

THE ISLE OF MAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES

1. That this Association be called "*The Isle of Man Football Association*".

2. All insular clubs and insular football organisations playing under the laws passed by the International Board shall be eligible for membership subject to the approval of the Council. Save as otherwise expressly provided by these rules, resolutions and decisions of the Council shall be binding upon all affiliated organisation and clubs and all members thereof, until they are rescinded or varied. All member clubs shall be required to make a positive contribution to the affairs of the Association, and must be represented regularly at Council Meetings, all clubs must agree to assist, on a rota basis, at Cup Finals and Representative matches.

3. The subscription of each club or football organisation shall be (see Rule 29) per annum, payable on or before the 20th day of June, or (in the case of new clubs or organisations) within one week after being admitted to the Association. If further calls be requisite, a general meeting shall be called to consider the subject. A club or organisation whose subscription is unpaid on the date of the Annual General Meeting shall cease to belong to the Association and can only rejoin on payment of an affiliation fee of (see Rule 29) in addition to the subscription of (see Rule 29).

4. The Association shall be governed by a Council consisting of Life Members, not representing their clubs, one representative from each member club, the Treasurer, a member of the Isle of Man Referees Society and a member of the Junior League.

Any club that fails to attend half of the Council Meetings during a season shall cease to belong to the Association, and can only rejoin by a vote being taken by Member Clubs at the Annual General Meeting. If a Club is successful all affiliation fees and subscriptions must be paid at this Meeting.

The nomination of club representatives shall be in writing, signed by the Chairman and Secretary for and on behalf of the club, and forwarded to the Association Secretary on or before the 20th day of June.

The nominations of the Isle of Man Referees' Society and the Junior League shall be forwarded in writing to the Association Secretary on or before the 20th day of June.

The tenure of office of the President of the Council shall be not less than 3 years. The power to remove the President during his term of office shall vest in an Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of those eligible to vote. A retiring President shall be eligible for re-election.

At the Annual General Meeting, two Vice-Presidents shall be appointed from the Council who shall continue in office at the discretion of the Association.

Nominations for the position of Vice President must be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, and Counter signed by the nominee, at least 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, and the Association shall circulate same to all clubs, life members and Referees Society 8 days prior to the Meeting.

In addition, a Patron may be elected, who shall undertake honorary duties only

An Honorary Treasurer shall also be appointed who may or may not be a member of the Council. An Honorary Treasurer who is not a Club Representative shall be entitled to attend, speak, move or second resolutions or amendments and vote at all General Meetings but shall not be entitled to speak, vote or second any resolution or amendment dealing with any dispute in which the Club to which he was attached when he was appointed or to which he may be attached at the time of the dispute, is concerned.

The retiring members of the Council shall be eligible to re-election, notwithstanding the fact that whilst a retiring President may cease to be a Council Member as soon as he vacates the chair for the purpose of appointing a President for the ensuing period, he shall be eligible for re-election as President as if he were a Council Member.

No two clubs shall be represented by the same individual.

The Club whom the elected President represented shall appoint another representative in his place.

The President shall not exercise a vote on any matter except on an equal division of voting when he shall have a casting vote.

The Council has power to appoint a Secretary who shall hold office at the discretion of the Council subject to two month's notice on either side. The Secretary shall be paid for services. The Secretary shall not represent any Club, nor be entitled to vote.

A Club shall be entitled to appoint a deputy to attend Council meetings whenever its representative is unable to attend through illness, holidays, or some other reason acceptable to the President of the Association. A Deputy so appointed

shall have the same powers at Council Meetings as the Club Representative.

- (a) Persons who have **given outstanding service to** the Isle of Man Football Association may be elected Honorary Life Members of the Association, such election to take place at a General Meeting, provided always that the number of Life Members shall not at any time exceed five and that **the nominations for Life Membership be made at the final Council Meeting prior to that General Meeting.**
- (b) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend, speak, move or second resolutions or amendments and vote at all General Meetings, and shall be members of the Council, but any Life Member who does not act as a Club Representative shall not be entitled to speak, vote, move, or second any resolution or amendment dealing with any dispute in which the club to which he was attached when elected a Life Member, or to which he may be attached at the time of the dispute, is concerned.

5. The financial year shall end on the 31st December in each year.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between the 1st and 14th day of July each year at such place as the Council may appoint. Each club **or organisation** shall be entitled to send one delegate, in addition to its representative, to this and all other general meetings of the Association. The Council shall have the power to call special general meetings. A special general meeting shall be convened on a requisition to the effect being signed by three clubs and forwarded to the Association Secretary.

6. Eleven members of the Council shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Should a vacancy occur on the Council either by resignation or a club desiring to change its representative, it shall be the duty of the club causing the vacancy to nominate a successor within 14 days, such nomination to be made in writing to the Association Secretary.

7. Each club shall forward to the Association Secretary, on or before the 20th day of June in each year, or, in the case of a newly elected club, within a week of its election, a return in accordance with the Form marked 'A' in the Schedule annexed to these Rules. Clubs changing their secretaries or grounds, or secretaries changing their addresses, must immediately advise the Association Secretary thereof. Each club must keep a minute book of its meetings, showing the election of any new members, with the date of his election; and also a book in which all payments made on behalf of the club shall be recorded; such books, together with any letters, documents, or other evidence, must be produced for inspection whenever the Council or Disciplinary Committee considers it necessary. The address of each club's dressing room accommodation shall be printed in the official handbook.

8. Any club or private individual organising a match or football tournament shall apply to the Council for permission,

and in case permission is not granted, any club taking part in such match or football tournament shall be dealt with as the Disciplinary Committee think fit. A fee of (see Rule 29) shall be charged for permission to hold a tournament.

8(a) Wherever gender is referred to in these rules, either shall be inferred, as relevant.

8 (b) The Memorandum of procedure for dealing with misconduct occurring before, during or after matches and committed by players of clubs dealt with by County and other affiliated Associations but not by the Football Association, shall form part of the Rules of the Isle of Man Football Association.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

9. A Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed annually to deal with all disciplinary matters within the jurisdiction of the Association. The Committee shall sit in private. A member of the Council whose club or player is involved in any disciplinary matter shall not be a member of the Disciplinary Committee, on any day or days when the club, or any member of the club he or she represents, is appearing before the Disciplinary Committee.

In emergency, the Chairman or his Deputy shall be empowered to complete his Committee. Registered players shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee.

The Rules of the procedure in Disciplinary matters shall be as those laid down by the English Football Association in relation to the Memorandum of Procedures for Dealing with Field Offences Committed by Players of Clubs dealt with by County Associations.

10. All club and organisations affiliated to the Isle of Man Football Association are responsible to the Council for the conduct of their players, members, officials and spectators. Clubs or any members of a club are further required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials or players before, during or after matches. In the event of any club, player, official, or member being proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee to have been guilty of any breach of rules, or if the Disciplinary Committee consider the conduct of any player, member, or official thereof objectionable in cup ties, league or other match fixtures, or in connection therewith, such club, player, official or member shall be liable to suspension and/or fine as the Disciplinary Committee think fit; any club playing a suspended player, and any player knowingly playing with or against a suspended club or player shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to call upon any club to explain or answer for the conduct of any player, members, officials or spectators.

