is ultimately a Club decision.

24/25 Revised Rule 20 H

The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football may identify a Team captain who *shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



Noted - Not Adopted restored as revised rule by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

20(B) Automatic Promotion

Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [] Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [] Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).

- a. *Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.*
- b. *Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:*
 - i. *retention of otherwise relegated Team(s); or*
 - ii. *additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or*
 - iii. *election*
- c. *The last [] Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22 (B)(i) above.*
- d. *Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.*
- e. *Should either or both of the relegated Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next lower division, relegation shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next lowest Team or Teams in the division concerned.*

20 (C)

In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the “Play-Offs”). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows [].





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B&BCFA SCORY Not Adopted– Rule Changes

20(B) Automatic Promotion and 20(C)

EBFA – Reason for Not Adopted

{IN – 22.B and 22.C are not operational for U7 to U18 Leagues,

No all teams enter the competition from 1 season to another

Teams join age groups from other Leagues and should be streamed appropriately

These SCORY do not account for teams which do not re-apply for the net age group, season to season.}

Streaming on Average points per games played is a superior means of determining the constitution of the League

U10 play in Sections of 10 teams maximum and U11 play in Sections of 12 Teams maximum}

B&BCFA 22 B & C

This is an optional rule in SCORY so can be not adopted.

24/25 Revised Rule 22 B & C

No Change – Not Adopted



Noted - Not Adopted – No Change, still Not Adopted noted by County FA by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Playing Season & Calendar 2024/25

13/14 Fix a date for the commencement and conclusion of the Sections & Divisions playing seasons

U7s to U18s (Sections / Divisional Matches)

Season Start **Saturday 7th September 2024**

Season Finish **Sunday 4th May 2025**

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U7s to U10s (10 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U11s to U18s (12 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2024/25 U11s to U18s (8 Teams per division) ->

[Link](#)





Trophy Event Finals 2024/25

13/14 Fix a date for the Trophy Event Finals - 2025

[Binfield FC (TBC) & Ascot United FC (Confirmed)]

05-Apr-25 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U12s Cup/Plate, U15s Cup & U16s Cup	9am-3pm	Binfield FC
25-Apr-25 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U17s Cup	Friday 7:30pm	Binfield FC
26-Apr-25 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U11s Cup/Plate/Shield & U14s Plate, U15s Plate	9am-3pm	Binfield FC
02-May-25 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U18s Cup	Friday 7:30pm	Ascot United FC
03-May-25 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U7s & U8s Finals, U9s/U10s Cup/Plate/Shield, U13s Cup/Plate, U14s Cup & U16s Plate	9am-3pm	Ascot United FC



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



AOB 2024/25

15 Any Other Business

Of which due notice shall have been given and accepted by Management Committee as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

- 15 (a) Become an EBFA Div Sec
- 15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2024/25 -> [Link](#)
- 15 (c) Player Registration Systems 2024/25
- 15 (d) Player Registration GotSport
Passport Style Photo – Rejections
- 15 (e) EBFA Next Meeting – Pre-Season
Meeting, Constitution (if required)
- 15 (f) EBFA 2024/25 Presentation Day





EBFA – The Future 2024/25

15 (a) Divisional Secretaries of EBFA Become a Div Sec?

**We are an efficient, effective, evolutionary and a
Very Successful League!**

**However - the workload of the league is being done by
less and less Volunteers
At least 1/2 New Div Sec Needed!**

As Seen - 4 New Div Sec have volunteered for 24/25.

Please contact Ian Nile (iannile@hotmail.com)



Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee



Football Law Changes for 2024/25

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2024/25

iFAB Law Changes 2024/25 and iFAB Laws of the Game 2024/25
Documents available -> [Link](#)

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

- Clarification that players are responsible for the size and suitability of their shinguards. Having provided this information in the definition of 'shinguard' in the Glossary, it is now also included in the Laws text.

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

- The captain must wear an armband which is simple and conforms to the requirements of Law 4 relating to slogans, statements, images and advertising. It may be issued or authorised by the competition organiser.





