



East Berks Football Alliance

EBFA - Our Kids - Their Dreams

Annual General Meeting

2025/26

Tuesday 15th July 2025





East Berks Football Alliance

A life so tragically cut so short



Very sad loss of Othniel Adoma, who played for Crowthorne Football Club in East Berks Football Alliance, who died in a tragic road accident in May 2025. Our thoughts are with his club, team officials, teammates, and family.





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1 Welcome - Register

2 AGM-24 24/25 Minutes & Matters Arising [Link](#)

Vote to accept the Minutes of the 24/25 AGM-24 held on 15-Jul-24.





East Berks Football Alliance

3 Ian Nile – Chairperson/General Manager Report 2025/26

Thanks to the Management Committee Officials – Without them, this League would not be so well run and would not be such a great success for our clubs and kids.

2024/25 Season

- 13,028 Registered Players**
- 932 Team - U7s to U18s**

The weather was a challenge to completing the League fixtures.

ITC processing has greatly improved by the English Football Association Registration Department.

Personally, a challenging year with my father and father-in-law being in and out of the hospital, many times this season. Then, three weeks ago, my father-in-law, @ 100 years old, passed away.





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3 Ian Nile – Chairperson/General Manager's Report 2025/26

Very challenging season – Being accused by a Club that I and my son were taking bribes from GotSport to use the GotSport portal, which was withdrawn in minutes with no proof ever provided.

The League being accused by a team official of being 'immoral' as we were consistent in processing fixtures in accordance with the EBFA rules of the competition, but they just did not understand the rules!

The league organised 33 trophy event finals and at Ascot United reports of players walking over the miniature train tracks, next to the Ascot FC car park, resulting in the train company having to do **extra inspections before their event on the Sunday.**





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3 Ian Nile – Chairperson/General Manager’s Report 2025/26

Then in the U14 Cup final at Ascot, a goal scorer, after scoring, karate kicked the corner flag, shattering it into five pieces. As we had an U16 match after the U14 final, a brand-new spare corner post, from the Ascot storage unit, was retrieved and used.

The Team’s club then agreed to pay for the damage, so EBFA paid the £56 invoice from Ascot for a replacement. Then the club’s players’ father objected to the cost and said he could buy a cheaper corner post for less.

The invoice to the club remains unpaid, unless it is paid by the start of the 25/26 season, the League will commence, a FA debt recovery claim against the Club, team, and player, even though they have now moved to the JPL. (Walton and Hersham United FC).





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3 Ian Nile - Chairperson/General Manager Report 2025/26

2025/26 Season - Memories

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

Hundreds and hundreds of Matches Rained-Out, many Rescheduled.





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3 Ian Nile - Chairperson/General Manager Report 2025/26

Trophy Events

33 Trophy Event Finals U7s to U18s were held at Binfield FC and Ascot United FC in April-25/May-25





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3 Ian Nile - Chairperson/General Manager Report 2025/26

Presentation Day - Champions and Runners Up Winners

**EBFA Presentation Day at Reading University Student Union
3Sixty Nightclub on 31-May-25 – 2,300 KG of trophies!**



**108 Teams invited to Presentation Day in 12 Sessions
with 2,088 Individual Trophies**



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3 Chris Day - Secretary's Report





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4 Kevin Bavington - EBFA Vice Chair & Rules and Regulations

342 Match Claims

- **291 games awarded**
 - **272 Fines applied**
 - **19 No fines applied**
 - **Numerous fines increased from the minimum amount as clubs have not responding to charges**
- **36 games not awarded**
 - **16 Games rescheduled**
 - **11 Games cancelled/void**
 - **9 Claims rejected**
- **14 League charges due to no score provided by either team.**
- **1 outstanding claim**
 - **Rules and Regulations to decide on case this week**

72 Rules Cases

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





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4 Kevin Bavington - EBFA Rules and Regulations