11. A Club shall send, in writing to the Association Secretary, any protest made against another club. On the same day, the club shall send a copy to the club against which it is protesting. A protest must clearly set out the rule allegedly broken, and should the Rule contain more than one clause or section, the particular clause or section allegedly broken must be quoted and the nature of the protest clearly defined. When a protest is made the protesting club shall make a deposit of (see Rule 29), with the Association Secretary. This deposit shall be forfeited if the Disciplinary Committee decide that the protest was frivolous or groundless. The Disciplinary Committee shall also have power to compel any club engaged in a protest to pay such fine and expenses as they may determine. A protest by a club must be sent by registered letter and must be received by the Association Secretary within seven days from the date of the alleged offence. All protests as to the ball, the size of the ground, the marking of the ground, the goal, the goal nets or corner posts, must be made to the referee before the commencement of the match, in the presence of the

captain or the acting captain of the opposing team, and the referee shall have power to postpone the commencement of the match for a period not exceeding 15 minutes if, in his opinion, the defect can be overcome in time for the match to be completed. When a club enters a protest against another club, it shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

PLAYERS

12. Players must be amateurs only. An amateur player may have paid for him/her, or have refunded to him/her :-

(a) All reasonable travelling expenses incurred by him for the purpose of playing in a match.

(b) Hotel expenses, i.e. necessary meals during the day and sleeping accommodation, if absent for more than the day, during the actual and necessary absence from home, for the purpose of playing a match. Extravagant or unnecessary expenses must not be paid by a club, and every amateur player must give the Secretary of his club a detailed statement of expenses incurred and a receipt for the reimbursements. It is the duty of the Club Secretary to ask for such statement and receipt, and to keep the same for production at any time if required.

Payment for loss of time, compensations, consideration, or remuneration of any kind other than the items included in (a) and (b) automatically make a player a professional, and renders both him and his club liable to punishment. Any player who is registered as a professional by a football organisation shall not be allowed to play as an amateur in this Island until he produces official intimation from such organisation that he has been reinstated as an amateur, or holds a permit.

(c) Players who by necessity are compelled to wear glasses during the course of a match will only be permitted to play if they wear safety glasses or contact lenses as approved by, and with the written permission of the IOMFA.

13. (i) In all league and cup competitions and all Junior Football League matches the competing teams shall consist of eleven players with three substitutes who may be used but not less than seven players at the start of the game one of whom must be a goalkeeper.

(ii) The names of the substitutes must be given to the participating referee prior to the commencement of the game. Failure to do so will result in the referee taking appropriate action in accordance with the Rules applicable to the substitution of players. Substitutes not used will be deemed not to have taken part in the match.

(iii) Competing teams in all League and Cup competitions shall wear shirts in their approved club colours and numbered consecutively from 2 to 11 and the substitutes shirts shall be numbered accordingly thereafter.

- (iv) A participant shall at all times act in the best interests of the game, and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute.
- (v) A participant shall not use violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, or insulting words or behaviour.
- (vi) A participant shall not carry out any act which is discriminatory by reason of ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability.
- (vii) A participant shall be deemed to be any player, or substitute, referee, referees assistant or person acting in an official capacity at any football match, i.e. manager, trainer, physiotherapist.
- (viii) No player shall be permitted to play in more than one (1) League match or Cup tie or a League match and a Cup tie on the same day. This rule shall not apply to players participating in small-sided competitions.

REGISTRATION and TRANSFERS

14. All players shall be registered annually by their affiliated Club. Players who have not been previously registered with the Isle of Man Football Association must, prior to playing for any Club, complete a registration form. Any player not wishing to be re-registered by his current club must notify the Club Secretary in writing by the 1st June.

All original registration forms must be signed by the player. and witnessed by an official of the club concerned.

A fee of (see Rule 29) shall be charged for each registration. Clubs shall, on forms supplied by the Isle of Man Football Association, register all players whose registration the Club wishes to retain, on or before 1st July in each year.

Two lists of the retained registrations shall be forwarded to the Isle of Man Football Association, one list shall be retained by the Isle of Man Football Association, the other list shall be returned to the Club, signed and dated by the Isle of Man Football Association Secretary, confirming the registrations.

Any player not re-registered by a Club shall be free to register for any other Club, all such registrations to include the player's last Club and player's last registration number. The registration of each player shall be accompanied by a fee in accordance with Rule 29.

In all competitions mention of players aged 14 or 14-16 years shall be deemed to be aged 15 or 15-17 years respectively.

All players shall state date of birth on the registration form. No player shall be entitled to register until their 16th Birthday

All players under 19 years of age must also be registered on a separate list and two copies submitted to the IOMFA. Date of birth must be included on these lists.

15. Any club, player, official or member found guilty of inducing or attempting to induce a player to leave the club for which he is registered, without first obtaining the sanction of that club, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be liable to a fine, suspension, or such punishment as the Disciplinary Committee think fit.

16. A player may transfer from one club to another only during the period 15th July until the commencement day of the Football League Season, **this being the Male or Female seasons' commencement date as appropriate to the players' gender** unless a Player is surplus to Club requirements and fulfils the following criteria .

- (a) Has been available but has not been selected to play for a period of at least 28 days immediately prior to the date of the transfer request.
and
- (b) The transfer takes place no later than 31st December.
and
- (c) No player shall be deemed to be surplus to requirements if he or she has played five first team games.

Such transfer on the grounds of being surplus to requirements shall take place only with the written consent of both clubs involved, that consent to be granted at a Committee Meeting of each Club and recorded in the minutes of such meetings.

No application forms will be accepted by the Football Association after 11.30 am on the day of the commencement of the season, **this being the Male or Femal seasons' commencement date as appropriate to the players' gender.**

A player shall be permitted to make only one transfer in any twelve month period commencing 15th July. This restriction shall not apply in cases relating to having not played competitive football for a twelve month period, as set out later in the rule”.

A player shall make application for a transfer upon the appropriate form to the Association Secretary. The date of issue of such form must be entered on the form by the person issuing the form. A transfer will be granted upon full compliance of the said form and acceptance by the Football Association. Consent or refusal of the transfer must be notified to the Association Secretary within 14 days of the date of issue as indicated on the form.

In all cases where the consent of both clubs is given, the player's transfer shall be effected by a Committee appointed by the Association Secretary on receipt of the transfer form, properly completed by.

(i) cancellation of the player's registration with the present club.

(ii) registration of the player with the new club.

All parties shall be notified in writing within 7 days that the transfer has been completed. A player will become available to play for his new club on the date of his registration with the new club by the Association Secretary.

In the event of an application by a player for a transfer being refused by any club, the case shall be dealt with by the Council who may order any or all of the parties concerned to appear before them.

Notwithstanding the dates indicated in paragraph one of this Rule, applications for a transfer from one club to another may be made at any time during a playing season in the manner herein before set out by any player who :-

(1) has not played in competitive football during the twelve months prior to date of application.

A player who has made an application to transfer shall not be permitted to play either for his present club or the proposed new club until the transfer has been effected by the Association.

Any infringement shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.,

17. In all competitions under the Association, the use of goal nets shall be compulsory, and a flag on a post not less than 5 feet high and having a non-pointed top shall be placed at each corner and shall be erected by the club of whose ground the match is to be played.

18. The funds of the Association shall be lodged with any approved banking institution at the discretion of the Council. All accounts shall be brought before the Council for approval, except for Accounts being paid within previously agreed budgets, and all accounts above £20 shall be paid by cheque. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the following:- President, Hon Treasurer , Chairman of Finance and Secretary.