Football Law Changes for 2024/25

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2024/25

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

- Reference to gloves has been included under 'Other equipment' to reflect the fact that they are widely used, especially by goalkeepers. Reference to tracksuit bottoms for goalkeepers has been removed from 'Compulsory equipment' and included under 'Other equipment' to accurately reflect the fact that they are not compulsory. 'Goal celebrations' to become a separate bullet point in the list of causes of time lost for which the referee makes allowance.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconducts

- Non-deliberate handball offences are usually the result of a player attempting to play fairly, so when a penalty kick is awarded for such offences, the same philosophy should apply as for offences (fouls) which are an attempt to play the ball or a challenge for the ball, i.e. DOGSO offences result in a yellow card and SPA offences result in no card. Deliberate handball remains a red-card offence when a penalty kick is awarded, as it is similar to holding, pulling, pushing, no possibility to play the ball etc.

Noted by Attending Club Membership and EBFA Directors, Officers & Management Committee





Football Law Changes for 2024/25

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2024/25

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

- Clarification regarding the ball position for a penalty kick, as there can be disputes and/or delays, especially when the penalty mark is not a 'spot'. Part of the ball must touch or overhang the centre of the penalty mark (just as the ball must be inside the corner area, including overhanging the corner arc, at a corner kick). As with other positional matters, if ground conditions dictate a slight change, this is a decision for the referee.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

- Player encroachment can be difficult to detect and manage, especially at the lower levels of the game, where there may be no neutral assistant referees. However, it can easily be identified by the video assistant referee, and if Law 14 were to be applied strictly, most penalty kicks would be retaken. Since encroachment rarely affects the outcome of the kick (only if the ball rebounds into play), the same principle should apply to player encroachment as to goalkeeper encroachment, i.e. it is penalised only if it has an impact.





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3. Summary table

Amended text

	Outcome of the penalty kick	
	Goal	No goal
Encroachment by attacking player	<u>Impact: penalty is retaken</u> <u>No impact: goal</u>	<u>Impact: indirect free kick</u> <u>No impact: no retake</u>
Encroachment by defending player	<u>Impact: goal</u> <u>No impact: goal</u>	<u>Impact: penalty is retaken</u> <u>No impact: no retake</u>
Encroachment by defending and attacking player	<u>Impact: penalty is retaken</u> <u>No impact: goal</u>	<u>Impact: penalty is retaken</u> <u>No impact: no retake</u>





Football Law Changes for 2024/25

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2024/25

Guidelines for temporary dismissals (sin bins)

The guidelines have been revised and the main changes are as follows:

- To help manage temporary dismissals, a temporarily dismissed player can return to the field of play only during a stoppage after the end of the temporary dismissal period, i.e. not while the ball is in play.
- If a temporary dismissal period is not completed at the end of the first half of extra time, it continues at the start of the second half of extra time (a temporary dismissal period cannot continue after the end of the second half of extra time, since temporary dismissals are not used in penalties (penalty shoot-out))
- System B, which uses temporary dismissals as an additional sanction for specific offences only, has been simplified so that any two cautionable offences in the same match will result in the player being (permanently) sent off (RC)
- 'Handball' has been changed to 'deliberate handball' in the list of offences that might be suitable for a temporary dismissal if they stop or interfere with a promising attack (System B)



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Player Registration System(s) 2024/25

15 (c) Player Registration Systems 2024/25

Player Registrations – via www.GotSport.com and WGS (FA-PRS).

GotSport System was ready for 2024/25 on 19-Jun-24.

Player Late Registration fees period extended from 31-Jul-24 to 14-Aug-24, due to migration.

Printing of Player ID Cards to start 15-Aug-24, for collection at end of the EBFA Pre-Season Meeting on 05-Sep-24.

Whats' App group setup for Clubs with League.

More documentation and web video recordings to follow on Club and Team interface.





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Clubs are also required by the Football Association to register their players to a team on Whole Game System (WGS) FA Player Registration system (FA-PRS). Photo and Consent on WGS are not required by the EBFA League.

EBFA has not yet started matchings the Registered players in GotSport to those submitted by Club for league approval on WGS (PRS). 1,968 Players submitted by Clubs on WGS.