72 Rules cases(Continued)

- **10 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**
- **15 teams withdrawing from League after AGM/Season Start – clubs fined.**
- **Plus, numerous queries about rules received from clubs & divisional secretaries**
- **2 outstanding cases**
 - **playing ineligible players in games – Personal Hearing requested**
- **This season the R&R Committee had to deal with considerable number of match claim forms in first 2 weeks of the season (37 match claims), and this resulted in cases taking longer than expected.**

Info for previous seasons

- **2025/26 Season – 253 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2023/24 Season – 316 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2022/23 Season – 256 cases (Match claims / Rules)**
- **2021/22 Season – 373 cases (Match claims / Rules)**





Finance

5 Accounts for 2024/25 - Income

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<u>Detailed Surplus / (Deficit) Account</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>Reasons/Notes</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Application Fees	£0.00	£0.00	
Deposits	£0.00	£0.00	
Membership Fees	£100,330.00	£83,957.25	Team Fees (more teams)
Player Registration Fees	£66,689.10	£42,287.25	GS-Player Reg Fees, Late Player Regs, Transfers and de-regs
Fines	£6,338.50	£4,587.50	
Trophy Event - Cup Entries	£0.00	£0.00	
Trophy Event - Gate Receipts	£11,631.11	£10,660.30	
Interest	£2,770.38	£295.35	Bank now paying interest, Transferred money to Savings Acct
Donations	£0.00	£0.00	
Other - Protest Fees	£60.00	£300.00	
Other - Misc.	£100.00	£68.82	
	£187,919.09	£142,156.47	





Finance

5 Accounts for 2024/25 - Expenditure

Expenditure	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	
County FA Sanction	£36.00	£30.00	County FA Affiliation Cost
Public Liability Insurance	£64.00	£64.00	Extended Liability Cover For League
Printing, postage, and stationery	£3,767.41	£2,468.66	Royal Mails Stamps Increases
Professional Fees (e.g. accountants/auditors)	-£300.00	£150.00	
Salaries/stipends	£111,968.94	£79,222.50	EBFA Ltd No Employees – Provision
Meeting space hire (e.g. AGM/MC Mtgs)	£951.88	£593.54	AGM, GM, etc
Trophies/Medals	£28,624.39	£28,816.90	
Cup Finals	£9,707.90	£10,285.92	Pitches, Referees, Balls etc – 32 TE Finals
Equipment for participants	£7,659.48	£4,321.62	ID Cards System
Professional Subscriptions (e.g. website)	£28,919.86	£11,719.96	Web/FTP/GotFootball
Marketing (e.g. Social Media advertisements)	£0.00	£0.00	
Capital Expenditure (e.g. computer equip)	£55.98	£5,711.66	Computers/Software
Refreshments/hospitality	£0.00	£0.00	
Respect/Travel expenses	£1,075.24	£1,512.12	League attending fixtures
Donations/Transfer to Benevolent Fund	£0.00	£0.00	
Other – Storage	£2,158.34	£2,067.55	Only Service with minor increase
Other – Presentation Day	£4,521.40	£3,179.80	Presentation Event Day
Other – Reconstruction Costs	£0.00	£3,099.60	
Other –	£0.00	£0.00	
	£198,482.81	£153,243.83	Costs increasing/ Salary/Services Provision





Finance

5 Accounts for 2024/25 - Balances

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(£10,563.72)	(£11,087.36)
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Premium Deposit Account	£277,596.60	£24,889.74
Community Account	£163,050.62	£344,768.72
Debtors	£58,139.60	£31,196.00
Creditors	(£339,834.69)	(£231,275.09)
	£158,952.13	£169,515.85
		Difference = (£10,563.72)



1 year's income as reserve = £156K



Finance

5 Accounts for 2025/26 Season

- **League seeing costs rapidly still increasing
Team, Player and Referee fees will be reviewed next year and may increase for 26/27 season.**

EBFA Ltd need to sort Services Payments and Expenses, plus outstanding club invoices, before the EBFA to EBFA Ltd Assets and Liabilities can be transferred.