The Treasurer shall submit a statement when required by the Council. The accounts shall be audited annually and an auditor shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting. A certified balance sheet, together with an agenda paper, shall be sent to each club at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting. The Council shall have power to invest any surplus funds.

19. The cups and other articles belonging to the Association shall be vested in Trustees, who shall hold the same in trust for the Association. The Trustees shall be the President, Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being.

19. (a) At the conclusion of all Cup Finals and League Competitions, a replica trophy shall be presented to the winning club in addition to the competition trophy, the competition trophy must be returned to the Association before the winning club leaves the presentation venue. The Competition trophy may, at the discretion of the Association Trustees, be made available to the winning club for display at a suitable club function subject to a receipt being signed by the winning club. The trophy must be returned to the Association no later than 3 days after the date of the approved function, any trophy damaged or lost whilst in the possession of a club, shall be repaired or replaced by the club concerned.

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and members of and representing the said Club, which has now

been declared to have won the and the same having been delivered to us by the Isle of Man Football Association (the owners), do hereby on behalf of the said Club and individually and collectively, engage to return the same to the Association Secretary upon receipt of notice in like good order and condition, and in accordance with the rules governing the same, and provided the said.....is lost or stolen, damaged or destroyed by fire or any other accident, we agree to refund the Association the amount of its value or the cost of thorough repair.

20. The Council shall appoint a Rules Revision Committee. All new rules and alterations to existing rules shall be decided at a General Meeting to be held for the purpose in April of each year. No motion for any new rule or alteration to existing rule shall be in order unless notice shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association, signed by the member of Council and Chairman and Secretary of any club affiliated to the Association submitting such new rule or alterations, on or before March 1st in any year. Any amendment to the proposed new rules or alterations of existing rules, must be forwarded to Association Secretary at least 14 days previous to the General Meeting. The Association Secretary shall give notice thereof to all affiliated clubs at least seven days previous to the General Meeting. All new rules or alterations to existing rules must be supported by at least two-thirds of those present and voting at such meeting. All new rules or alterations to existing rules shall become operative on 1st June following. In the event of an emergency, a Special General Meeting may be called on the requisition of two-thirds of the Council present and voting.

REFEREES

21. All referees must be registered with the Isle of Man or other County Football Association by the 1st day of April each year.

Any Referee failing to pay the subscription of 1st April in each year shall not be permitted to officiate in remaining fixtures that season.

Referees, who of necessity are compelled to wear glasses during the course of a match, must wear safety glasses or contact lenses approved by, and with the written permission of the Isle of Man Football Association.

Each referee shall upon his original registration, be supplied with a copy of the Association Rules, and annually thereafter a copy of any new or amended rules, and a current copy of the 'Laws of the Game'.

Referees and Assistant Referees fees must be paid by the home club before the officials leave the ground.

In Cup Finals, all match officials will receive a memento in addition to their match fee.

In Cup Finals and Representative matches, all match officials will receive a memento in addition to their match fee.

All referees appointed to matches Premier League, Association Cup, Railway Cup and Hospital Cup, must have successfully completed a fitness test, the nature of which will be determined by the Referees Committee.

21(a) All Disciplinary matters concerning Referees will be dealt with by the Referees Committee or the Disciplinary Committee.

22. The time of the kick off for all matches will be as the Council shall decide.

23. No two teams shall play against each other in the same colour, including socks. The Council will regard it as a matter for inquiry if players play in other than their own club colours. New clubs shall not register existing colours. A club wishing to change from its existing colours or design of colours must apply for permission to do so. The home team shall have available their reserve strip, including socks, which they must wear if requested to do so by a match official.

24. All affiliated clubs shall be compelled to allow the use of their grounds when required for cup-ties or league matches at a fee to be decided by the Council, such sum to include the marking of the ground, use of goal nets and

grandstand. Both competing clubs to be responsible for staffing the gates and collection of admission fee. Referee, Linesmen and Ground Expenses to be paid from the gate money. Any balance or loss to be equally shared by the competing clubs.

25. For the purpose of Junior "International" matches, selection shall be restricted to amateur players who are under 21 years of age on the 1st August in each playing season.

26. A Club will be given permission to postpone a Senior League or Cup-Tie if it has at least 3 **first team** players involved in an official Association Football Representative side match on the same weekend. Similarly a club will be given permission to postpone a 15/17 league match or cup tie if it has at least 3 of its 15/17 players involved in an official Island Representative match or representing their school on the same week-end. **A first team player shall be defined as a player who has played the majority of his games during that part of the season leading up to the Representative match in his club's first team**

27. Clubs must have a stretcher and First Aid Kit at all HOME matches.

28. Any alteration to the amounts laid down in Rule 29 shall be recommended by the Finance Committee and determined at the following Annual Rules Revision Meeting. Those amendments subsequently approved shall become effective on the first day of June following such decision. Club subscriptions and competition fees shall be non-returnable.

29. Fees, Subscriptions, salaries, reimbursements and miscellaneous charges :

(a) Subscriptions £300.00 for Clubs entering men's competitions only, or £350 for Clubs entering men's and women's competitions.

(b) Registration

1. Players per annum £1.00
2. Referees per annum £15.00, to be paid directly to the Isle of Man Football Association.
3. Registration Forms - minimum order ten £1.00
4. Result Forms £1.00

(c) Private Matches/Tournament £5.00

(d) Secretary's Salary per year by negotiation

(e) Affiliation Fee **£50.00**

(f) Transfer Fee £10.00

(g) Referees/Assistant Referees Remuneration

1. All matches (excluding Cup Finals) **£20.00**
2. All Finals **£20.00**
3. Extra time, all competitions (excluding Finals) £5.00
4. Extra time (all Finals) £5
5. Travel expenses payable by IOMFA (see Rule 22) 25p per mile
6. Assistant Referees and fourth official receive 50% fees shown (g 1-4).
7. Match Assessors appointed by the Association shall be entitled to receive remuneration from the Association equivalent to the fee paid to assistant referees per sub-paragraph 6 above; and to travel expenses payable under sub-paragraph 5 above.

(h) Statutory Fines For Failure To Fulfil Engagement Or Lateness

1. Failure to fulfil League Fixture max £50.00
2. Kick off delay 6-30 minutes max £10.00

(i) Miscellaneous Offences

1. Failure to notify Match Results, and referee's assessment mark and/or Team lists £2.00 plus £2.00 per week until notification received by Association
2. Club, player, official in contravention of Rules (Rule 10) at discretion of Disciplinary Committee.
3. Protest, deposit (Rule 12) £5.00
4. Protest, fines, expenses, etc at discretion of Disciplinary Committee.
5. Illegal approach to players. At discretion of Disciplinary Committee
6. Non-payment of official(s) on the day of the match £1.50 plus £1.50 to official
7. All fines for miscellaneous offences shall be paid within 14 days.
8. Failure by referee to notify Match results, Team Sheets and Disciplinary Reports £2.00 plus £2.00 per week until notification received by the Association.

9 Failure to telephone results and scorers within the specified timescale, £10 on each occasion.

30. Any point not provided for in the General and Competition Rules shall be left to the Discretion of the Council or the Disciplinary Committee as the case may be.