EBFA will check the player has completed the full GotSport registered process on GotSport, Export ID Card for printing and then will validate the WGS FA-PRS Player's Team, FAN, First Name, Surname and Date of Birth against the master data on the GotSport player's registration record.



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If all data matches the League will approval the WGS submission and will update the GotFootball Player Registration record with an update to the start of the Player Jersey number with

"V-", which means the player CAN play in EBFA 24/25 matches.

If the players has "A-", in the jersey field, then player is new and not yet matched between GotSport and WGS.

"A- and U-" At start of jersey field, are Players is NOT Authorised to play in EBFA 24/25 matches.



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15(d) Player Registration Systems 2024/25 GotSport Player Reg Errors Added By League in First Name Field

- - ITC DD Required
- - Cannot Read POA
- - No OnLine GS-LPGAF (Must be completed by Guardian)
- - Photo Not Compliant (See Photo Tec Spec) -> [Link](#)
- - Reg to Other Team
- - Too old for this Age Group
- - Max Squad Size is Y Players
- - POA (Proof of Age) NOT for this player -
- Etc.





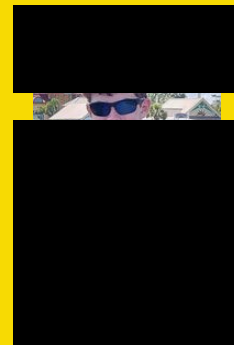
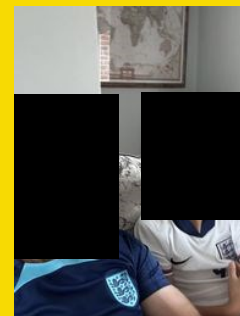
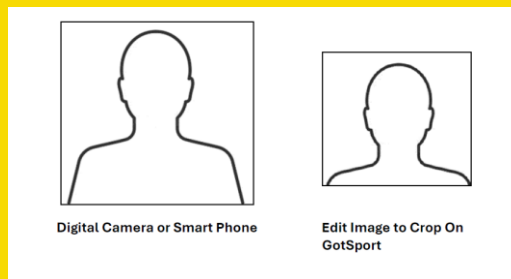
Player Registration System(s) 2024/25

15 (d) Player Registration GotSport Player ID Photos Passport Style Rejections

Just Upper Body Head & Shoulders Photo – Is it So Difficult!



*Upload Player Photo Like
this Lego Stormtrooper Photo*



**No Sunglasses
No Hats
No Family
No Trophies**

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15(d)

Player Registration GotSport Player ID Photos Style are deleted, and photo acceptance status set to approval denied and Player cannot be registered on GotSport and WGS (Player Cannot Play in EBFA).

POA/POBP Documents must be readable – if not verification is approval Denied/Withheld then player cannot be registered on GotSport and WGS (Player Cannot Play in EBFA).

Player with no GotSport WGS FAN entered on GotSport. FAN status on GotSport is denied approval and Player cannot be registered on GotSport and WGS (Player Cannot Play in EBFA).

This season on GotSport

Photos are approved or denied

FANs are approved or denied

DOB/POBP Verified by the Association (League)

– Clubs Please do not verify the Proof of Age Document!

GS-LPGAF must be completed by Guardian from Guardian email login



GotSport ITC Note : In GotSport the blue ITC icon means player is ITC approved (Hover the cursor over the Blue ITC icon on GotSport). Thus player does not require ITC if they have blue ITC icon!

It will take a while to get through all 10800 players that were migrated, so we are starting with newly registered players.

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AOB 2024/25

15 (e) EBFA Next Meeting – 05-Sep-24 @ Garth Auditorium 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

**Pre-Season Meeting,
SGM Constitution (if required)
and Player ID Cards Collection @ end of meetings**

15 (f) EBFA 24/25 Presentation Day – 31-May-25 @ Reading University Student Union 9:00am to 6pm.



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End of Meeting

16 End of Meeting

End of Meeting Register Call.

If there are individual questions, please see me at table just inside the doors.

The EBM AGM is concluded – Thank you – have a safe journey home.

**Ian Nile
EBFA Chair 2023/24**





EBFA – Minutes Signed

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EBFA General Manager 24/25