Vote to accept the 24/25 Accounts.





Finance

5 Accounts for 2024/25 Outstanding Invoices

- **League will be working to reduce outstanding invoices**
 - League will be in communication with a number of Clubs as to outstanding invoice balances.
 - Once outstanding invoices are sorted, the league will be transferring accounts to a new accounting package to prepare for HMRC Go Digital.
 - Katie of Spencers Wood FC has offered to help the league in the transfer to a new accounting package – Thank you.





Clubs 2025/26

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

Clubs – Leaving EBFA (11 Clubs/16 Teams)

1	Bisham FC	1 Team	7	GB Scorpions	1 Team
2	Black Panther Dons FC	1 Team	8	Penn & Tylers Green FC	1 Team
3	Bramley United FC	1 Team	9	Walton & Hershams United FC	3 Teams
4	Burnham Junior FC	1 Team	10	Yateley United Youth FC	1 Team
5	Crowthorne Football Club FC	4 Teams	11	Walton & Hershams Youth FC	1 Teams
6	Dynamo Tekkers Football & Futsal Club	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 2025/26 Season.





Clubs 2025/26

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

Clubs – Renamed (1 Clubs)

1	Gen Lions to MS Lions	Club Name Change	The logo for MS Lions Football, featuring a lion rampant in the center of a circular emblem with the text "MS LIONS" and "FOOTBALL".
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Applications 2025/26

Team Applications – 928 Teams

Applications for 2025/2025 (Age Group)	No of Teams	No of Sections/Divisions
U7	57	6
U8	77	8
U9	75	8
U10	90	9
U11	88	8
U12	93	8
U13	91	8
U14	88	8
U15	85	8
U16	84	8
U17	57	5
U18	43	4



**At 31-May-25 applications were 928 Team. Since, 01-Jun-25,
31 teams withdrawn and 31 team added to applications.**



6 Returning/New Clubs Applications 2025/26

Summary provided (Next Pages) of the 2 returning clubs and 9 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 2025/26, after which New Clubs will be informed, with new elected clubs returning to meeting and issued voting cards.





New Clubs 2025/26

2 Clubs Returning Applications (2 Teams)

No	Returning Clubs	No Teams	Age Groups of Teams	FA Accreditation Club:	Geographical Location:	Pitch Postcode	Distance from Bracknell
1	Singh Sabha Slough Youth FC	1	1XU13	★ ★	Slough	SL1 3LW	9.73
2	Taplow United Youth FC	1	1xU18	★ ★ ★	Maidenhead	SL6 0DA	7.80





New Clubs 2025/26

9 New Club Applications (17 Teams)

No	New Clubs	No Teams	Age Groups of Teams	FA Accreditation Club:	Geographical Location:	Pitch Postcode	Distance from Bracknell
1	Allied Community Elite FC	1	1xU15	★	Wokingham	RG6 7HT	7.72
2	Bracknell Hibs FC	3	2xU12, 1xU14	★	Bracknell	RG12 7PG	1.94
3	Chalfont Park Youth FC	1	1xU12	Non accredited	Chalfont St Peter	SL9 0QA	14.95
4	Eton Wick FC	1	1xU17	★	Windsor	SL4 6JN	7.19
5	Forza Youth FC	6	1xU8, 3xU11 1xU12, 1xU14	★	Reading	RG41 5JE	5.72
6	Holyport Memorial FC	1	1xU13	Non accredited	Holyport	SL6 2AD	6.33
7	PFC Victoria	2	1xU15, 1xU16	★	Hounslow	TW4 6DH	15.14
8	RedKore FC	3	1xU18	Non accredited	Slough	SL3 7PW	9.20
9	RG Rovers	1	1xU18	★	Reading	RG31 6XY	13.65