31. The referee shall be handed an official team sheet, listing players 1-14, prior to the kick off.

In all Cup Finals and any replayed Cup Final both clubs will provide the IOMFA with a team sheet at least 15 minutes

prior to the scheduled kick off time. The game shall NOT commence until the referee has received an official team sheet from both teams.

All players must wear a shirt numbered in accordance with the team sheet supplied.

Any divergency from this procedure will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee to be dealt with at their discretion and whose decision shall be final.

32. For all matches with the exception of Cowell Cup, 15/17 League and Cup, and Women's competitions, each Club shall mark the referee's performance in accordance with the 'Guide to marking for Referee Assessors', such mark to be appended on the Club's official result sheet.

33. All Players (including substitutes whether they have appeared on the field of play or not) plus officials who have taken part in a Cup Final or Representative fixture, shall attend the presentation of awards ceremony at the conclusion of such matches.

The only exception permitted shall be in respect of individuals who have sustained injury and are physically incapable of attending such ceremony.

Any individual otherwise failing to attend shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, and shall be liable to a fine, suspension or such other punishment as the Disciplinary Committee think fit.

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be deemed final, although this would not preclude the individual's right to a personal hearing/review in line with the appeals procedure pertaining at the time.

34. Any person holding an official position within the organisation of a Member Club which shall include Junior Football shall himself or herself be a Bona Fide' member of an affiliated Club of the IOMFA.

COMMITTEES

1. The following Committees shall be elected annually at the Council Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Members of Committees are eligible for re-appointment.
2. The Terms of Reference of the Committees are intended to reflect a formal scheme of delegation from Council to a Committee structure.
3. Except for the Referees Committee, each Committee shall comprise five persons, being Council Members, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman and one as Vice-chairman. The Referees Committee shall comprise three Council Members, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman, and two nominees of the Referee's Society.
The persons holding the positions of the Association's Referees Training Officer and the Referee's Fitness Co-ordinator shall be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Referees Committee. Whilst they may play a full part in the meetings of that Committee they shall not be entitled to vote.
4. The President shall carry membership of the Finance Committee and shall be entitled to attend as an ex-officio of all other Committees, apart from the Disciplinary Committee.
5. Committees shall be entitled to co-opt up to two non-Council Members, at any time and for whatever period, subject to endorsement by the Council.
6. Committees shall be entitled to appoint Sub-Committees who shall report only to that main Committee.
7. Should a Committee fall below its five person membership, then any vacancy can be filled during the year by another Council Member, subject to endorsement by the Council. This procedure applies except in the case of a nominee of the Referees Society on the Referees Committee who shall be replaced by another Society nominee.
8. Committee Meetings shall be held at least on a monthly basis with a quorum being three Council Members. In the case of the Referees Committee, a quorum will be two Council Members.
9. A record of Meetings held and attendance at Meetings shall be provided on a regular basis by the Committee Chairman to the Association Secretary. The Secretary shall provide quarterly reports to the Council on the extent to which Clubs are contributing (or not as the case may be) to the Association's business.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

- to promote, and administer the arrangements for all Cup Finals and Representative matches under the jurisdiction of the IOMFA, including, where appropriate, the appointment of gatemen, the publication of programmes, the presentation of trophies and pre and post match hospitality/entertainment
- to promote and organise other events and competition as required

COMPETITIONS AND FIXTURES COMMITTEE

- to control and manage all cup and league competitions including accepting entries, making up draws, preparing fixture schedules, sanctioning private competitions and approving, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, sponsorship for cup and league competitions.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- to deal with all disciplinary matters within the jurisdiction of the Association.
- To determine all questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, interpretation of the rules or laws and determining all other matters in dispute.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- to monitor and administer all the finances of the Association including the determination of fees and charges for membership of the Association, entries to competitions, match officials and for the reimbursement of expenses.
- Subject to the approval of Council, to set and monitor budgets for income and expenditure, either generally or for specific Committees or both.
- To manage the Association's property, other assets and staff.

All references to ‘Instructional Committee’ removed.

ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

- to arrange, administer and ensure selection of teams for Representative matches at all levels.

REFEREES COMMITTEE

- to be responsible for the appointment of match officials to all matches under the jurisdiction of the Association and for the appointment of assessors of such officials
- to prepare and maintain a register of all referees.
- to deal with matters arising under the regulations of the Football Association for the registration and control of referees.
- to maintain liaison with the IOM Referees’ Society.
- to arrange, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, courses, visits and lectures for referees and other similar projects of a complimentary nature designed to improve the game.

RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

- to draft proposals for revision of the rules of the Association in accordance with policy laid down by the Council and to draw attention of the Council to conflicts or anomalies within those rules
- to consult with the Council and Clubs in relation to proposals (whether from the Committee or otherwise) for rule changes.

LEAGUE RULES

1. The entire control and management of this competition shall be vested in the Council.

2. Composition of League and Entrance Fees.

(a) The League shall be composed of Clubs in membership with the IOMFA

(b) The Council shall decide the number of Clubs and the League Section to which each shall belong.

(c) The League shall be comprised of :

(i) Premier League

(ii) Division 2

(iii) Combination League 1

(iv) Combination League 2

(v) 15/17 League

(vi) Such other Division as the Council shall decide

(d) A Club accepted for membership of the IOMFA shall be admitted to the lowest Division

(e) A minimum of 50% subscription fee to be forwarded to the Association Secretary on or before the 20th July. The balance of which to be forwarded to the Association Secretary on or before the 20th December of that same year.

3. At the end of the competitions the club in each Division and in the Combination League scoring the largest number of points shall be declared champions. Scoring shall be three points for a win and one for a draw. In the event of two or more clubs scoring equal points, final positions shall be determined on goal difference and when there is an equal goal difference it is then determined by the greatest number of goals for. The reverse method shall be applied to determine the bottom two clubs in the Premier League. The TWO clubs finishing at the bottom of the Premier League shall be relegated to Division II and the two clubs finishing top of Division 11 shall be promoted to Premier League. When any club becomes defunct or withdraws from any League competition or fails in any way to retain its membership of the Association, all points and goals for and against such club shall be deducted.

4. All matches shall be played under the laws of the Football Association, and must be of 90 minutes duration, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, **unless otherwise mutually agreed upon prior to the commencement of the**

match or already contained within the rules of the competition concerned. In no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.

A player shall not be eligible to play in any Combination League match following a Premier League or Division 11 or Senior Cup match if he played in such preceding Premier League or Division 11 or Senior Cup match unless:

- (a) His club is engaged in a Premier League or Division 11 or Senior Cup match on the same date at the same time.
- Or
- (b) His club has played an intervening Premier League or Division 11 or Senior Cup match in which he has not played.
- Or
- (c) The Combination match takes place after the commencement of the Junior Cup Competition when any player qualified to play in the Junior Cup may play in outstanding Combination matches regardless of when he last played for the First Team.

In the case of a player under suspension, matches played by his club during his suspension period will not count for qualification of such player for the Combination League.

In the event of players registering from a club which has become defunct, or transferring from other clubs, first League matches played by the players in the previous or current season shall count.

Any club infringing this Rule shall be fined (see Rule 29), and have three points deducted from its total in the League table, and the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to order the match to be replayed, and to order the defaulting club to pay all the expenses incurred in the replay.

