

# THE LEAGUE RULES

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## **CLAUSE A - NAME & CONSTITUTION**

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1. The name of the League is THE SURREY COUNTY WOMENS AND GIRLS' LEAGUE ("SCWGL").
2. Clubs whose home grounds are either in Surrey or within a 5 mile radius of the Surrey borders may be accepted into the League. Clubs whose home grounds are outside the 5 mile radius of the Surrey borders can only be accepted into the League by a vote of Member Clubs at the AGM.
3. Any team wishing to join the SCWGL after the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") who is outside the 5 mile boundary, acceptance of that team can only be made by a majority of existing Clubs in that age group.
4. Member Clubs must be duly affiliated to a recognised Football Association.
5. Acceptance of Clubs into this League will be subject to the approval of the Management Committee. All decisions relating to the acceptance of Clubs will be final with no right of appeal. The interest of all Member Clubs will be paramount at all times.
6. The names and particulars of all Member Clubs shall be returned annually on the appointed date on Form "D" to the Surrey County Football Association.
7. The teams will be grouped in AGE GROUPS from under 9s to under 12s for 7-a-side and from under 13s to under 16s and Women's Adult Football for 11-a-side. The teams may be split into divisions depending on the number of teams applying to play in that age group.
8. There may be occasions where divisions consist of a small number of teams. In those circumstances in addition to playing matches against teams in the same division each team may play one game against each team in another division. Points won from games against opposition from other divisions will count towards deciding the winners of the divisions.
9. At the AGM or a special meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to ACCEPT or REJECT any team or Club to the League, subject to the requirements within Clause L. Teams can only play in ONE County Cup competition otherwise they are unable to be accepted into the League.
10. The constitution of each division, within its age group, will be formulated by a Sub Committee agreed by the Management Committee and Clubs will be notified via the website by the end of June in each year. Fixtures for the season will be notified to Clubs via the website by the end of July in each year.

## **CLAUSE B - ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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1. Applications by Clubs for admission to the League must be made on a Club Application Form.
2. Each Club applying for membership of the SCWGL shall provide a valid and active e-mail address for the receipt of League correspondence.
3. Clubs must submit a further application form for each team wishing to enter the League on a Team Application Form providing such additional information considered by the Management Committee to be pertinent and relevant to each particular team. Each team application form must be signed by the Club Secretary.
4. The Management Committee will appoint a Sub-Committee to interview Officers of all new Clubs applying to the League including Clubs who were previous members of the League but who had lapsed their membership. Attendance at this Sub-Committee meeting will be obligatory. The Sub-Committee may require evidence of authorisation of the Club to apply to the League by production of the Club Minute Book, membership and financial arrangements.
5. Team and Club Application Forms for the following season will be sent not later than the end of March to all existing Clubs, and all other Clubs having made enquiries about entering the League.
6. Application Forms returned fully completed from current Member Clubs / teams by the last day of April will take precedence for acceptance. Second precedence will be given to new teams from existing Member Clubs.
7. Where a team or Club takes a new name, the Management Committee shall have discretionary powers to consider them as an existing team or Club within the meaning of the preceding paragraph, providing that the playing membership is at least 75% of the previous season's team.
8. Application Forms received after the last day of April will take precedence for acceptance by the sequence of their receipt into the hands of the General Secretary, irrespective of whether they are from existing or new Clubs.
9. At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications may be received at the AGM or a Special General Meeting but the Application Fee shall apply.
10. Any existing team, having failed to fully complete their League or Cup fixtures of the previous season for reasons over which the Management Committee consider they had control, will automatically relinquish their 'existing team' status in regards to the following season's entry in the League.

11. The Management Committee shall assess all entries and accept or reject teams or Clubs. All Clubs will be notified of the Management Committee decision in regards to their entries, but the list will be subject to finalisation as per Clause F 1 (d).
12. Toilets must be provided for both ladies and gentlemen and must be available throughout the duration of the match. Any Club not providing these facilities will incur a fine of £20 on each occasion. Any Club NOT providing changing facilities MUST advise the opposition prior to the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20 on each occasion regardless of whether toilet facilities are available to facilitate changing.
13. Any Club whose ground facilities and amenities do not, in the opinion of the Management Committee, attain the required standard shall be required to resign from the League.
14. There will be an all in fee of £75 per team / Club for each under 13-16 age group and Women's Adult Football as follows:-
  - (a) 14 player registrations  
The Remainder of the fee covers:-
  - (b) Team Application
  - (c) Entrance to League Challenge Cup Competition
  - (d) Team Annual Subscription
  - (e) ONE handbook per team
  - (f) One handbook each Club Secretary
15. There will be an all in fee of £60 per team / Club for each under 9-12 age group.
16. Should any of the above fees not be received with the Applications, that Application will be considered as not having been received and no place within the League will be reserved for the said Application.
17. Any team Application not accepted prior to the League AGM will be entitled to all fees being refunded.
18. All team details as required on Application Forms must be given to the League General Secretary (submitted electronically to the League General Secretary's representative via the website) not later than 14 days after the League AGM. Failure to comply will result in fines of £20 per TEAM not completed. It still remains the responsibility of each Club to have their details changed immediately throughout the season in writing to the League General Secretary of any item of change so that member Clubs may be notified of the change electronically/via the website

## **CLAUSE C - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

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1. OFFICERS
  - (a) The Officers of the League shall form the Management Committee. They will consist of President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Cup Secretary, Disciplinary Secretary, Fines Co-Ordinator, Referee Secretary, Press and Results Secretary, Registration Secretary, Inter League Secretary, Fixture Secretaries, Child Protection Officer and Surrey County Football Association Representative to be elected annually at the AGM.
  - (b) N.B. Auditors are not Officers
  - (c) The Management Committee may co-opt additional League Officers as necessary.
2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - (a) The EXECUTIVE Committee (EC) shall consist of 5 League Officers.
  - (b) The League Officers shall consist of the Chairman, General Secretary and 3 members of the Management Committee, who will be elected at the first Management Committee meeting after the AGM.
  - (c) The EC shall have the authority of the Management Committee and will only be convened for matters of urgency which have to be resolved before the next Management Committee meeting.
  - (d) At any time that the EC have to be convened, then a full report of that meeting must be given to the Management Committee at the next Management Committee meeting.
  - (e) The EC shall not have the authority to change any rules or de-select any person from the Management Committee.



