New Clubs 2025/26 – League Investigation – Returning Club

No	Returning Clubs	Investigation
1	Singh Sabha Slough Youth FC	No Issues with previous club membership of EBFA. This team played in 24/25 as NPL in a Surrey League – Played as NPL 12 and previously in EBFA.
2	Taplow United Youth FC	No Issues with previous club membership of EBFA. Team from 24/25 EBFA - Played as Maidenhead Boys & Girls Dolphins in Division One





New Clubs 2025/26 – League Investigations

No	New Clubs	Investigation
1	Allied Community Elite FC	Creating a Saturday U15s team to create a football pathway to adult football. No Issues reported with Club from County FA.
2	Bracknell Hibs FC	Club's 3 teams in 24/25 played as Crowthorne Football Club in EBFA. No Issues from EBFA or reported from County FA.
3	Chalfont Park Youth FC	24/25 Played in Church League @ U11 looking for new Challenge No Issues reported with Club from their County FA.
4	Eton Wick FC	New Team for 25/26, want to play U17 in EBFA 25/26.. No Issues reported with the Club from their County FA.
5	Forza Youth FC	23/24 team officials with Procision joined Reading City FC for EBFA 24/25 – Created Club which is split Club for 25/26 for Forza Youth FC in EBFA and Forza Elite FC in JPL. No Issues from EBFA or reported from their County FA.
6	Holyport Memorial FC	The team in 24/25 played in BYFL at U12 (Old BYDL) - no Issues reported with the Club from their County FA.
7	PFC Victoria	Creating Saturday U15s and U16s teams to create a Saturday football pathway to U18, then to adult football. No Issues reported with the club from their County FA.
8	RedKore FC	The team played 24/25 in the Wycombe and South Bucks League. No Issues reported with Club from their County FA.
9	RG Rovers	Team Officials from EBFA 24/25 Dynamo Tekkers Football & Futsal Club. No Issues reported with Club from their County FA.





New Clubs 2025/26 – League Recommendation to Member Clubs

No	Returning Clubs	Investigation
1	Singh Sabha Slough Youth FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership
2	Taplow United Youth FC	EBFA recommend Acceptance of this Club to the EBFA Membership





New Clubs 2025/26 – League Recommendation to Member Clubs

No	New Clubs	Recommendation
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New Clubs 2025/26 – Vote on Election of Clubs – Clubs Leave Meeting

Returning and New Clubs for 25/26, now leave the room
Vote to elect Clubs to EBFA for 25/26 Season.

No	Clubs	Results
1	Singh Sabha Slough Youth FC	
2	Taplow United Youth FC	
1	Allied Community Elite FC	
2	Bracknell Hibs FC	
3	Chalfont Park Youth FC	
4	Eton Wick FC	
5	Forza Youth FC	
6	Holyport Memorial FC	
7	PFC Victoria	
8	RedKore FC	
9	RG Rovers	



**Elected Clubs return to Meeting and are issued voting
cards**



Constitution 2025/26

7 Constitution Of The League for 2025/26

EBFA 2025/26 season will be scheduled to start on 6-Sep-25

Constitution of League 2025/26 ->

[Link](#)

Calendar 2025/26 ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U11s to U18s (12 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U7s to U10s (10 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U11s to U18s (8 Teams per division) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U11s to U18s (6 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)





Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

8 Retiring Officers of Management Committee.

Officers that have retired from EBFA Management Committee Service

Rebecca Sarney (Becky)	– U9 Section Secretary
Carl Eagle	– U14 Divisional Secretary
Neil Graham	– U15 Divisional Secretary
Kevin Collins	– U15 Divisional Secretary

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





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	- Donna Valsler	- Club Independent
Vice Chairperson	- Kevin Bavington	- Club Independent
Hon. Treasurer	- Ian Nile	- Club Independent



Vote on the election of Exec Officers reporting to EBFA Ltd General Manager for 25/26 Season.



Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

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 - Laura McBride - Ashridge Park FC

Player Registrar Officer - Ann Nile - Club Independent

Player Registrar Officer - Wendy McBride - Ashridge Park FC

Player Registrar Officer - Will Gilbert - Shinfield Rangers FC

Player Registrar Officer - Antony Riches - Winnersh Rangers FC



**Vote on the election of MC Officers reporting to EBFA
General Manager.**



Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

8 Election of Officers of Management Committee.

Referee Secretary	- Stephen Saunders	- Club Independent
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
Rules & Regs Chairperson	- Kevin Bavington	- Club Independent
Rules & Regs Assistant	- Sue 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 the election of the MC Officers, reporting to the EBFA General Manager.



Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

Retained Sectional/Divisional Secretaries

Adedayo Benson

- Whiteknight FC

Andy Bolt

- Eversley & California Youth FC

Steve Brown

- Caversham Trents FC -

Wayne Cannon

- Club Independent

Mike Clothier

- Club Independent (Referee)

Daniel Hinton

- Arborfield Aces FC

Robbie Langsbury

- Whitegrove & Warfield FC

Nancy Lee

- Pinewood FC

Tony Lenon

- Eversley & California Youth FC (Referee)





Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

Retained Section/Divisional Secretaries

Laura McBride

- Ashridge Park FC

Wendy McBride

- Ashridge Park FC

Ian Nile

- Club Independent

Cornelius O'Kane

- Woodley Pensioners FC

Chris Webb

- Hawley Raiders FC

Graeme Wilson

- Hawley Raiders FC





Election of EBFA Officers 2025/26

8 League Divisional Secretaries of the Management Committee.

New Sectional/Divisional Secretaries for 25/26

Name - Club

Name - Club

Name - Club



Vote on the election of MC Sectional/Divisional Secs reporting to the EBFA General Manager.



Finance 2025/26

9 Accounts for 2025/26 – Appointment of Auditor/Verifier

- Steve Brown FCCA of Caversham, Reading.
- **Vote to accept the 25/26 Auditor/Verifier.**





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

10 Rules and Regulations of the League for the 2025/26 season – Proposed Changes

See Separate Documents

2025/26 Summary Rules (Subject to AGM Approval) ->

[Link](#)

2025/26 Full Rules (Subject to AGM Approval) ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2025/26-U7s & U8s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2025/26-U9s & U10s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2025/26-U11s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2025/26-U12s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format 2025/26-U13s to U18s ->

[Link](#)

Age Group Format Sheet - Trophy Events Penalty

Shootout Procedure U7s to U18s ->

[Link](#)





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

11 Rules and Regulations of the League for the 2025/26 season

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

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

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

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





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

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

1(A) "Virtual Meetings" means meetings held electronically.

5(A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and a minimum of one member (but no more than [] members), who shall all be elected at the AGM.

7(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received [] a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit of £ [] and indicate such when forwarding the written response.





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

FA SCORY Rule Changes

7(F)

~~Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, and the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):~~

- ~~1. invite submissions by the parties involved;~~
- ~~2. convene a hearing to hear the appeal;~~
- ~~3. permit new evidence; or~~
- ~~4. impose appropriate deadlines.~~





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

FA SCORY Rule Changes

7(F) Cont.

An intention to appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision.

A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 14 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence cons





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

FA SCORY Rule Changes

18(F)

All voting shall be conducted by a show of ~~voting cards~~ **hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for Virtual Meetings)**, unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.

20(E).3

In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within [] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.





Rules & Regulations 2025/26

FA SCORY Rule Changes

20(E) 3.

~~Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [] persons, or car allowance at [] p per mile for transporting [] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.~~

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Rules & Regulations 2025/26

FA SCORY Rule Changes

20(E) 6.