5. Every player playing in these competitions must be a bona fide member of the club for which he plays. A bona fide member of a club is one who:

- (a) has signed a registration form in the Isle of Man (such signature having been witnessed by a second person resident in the Isle of Man), and has been registered with the Association Secretary, provided he has been resident in the Island at least 14 days before playing;
- Or
- (b) has been registered by the Association Secretary following a transfer from one club to another in accordance with Association Rule 17.

Any club infringing this rule shall have three points deducted from its score. Players must be registered at least 48 hours prior to playing in any League match.

6(a) All clubs in each Division shall play each other twice in each season. A club shall be allowed to play its 'home' match on its opponent's ground, only if both clubs agree and the Association Secretary is notified at least 24 hours before the fixture. It shall not be permissible for any club to play two Premier League or Division 11 or Combination League matches on the same day. The League fixtures shall be arranged by the Competitions and Fixtures Committee. League matches must be played on the date fixed, unless re-arranged by the committee or postponed by order of the referee appointed or referee available in the district in which the match is to be played or an approved Trustee. Any club not in readiness to commence play within five minutes of the scheduled kick-off shall be fined (see Rule 29) unless, on appeal by that club, the decision be altered by the Disciplinary Committee. The time of kick-off shall be in accordance with General Rule 23

No team shall be compelled to play if the opposing team is not present 30 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the match. The referee must report in writing to the Association Secretary within two days all such cases of unpunctuality. He shall also intimate to the captain of each club his intention of doing so before the commencement of the match.

6. (b) The Competitions and Fixtures Committee shall forward all fixtures for the following season to the Council Meeting held in June.

7. In the event of any match not being played, or being ordered to be replayed, it shall be played on or replayed on the original venue on the first date both clubs have vacant. This clause shall not apply if the home club's ground is not available. The receipts at such replayed matches shall be divided as the Council may determine, having regard to the peculiarities of the case. In case of disagreement as to date or ground, the Council shall determine both. All complaints relating to non-fulfilment of League fixtures must be made within seven days from the date upon which such fixtures should have been played, in case of such complaint being upheld, the Disciplinary Committee, in addition to any other power shall have power to impose a penalty of three points to be deducted from the points total of the offending club or clubs.

7(a) If a pitch is deemed to be unplayable 48 hours prior to the published kick-off, the match may be played on any available ground as decided by the Fixtures Committee. In such cases any expenses incurred shall be payable by the home club, including match officials' fees.

8(a) League fixtures shall take precedence over Junior Cup, Cowell Cup and 15/17 Trophy. Clubs in Premier League or Division 11 shall be granted a minimum of two clear days interval between any League fixture and or Senior Cup-tie or two League fixtures or two Senior Cup ties.

8(b) Each club shall cause to be delivered the results of its League matches with the full names of its players competing therein and details of its goalscorers, to the Association Secretary within four days after each match. Clear evidence of postal delay will be accepted. In case of default in either case a fine of (see Rule 29) shall be imposed: or may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. In addition, each club shall, as soon as possible after each match and in any case no later than 10.00 pm on the day of the match, telephone the results of the match and the names of that club's goalscorers to the Football Association Office. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a fine as set down in General Rule 29 (i).

9. In the place of an admission charge a collection may be taken. The home club shall take receipts and shall pay all home expenses. Any divergence from this Rule shall only be allowed by prior permission of the Council.

10. The Referees' Committee will appoint referees for League matches, and the Council will pay their travelling expenses (see Rule 29). In the event of the non-attendance of the appointed referee, any referee registered with the Association, and qualified may act. It shall be the duty of the referee to report in writing to the Association Secretary, within two days, (Saturdays and Sundays excluded) the time of the kick-off, the result of each match, and all cases of misconduct of players, officials or spectators, likely to bring the game into disrepute.

11. Reclaim of expenses, abandoned, postponed and cancelled matches. In the event of abandoned, postponed or cancelled matches where expenses are incurred :

(a) The home club shall pay the appropriate fee to the referee and linesman (see Rule 29).

(b) Any claim for expenses shall be decided by the Council or Disciplinary Committees as appropriate.

12. Protests and complaints can only be made in accordance with General Rule.

13. The Trophy in the Premier League shall be called 'The Ramsey Courier' League Cup, and the trophy in Division 11 shall be called 'The Second League Shield', neither of which shall ever become the absolute property of any club.

14. At the end of the League season, 15 medals or plaques will be presented to the League Champions. A match may be arranged by the Council the net 'gate' (or a portion thereof), may be devoted to the purchase of such medals or

plaques.

15. Junior Football Competitions for players aged 15 years or over on the 1st September and under 17 years on the 1st September of the current playing season may be organised by the Competitions and Fixtures Committee. A player on attaining the age of 14 years during the playing season shall be eligible to play in these competitions. All League and Cup matches within this age group shall be played under the rules of the Isle of Man Football Association and must be of 80 minutes duration, unless decided prior to the commencement of the competition, but in no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.

16. Any player registered with a Club having a surplus of players to its current requirements, may sign a temporary registration form for another Club for the purpose of 15/17 competitions only, provided :-

- (a) The player has not played in more than two matches in 15/17 competitions during the current season.
- (b) The player's temporary registration shall cease when the club for whom he is currently temporarily registered completes its 15/17 Competition fixtures.
- (c) The player informs the Club with whom he was first registered of his intention to sign a temporary registration form.
- (d) Any player who has registered as a temporary player with another club shall not be permitted to play for such club at any time on a day he is required to play for the club holding his full registration.

17. Footballer of the Year Awards shall be presented annually for the Premier League and Division 2, the format for selecting the winners shall be decided annually by the Council prior to the commencement of each season.

18. The Referees Committee shall appoint a referee for all League matches, together with two assistants, if available.

19. If an official referee is not available the League match shall not take place. Clubs shall not be permitted to play any other fixture in place of a League fixture.

20. When any fixture is unable to be played due to the appointed venue being inaccessible at the original kick off time the fixture may have a later starting time.

21. If any club is unable to play a fixture at the appointed venue the fixture may be played on the opponents ground provided that the kick off time for any other fixture on the ground is not changed. When a club plays a first team

and a combination league fixture on the same day on the same ground the fixtures shall be deemed to have taken place simultaneously.

22. The Women's League shall be comprised of Divisions 1 and 2.

At the end of each season the Club finishing last in Division 1 shall be relegated, and the Club finishing first in Division 2 shall be promoted.

23. In the event of a Club not entering this Competition, then any player registered with that Club may sign a temporary registration form for another Club entered in the Competition.

A temporary registration shall cease when that Club ends its participation in the Competition in the current season



ASSOCIATION CUP RULES

1. The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council
2. The cup shall be called 'The Isle of Man Football Association Challenge Cup', and shall be played for annually but shall not become the absolute property of any club.
3. The cup may be competed for by clubs in membership with the Association. The Football Association Cup Competition will not commence before the first Saturday in January.
4. Eligibility of Players
 - a. No player may play in this competition for more than one team in the same season.
 - b. Each player must have
 - i. IOM residential qualifications of 14 consecutive days.
 - ii. Been a registered member of the club (see Rule 7) with which he intends playing for a period of 48 hours prior to a cup-tie.
 - c. In the event of games being re-arranged from the original date of fixture, only those players registered and qualified to play on the earlier date shall be eligible to play in such re-arranged fixture.
 - d. A player under suspension on the date of the original fixture, shall, if having completed his period of suspension, be eligible to play in a re-arranged fixture.
 - e. Any club playing an ineligible player or players, if successfully complained against, shall be struck out of the competition.
5. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes.
6. Any club refusing to play the club against which it has been drawn upon the date fixed (unless such match is postponed by order of the referee) shall be judged to have lost the match.