Where a Competition Match has been abandoned for any reason both Clubs must, within 24 hours, give notice to the Competition []. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff

20(F)

For Under 11s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to [3 from 3 substitute Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] [6 from 6 substitute Players] [7 from 7 substitute Players]. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of ~~Association Football~~ the Game.

Fine Tariff - ~~2(G) FAILURE TO AFFILIATE~~

Fine Tariff - 20(E).6. FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF ABANDONMENT OF MATCH



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



Rules & Regulations 2025/26

12 EBFA Clubs and EBFA Proposed Rules Changes ->

[Link](#)

None – Berks and Bucks County FA confirmed that the Woodley Wanderers and Youth proposed rules change

“breaks consistency with the FA’s SCORY Rules which are mandatory for all competitions”

EBFA Proposed Rule Changes

None for 2025/26.

No Vote Required on Proposed Club Rule Changes for 25/26 Season.

No Vote Required on Proposed EBFA Rule Changes for 25/26 Season.





Playing Season & Calendar 2025/26

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

U7s to U18s (Sections / Divisional Matches)

Season Start Saturday 6th September 2025

Season Finish Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U11s to U18s (12 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U7s to U10s (10 Teams per section) ->

[Link](#)

Fixture Dates 2025/26 U11s to U18s (8 Teams per division) ->

[Link](#)





Trophy Event Finals 2025/26

14 Fix a date for the Trophy Event Finals - 2026

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

18-Apr-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U12s Cup/Plate, U15s Cup & U16s Cup	9 am-2 pm	Binfield FC
24-Apr-26 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U17s Cup	Friday 7:30 pm	Binfield FC
25-Apr-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U11s Cup/Plate/Shield & U14s Plate, U15s Plate	9 am-2 pm	Binfield FC
01-May-26 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U18s Cup	Friday 7:30 pm	Ascot United FC
02-May-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U7s & U8s Finals, U9s/U10s Cup/Plate/Shield, U13s Cup/Plate, U14s Cup & U16s Plate	9 am-4 pm	Ascot United FC





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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 2025/26 -> [Link](#)
- 15 (c) Player Registration Systems 2025/26
- 15 (d) Player Registration GotSport
Passport Style Photo – Rejections
- 15 (e) EBFA Next Meeting – Pre-Season
Meeting, Constitution (if required)
- 15 (f) EBFA 2025/26 Presentation Day





EBFA – The Future 2025/26

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 - 0 New Div Sec have volunteered for 2025/26.

Please contact Ian Nile (iannile@hotmail.com)





Football Law Changes for 2025/26

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2025/26

iFAB Law Changes 2025/26 Documents available -> [Link](#)

Law 3 – The Players

- Competitions have the option of implementing the ‘Only the captain’ Guidelines

Law 5 – The Referee

- Signal to be used by referees to count down the last five seconds of the eight-second restriction on goalkeepers controlling the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s)





Football Law Changes for 2025/26

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2025/26

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play – Dropped ball

- If, when play was stopped, the ball was:
 - inside the penalty area – the ball is dropped for the defending team goalkeeper in their penalty area
 - outside the penalty area – the ball is dropped for a player of the team that has or would have gained possession if this is clear to the referee; otherwise, it is dropped for a player of the team that last touched it. The ball is dropped at its position when play was stopped.

Law 9 – The Ball in and out of Play

- Indirect free kick and no disciplinary sanction when a team official, substitute, substituted or sent-off player or player who is temporarily off the field of play touches the ball as it is leaving the field of play and there is no intention to interfere unfairly





Football Law Changes for 2025/26

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2025/26

Law 11 – Offside

- When the goalkeeper throws the ball, the last point of contact should be used for the purpose of determining an offside position

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- A goalkeeper who controls the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s) for more than eight seconds will be penalised, with a corner kick being awarded to the other team

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

- Reference to other Laws detailing situations which result in a goal kick





Football Law Changes for 2025/26

15 (b) iFAB Law Changes for 2025/26

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

- Reference to other Laws detailing situations which result in a corner kick
- Kick to be taken from the corner area nearest to the goalkeeper's position when penalised

Video assistant referee (VAR) protocol

- Competitions have the option for the referee to make an announcement after a VAR 'review' or lengthy VAR 'check'





Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

15 (c) Player Registration Systems 2025/26

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

GotSport System was ready for 2025/26 on 6-Jun-25.

Printing of Player ID Cards to start 01-Aug-25, for collection at the end of the EBFA Pre-Season Meeting on 04-Sep-25.

The WhatsApp App group remains available for Clubs to communicate with the league about player registrations, GotSport, and the Club Portal..

Additional documentation and web video recordings will follow for the Club and Team interface.

EBFA/GotSport Zoom Sessions to be scheduled from 16-Jul-25.





Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

Player Registration Systems 2025/26

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). 2,453 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.





Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

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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

“Z-”, which means the player CAN play in EBFA 25/26 matches.

If the players has “N-”, in the jersey field, then player is new to the 25/26 GotSport Event and not yet matched between GotSport and WGS.



“WGS- and N-” At start of jersey field, are Players is NOT Authorised to play in EBFA 25/26 matches.



Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

15(d) Player Registration Systems 2025/26 GotSport Player Reg Errors Added By League in First Name Field

- -EBFA2526 No FAN
- -EBFA2526 No Player Photo
- -EBFA2526 ITC DD Required
- -EBFA2526 Cannot Read POA
- -EBFA2526 No OnLine GS-LPGAF (Must be completed by Parent Guardian)
- -EBFA2526 Photo Not Compliant (See Photo Tec Spec) -> [Link](#)
- -EBFA2526 POA (Proof of Age) NOT for this player -
- Etc.

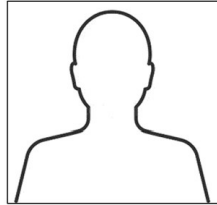




Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

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

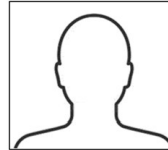
Just Head & Shoulders, Upper Body including both arm in Photo – Is it So Difficult. Non-Compliant Photos this year they get rejected!



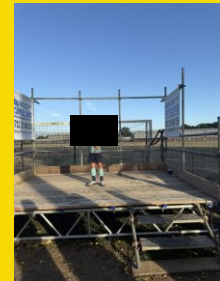
Digital Camera or Smart Phone
GotSport Edit



Photo Upload Example



Use:



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





Player Registration System(s) 2025/26

15(d)

GotSport –Photos Passport Tech Spec -> [Link](#)

GotSport –Add Players as Manager or Coach -> [Link](#)

GotSport –Guide to Parents and Guardians to Complete GotSport for Player GS-LPGAF Verification -> [Link](#)

GotSport –GotSport Mobile Complete the GS-LPGAF Instructions -> [Link](#)

Team Fees will be charged/invoiced via GotSport Portal from 16-Jul-25

Player Registration and Late Player Registration Fees will be charged/invoiced via GotSport Portal from 01-Aug-25

Player Transfer and Deregistration procedure will be developed on GotSport in August 2025.





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15 (e)

EBFA Next Meeting – 04-Sep-25 @ Garth Auditorium 7:15 pm to 7:45 pm

Fair Play/Respect 24/25 Awards

EBFA Next Meeting – 04-Sep-25 @ Garth Auditorium 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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

15 (f) EBFA 24/25 Presentation Day – 30-May-26 @ Reading University Student Union 9 am to 6 pm. (TBC with RUSU)





End of Meeting

16 End of Meeting

End of Meeting Register Call.

If you have individual questions, please see me at the table located just inside the doors.

The EBM AGM is now concluded – thank you, and have a safe journey home.

**Ian Nile
EBFA General Manager 2024/25**