The time of kick-off shall be in accordance with General Rule 23 and any team not being in readiness to commence play within five minutes of such time (unless detained by accident or any other reason acceptable to the Disciplinary Committee) shall be fined (see Rule 29). The referee must report in writing to the Association Secretary within two days, all such cases of unpunctuality. He shall also intimate to the captain of each club his intention of so doing before the commencement of the match. Any club 30 minutes late shall be deemed to have lost the match, unless proved to have been detained by accident or any other reason acceptable to the Disciplinary Committee.

7. The ties shall be drawn, and the competition matches played as the Council may determine. There shall be no byes after the first round.

Within four days after each drawing, the Secretary shall intimate to each club the name of the club it is drawn against.

The game shall be played on the ground of the club first drawn on a date to be fixed by the Council. By mutual agreement between the two clubs concerned the fixture may be reversed. In this event both of the clubs must inform the Association Secretary at least four days prior to the scheduled fixture date.

7(a) If a pitch is deemed to be unplayable 48 hours prior to the published kick-off, the match may be played on any available ground as decided by the Fixtures Committee. In such cases any expenses incurred shall be payable by the club drawn at home, including match officials' fees.

8. The Competitions and Fixtures Committee shall deal with postponed and abandoned matches. They shall have full Council powers, and their decision shall be final.

In the event of any member of such Committee being a representative of a club interested in a drawn or abandoned game, such member shall not be permitted for the time being to sit on such Committee, nor shall he be allowed to attend the hearing.

9. Each club shall, within four days after the playing of each match, cause to be delivered to the Association Secretary notice of the result of the match, with the forenames and surnames of the players who played in the tie and details of its goalscorers. Clear evidence of a postal delay will be accepted. In addition, each club shall, as soon as possible after each match and in any case no later than 10.00 pm on the day of the match, telephone the result of the match and the names of that club's goalscorers to the Football Association Office. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a fine as set down in General Rule 29 (i).

Should either or both lists contain the names of any ineligible player or players, such club or clubs shall, if the case is proved, be struck out of the competition. Any clubs failing to comply with this rule shall be fined (see Rule 29). If a club wishes to protest against the eligibility of any player or players, or any matter whatsoever such protest must be lodged within seven days from the date of the alleged misconduct and in accordance with General Rule 12.

10. The Referees' Committee shall appoint a referee and two assistants who are official referees, if they are available, for all ties in this competition.

The home team shall take receipts and shall pay home expenses.

In the Final tie, the Council shall take the gate monies, and shall pay all expenses approved by the Association,

including the referee and assistant's fees.

10(a) In the event of the non-attendance of the appointed referee the referee must report, in writing, to the Association within 3 days stating his reasons.

11. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, interpretation of the rules or laws, as well as other matters in dispute, shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, whose decision shall be final.

12. In addition to the cup the Council shall present medals, plaques or badges to the winners and runners up, and the name of the winning club shall be inscribed on the base of the cup.

13. All affiliated clubs shall be compelled to allow the use of their ground to the Association for the final tie at a fee to be decided by the Council, such sum to include preparing and marking of ground and the use of the goal nets.

14. All clubs in this competition are subject to the General Rules of the Association.

15. Every club sending out notices of any description (where the matter may be one of contention) will be required, if necessary, to furnish proof of posting or delivery.

16. Schedule of Travelling Expenses re Cup Rule 10 shall be as the Council shall direct.

17. Clubs shall be granted a minimum of two days interval between Cup ties in the same Competition.

18. Each team involved in a Final shall supply to the Association Secretary prior to the day of the Final a list containing 19 names of players and officials for whom complimentary admission will be granted. All other persons wishing to attend a Final shall, at the discretion of the Council, pay an admission fee.

20. If the score is level at full-time, then extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra time, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association Board. This to apply in all Cup matches in all Cup Competitions.

21. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

ISLE OF MAN RAILWAY CUP RULES

This competition shall be governed by the Isle of Man Football Association General and Cup Rules, except as hereinafter provided. It will be open to clubs entered in Premier League only.

The Council shall have power to vary the Competition.

At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.



PAUL HENRY GOLD CUP

The Competition shall be governed by the Association General and Cup Rules, except as hereinafter provided.

The Competition shall be open only to clubs entered in Division 2 of the League Competition.

The Council shall have power to vary the Competition prior to the commencement of the Competition.

At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

WOMENS ASSOCIATION CUP

The Competition shall be governed by the Association General and Cup Rules.

The Council shall have power to vary the Competition prior to the start of the competition.

In the event of a Club not entering this Competition, then any player registered with that Club may sign a temporary registration form for another Club entered in the Competition.

A temporary registration shall cease when that Club ends its participation in the Competition in the current season.

At the Final stage of the Competition **ONLY** both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

WOMENS FLOODLIT CUP COMPETITION

The Competition shall be open to all Clubs in membership of the Association.

The Trophy shall always remain in the ownership of the Association.

The Competition shall be played on artificial surfaces, the format of the competition, including the duration of matches and the method of determining results, shall be decided annually by the Council.

In the event of a Club not entering this Competition, then any player registered with that Club may sign a temporary registration form for another Club entered in the Competition.

A temporary registration shall cease when that Club ends its participation in the Competition in the current season.

In all other matters the IOMFA Cup Rules shall apply.

At the Final Stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

'TOM COWELL' CUP COMPETITION

1. The entire control and management of this competition shall be vested in the Council.
2. The competition shall be restricted to amateur players who are under 19 years of age on September 1st in each playing season and shall have been registered with the Association and the club as a bona fide or Temporary member for at least 48 hours before playing.
3. Every player playing in this competition must be a bona fide member of the club for which he plays, excepting players registered for a club not entering a team in this competition.

For the purpose of this Competition only, such players may sign a temporary registration form for another club entered in this Competition.

Any club which has at least seven and no more than fifteen of its own duly registered and eligible players shall be entitled to register a maximum of five temporary players and any club with more than fifteen eligible players shall be restricted to a maximum of two temporary players.

A temporary registration shall cease when the club ends its participation in the current season.

Any player who has registered as a temporary player with another club shall not be permitted to play for such club at any time on a day he is required to play for the club holding his full registration.

A Bona fide member of a club is one who

- (a) has signed a registration form in the Isle of Man (each signature having been witnessed by a second person resident in the Isle of Man) and has been registered with the Association Secretary provided he has been resident in the Island at least 14 days before playing :

or

- (b) has been registered by the Association Secretary following a transfer from one club to another accordance with Association Rule 17.

4. All matches shall be played under the rules of the Isle of Man Football Association and must be of 80 minutes duration, unless mutually agreed upon, but in no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.

The method of playing this competition shall be decided upon by the Council annually.

5. Referees shall be appointed by the Referees' Committee.

6. Each club shall cause to be delivered the results of its matches and details of its goalscorers, with the full Christian names and surnames of its players competing therein to the Association Secretary within four days after each match. Clear evidence of a postal delay will be accepted. In case of default in either case a fine (see Rule 29) will be imposed.

7. In place of an admission charge a collection may be taken. The home club shall take all receipts and shall pay all home expenses including the referee's fee.

Notwithstanding the basis on which this competition is played the Council shall take the final 'gate' and shall defray all expenses approved by the Council incurred in the final tie.

8. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

HOSPITAL CUP RULES

1. The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council.
2. The Cup shall be called the 'Isle of Man Hospital Cup' and shall be played for annually, and shall not become the absolute property of any club.
3. The Cup shall be competed for by clubs in the Premier League and Division 11 of the Isle of Man Football Association Leagues.
 - 3(a) The Council shall have power to vary the competition.
4. The Rules governing this competition shall be the same, excepting where otherwise stated, as those of the Association Cup.
5. The nett proceeds of the Final Gate shall be allocated as follows

The Isle of Man Football Association	60%
A Charity organisation to be decided annually by the Council Committee of the IOMFA,	40%
6. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP RULES

1. This competition shall be governed by the Isle of Man Football Association General and Cup Rules, except as hereinafter provided.
2. The Cup shall be called the 'Isle of Man Junior Challenge Cup' and shall be played for annually, and shall not become the absolute property of any club.
3. The Cup may be competed for by clubs in membership with the Association who have teams entered in the Combination League.
 - 3(a) The Council shall have power to vary the competition.
4. A player of the club entered in the Premier League or Division 11 as well as in the Combination League shall not be eligible to play in this Competition unless he has played at least FIVE Combination League matches during the current season.

If a player has played in TEN matches in the Premier League or Division 11 prior to commencement of the Competition he shall not be eligible to play in this competition.
- 4 (a) Prior to the commencement of the Competition, each competing club shall be required to provide a list to the Association Secretary of those players who have qualified and therefore eligible to take part in the Competition.
5. No club shall be compelled to play a Senior and Junior or Cowell Cup-tie on the same date. Junior Cup-ties shall take precedence over Combination League matches and Cowell Cup-ties. All Senior Cup-ties and Division 1 and Division 2 League matches shall take precedence over all matches in this competition.
6. The Council shall take the final 'gate' and defray all expenses approved by the Association in connection therewith.
8. Referees shall be appointed by the Referees' Committee.
9. Association Cup Rules will apply in all other matters where they are applicable.
10. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

CAPTAIN GEORGE WOODS MEMORIAL CUP RULES

1. The Cup shall be called the 'Captain George Woods Memorial Cup' and shall be competed for annually by clubs in Division 11 of the Isle of Man Football Association League.
2. The Association shall always retain ownership of the Cup, and the entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Council.
3. The Council shall have power to vary the competition.
4. The Final may be played at Castletown Stadium, for which no charge shall be made.
5. Association Cup Rules will apply in all other matters where they are applicable.
6. 'A Man of the Match' award to be called the Hayward Gelling Memorial Trophy shall be presented at the Final. The winner of the award to be decided by a panel from Marown AFC or a panel nominated by the Council when Marown AFC play in this final.
11. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.

15/17 COMPETITION RULES

1. The entire control and management of this competition shall be vested in the Council.
2. The rules governing this competition shall be the same, excepting where otherwise stated, as those of the Association Cup.
3. Qualification as to players taking part in the Competition shall be in accordance with League Rule 13.
4. All matches shall be played under the rules of the Isle of Man Football Association and must be of 80 minutes duration, unless decided otherwise prior to the commencement of the competition, but in no case shall less than 70 minutes be played.
5. The Council shall have the power to vary the competition.
6. At the Final stage of the Competition ONLY both teams may name 5 substitutes of which 3 may be used if required.
7. **In the event of a club entering more than one team in a 15/17 competition, players for each squad MUST be listed separately as A squad and B squad players.**

In order for a club to ensure it can fulfil it's A team fixtures B squad players may be co-opted to the A team. Once a B team player has played on 4 occasions for the A team the player then must remain with the A squad

CHARITY SHIELD RULES

- 1. The Charity Shield shall be played for on an annual basis between the Premier League Champions and the Association Cup Winners from the previous season..**
- 2. Should a club be both the Premier League Champions and Association Cup Winners, the Charity Shield shall be played for between that club and the club finishing runners-up in the Premier League.**
- 3. If the score is level after 90 minutes, there shall be no extra time played. The winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures adopted by the International Football Association Board.**
- 4. Both teams may name 5 substitutes of which up to 3 may be used if required.**

ISLE OF MAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

BENEVOLENT FUND

NAME

1. The Fund shall be called the Isle of Man Football Association Benevolent Fund', and shall be duly registered as an authorised charity fund in accordance with Government Office Regulations.

OBJECTS

2. To provide assistance to bona fide registered players of clubs in membership of the IOMFA (and/or their dependants) who may be injured whilst playing football in a match recognised or authorised by the Association.

A recognised match is one played under the rules of the IOMFA Competition, or a friendly match of which due notice of not less than three days prior to same taking place has been given, and for which permission has not been withheld.

MANAGEMENT

3. The Fund shall be under the management of the IOMFA Council who shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

4. The fund shall be administered by the Finance Committee.

5. All clubs affiliated to or registered as members of the IOMFA shall be eligible for membership of the Fund on payment of an annual subscription of £6 per team, payable on or before the 1st September in each year.

For a 'Cowell' Cup team the Annual Subscription shall be £3. Should a club resign from the IOMFA or be expelled, their membership of the Fund will be terminated and all benefits to their players shall cease.

FUNDS

6. The Management Committee shall be empowered to raise additional funds from any of the following sources:

(a) Income from any competitions or matches organised by the IOMFA on behalf of the Fund.

(b) Income from Insurance premiums chargeable to clubs in respect of personal accident insurance of players and/or third parties.

(c) Income from authorised charitable competitions.

(d) Collections donations or receipts from efforts organised for the benefit of the Fund, or such other sources as may be deemed expedient.

7. All applications for a grant out of the Fund for an injured player must be made within fourteen days of the accident by the secretary of the club of which the player is a member on the form marked 'F', in the schedule annexed to these rules, which can be obtained on application to the Secretary of the IOMFA. No grant will be made unless the player is prevented from following his employment for a period of not less than three days, Sundays excepted.

8. All applications must be accompanied by a medical certificate giving the nature and date of accident. Without the production of this certificate a grant will not be made.

BENEFITS

9. All claims will be investigated by the Management Committee, who will make payments to the Club Secretary, who will be responsible for paying the benefit to the claimant.

10. Payments according to the circumstances, shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

11. Benefits are payable from the first day following the accident provided the rules of the Fund have been adhered to, but the liability of the Fund shall cease and benefits terminate in the event of:

(a) The Player has been certified fit to resume work by his doctor, and a note to this effect has been forwarded to the Secretary of the IOMFA.

(b) The Player is guilty of any misconduct likely to retard his recovery.

(c) The player removes from the Isle of Man without the permission of the Management Committee.

(d) The Player resumes playing before complying with clause (a)

(e) The player refuses to claim National Health benefit.

(f) The player has not paid his current season's subscription to his club.

12. If a player is certified unfit for work for a period of more than four weeks because of injury, that player having complied with Rule 11a, may be ordered by the Committee to undergo an examination by their own doctor before the player resumes playing football.

ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES

13. The monies of Fund shall be kept in a separate banking account in the names of three trustees who shall be the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary for the time being of the Isle of Man Football Association, and a duly audited Balance Sheet and statement of Accounts shall be submitted to a annual meeting of the clubs in membership.

14. If the Fund shall cease to operate, the balance in hand (if any) shall be donated to such charity as may be decided on by the Committee.

15. (1) The No 2 Benevolent Scheme for the additional benefits to injured players and controlled by the existing Rules and Conditions of the IOMFA Benevolent Fund.

(2) Membership premium in relation to this scheme shall be for a First Team £20, for a Combination Team £20, for a Cowell Cup Team £10, team for the Football Association matches £20.

(3) Benefits payable from the scheme shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(4) Premium shall be paid annually and benefits will be paid only in respect to injuries sustained after the premium is paid. Premiums must paid on or before 1st September.

(5) Payments of benefits in respect of any injury shall not exceed 104 weeks.

ALTERATION OF RULES

16. No alteration shall be made to these rules except at the annual meeting or a specially convened meeting; and written notice shall be given to the Secretary of any proposed alterations or additions, on or before 1st March in each year, the same to be forwarded to the clubs in membership at least seven days before the meeting.

No alteration of rules shall be deemed carried unless it receives the support of two-thirds of the total votes available at the meeting.

‘FORM F’

ISLE OF MAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE

Secretary IOMFA

Married

Single

Under 18 Years

Dear Sir,

I beg to notify you that a member of AFC, received the following injury

..... in the match, played at

.....

on He has been unable to follow

his employment from

His Club subscription for the current season is paid/not paid

Signed

Chairman

Secretary

Council Member

STANDING ORDERS

1. The Council shall meet on any Tuesday of alternate months commencing July, and on such other day or days during the season, and at such hour as the Council may from time to time decide.

In special circumstances the Secretary shall have power to convene a meeting.

2. Notices of meetings of the Council, together with an Agenda of the business, and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting (plus any available minutes from the Finance Committee) shall be posted to each Club and Council member no later than ten days prior to the following Council Meeting.

3. An agenda paper shall be prepared by the Secretary for each meeting of the Council in which shall be entered in the following order the business to be transacted:

- 1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
- 2) Questions arising out of the Minutes
- 3) Correspondence
- 4) Business adjourned from any prior meeting
- 5) Reports from any Committee
- 6) Motions in the order in which notice has been given
- 7) Any other business

3(a) The names of all Clubs who failed to send a representative to the previous Council Meeting shall be listed.

4. The business at each meeting shall be taken in the order on the agenda paper unless otherwise decided upon by the meeting.

5. No motion relating to any new subject not already before the meeting (except formal motions as hereinafter defined, and motions hereinafter excepted), shall be moved at any meeting of the Council unless notice of the same shall have been given to the secretary in writing, signed by a member, not later than five days before the meeting.

6. All such notices shall be dated and numbered in the order in which they are received.

7. A formal motion shall mean any of the motions following namely :-

- 1) The previous question
- 2) That the question be now put
- 3) That the Council proceed to the next business

- 4) That the Chairman do leave the chair
- 5) A motion for the adjournment of the Council or of the debate
- 6) A motion for the suspension of Standing Orders.

8. When a formal motion is made (except a motion for the adjournment of the Council, or of the debate), such motion shall be moved, seconded and put without debate. Provided always that no formal motion shall interrupt a speech.

9. When a formal motion for the adjournment of the Council or of the debate is made, the member making such motion shall be allowed to speak: it shall be seconded without a speech, and after one member only has been heard, for not more than five minutes, in opposition to the motion (if any member desires to speak in opposition thereto) the question shall be at once put without further debate.

10. A resolution shall not be reconsidered within three months of the debate of it being passed by the Council.

11. Motions or amendments may be withdrawn, leave being granted by the Council before the question has been fully put.

12. The following motions may be moved without notice, namely

- a) On points of order or formal motions.
- b) For dealing with correspondence and other documents.
- c) For the precedence of any particular business.
- d) Motions upon the reports of Committees or Referees.
- e) Motions upon any matter of urgency.

Notice must be given on any motion involving an expenditure of any sum exceeding £50.00

13. All motions and amendments must be seconded.

14. Every amendment must be relevant to the subject matter of the motion on which it is moved.

15. Whenever an amendment is made upon any motion, no second amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first amendment is disposed of.

If the amendment is carried, it shall then be put as the original motion, upon which a further amendment may be moved.

16. If the first amendment is negative, then further amendments may be moved to the original question.

17. A motion shall be considered negative by the acceptance of an amendment thereto.

18. Any member desiring to speak must rise in his place and address himself to the Chair, and no interruption to his speech shall be allowed, except upon a point of order.

19. When two or more members rise to speak, the Chairman shall call upon the member who first rose in his place.
20. No speech shall be permitted, save to a distinct motion or amendment, either already submitted to the meeting as a question for deliberation, or to be submitted by the member speaking.
21. Each member who rises to speak must direct his speech to the motion or amendment under discussion, or to a question or order.
22. No member who has moved or seconded or spoken upon a motion or amendment shall be allowed afterwards to speak again upon such motion or amendment, or to move an amendment thereto; but the seconder of a motion or amendment shall be permitted to reserve his speech till a later period of the debate, if his act, as seconder, be restricted to a mere indication by words or otherwise that he seconds the motion or amendment, and the mover of an original motion shall have the right of reply in the manner hereinafter provided.
23. Motions for amendments are new questions, and members who have spoken on the original motion may speak again after such new questions have been proposed from the Chair.
24. No member may speak again in relation to any question after the same has been put.
25. A reply shall be allowed to the mover of a substantive motion but not to the mover of an amendment or of formal *motions. After the mover has commenced his reply, no other member shall speak in relation to the question. No new matter shall be introduced by the mover in reply. The right of reply shall be governed by the following provisions:
- a) If no amendment ensues upon the proposal of an original motion the mover thereof may reply at the end of the discussion on his motion.
 - b) If there be an amendment he shall make his reply at the close of the debate thereon, and this reply shall exhaust his right of reply as the mover of an original motion. He may, however, take part in the discussion upon subsequent amendments.
26. A member who has spoken may not be heard again except when permitted by the Chairman to make a personal explanation, but he is not to introduce any new matter or to interrupt a member who is speaking.

27. Upon a matter of order suddenly arising, any member may speak, if he does so immediately, and commences his statement that he rises to order.

The member who was addressing the meeting must thereupon resume his seat until such time as the matter of order has been disposed of.

28. If disorder should arise, the Chairman may quit the Chair, and announce the adjournment of the meeting.

29. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman must give the casting vote.

30. A Standing Order may be suspended with the consent of a majority, of two-thirds of the members present.

31. The Council may by vote resolve itself into a committee and whilst in committee there shall be no restrictions as to the number of times a member may speak.

32. Notice of any motion having been given by any member, should the proposer be unable to attend the meeting, he may nominate a member to take charge of and propose such motion.

33. Any 'minute' passed by the Council in the ordinary course of business shall be automatically passed on to the Rules Revision Committee by the Association Secretary, for consideration for including with their proposals to be submitted to the following Rules Revision meeting.

Any 'minute' so dealt with that is not submitted to the Rules Revision meeting, or does not receive the required number of votes at the Rules Revision Meeting to become a new rule, shall be deemed to have lapsed at the end of that current season.

