

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called "The Harrogate and District Football Association" and shall be affiliated with and directly under the control of the West Riding County Football Association.

2. AREA

The area of the association shall be as defined by the West Riding County Football Association and shall not be altered without the consent of the West Riding County F.A

3. CONSTITUTION

This District Association shall consist of such Leagues and Competitions as the West Riding County Football Association shall approve

4. GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

This District Association shall be governed by an Executive Committee (Council) which shall consist of the President, Life Members, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and 7 members representing the Harrogate League, Claro League, Junior League and Referees Association. A Management Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and five Committee members. The Executive Committee shall oversee the management of the District FA and its finances. The Management Committee shall administer the day-to-day functions of the District FA. The qualification for a Vice-President shall be a minimum of five years' service, not necessarily consecutive. The Constitution of the Council shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the District Association. The Executive shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year. No registered player of any clubs shall sit on the Executive or Management Committees. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

5. LOCAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

This District Association shall appoint two representatives to the West Riding County Football Association who shall be elected by the District Associations Council on or before July 31st in each year.

No person shall be capable of being first appointed a Member of the County F.A. Council if at the time of the appointment that person has attained the age of 61 years.

6. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES

This District Association shall be responsible to the West Riding County Football Association Ltd for the actions of its clubs, players, officials and spectators.

Every club or competition is responsible to the Council for the action of its players, officials and spectators. Clubs and competitions are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players during or at the conclusion of matches.

This District Association may act if so desired, as a body for insuring players against accidents.

The rules of any such scheme shall be in accordance with the rules of the Football Association and shall be approved by the West Riding County Football Association Ltd.

7 The District's Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than July 31st in each year. All suggested alterations to these rules shall be sent, in writing to the Secretary by March 31st in any year.

Each Club having paid its affiliation fee's to the respective County Association for the current season before the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to send a representative to this and all other General Meetings of this District Association. No two clubs shall be represented by the same individual.

At the written request of a quarter of the Members of the District Association the Secretary of the District Association shall call a Special General Meeting allowing at least 10 days' notice.

Any club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting shall be fined the sum of £30.00.

8. The representatives of any club or competition concerned in a complaint or in any dispute whatsoever shall not be eligible to sit on the Council while the said dispute or complaint is being discussed.

9. No player or club affiliated to their respective County Association shall be allowed to play in unaffiliated football. All players registered with clubs affiliated to the West Riding County Football Association shall be placed at the disposal of the West Riding County Football Association for representative matches and Football Association Cup Competitions.

In cases of players who last played abroad they must not take part in any matches for any club at any level in this Country until such time as clearance has been received by the Football Association from the National Association under whose jurisdiction the player last played.

It should also be noted that in the case of the players who last played in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland it is still necessary for a clearance to be obtained from the appropriate National Association before the player can play for any club in this Country. Failure to carry out the procedures will result in disciplinary action being taken by the appropriate County Association.

10. Any club competing for a prize offered by any private individual or individuals, if the net proceeds do not go to some affiliated Football Club or Clubs, Charity or Charities, shall cease to be a member of the County Football Association unless the competing Clubs obtain the consent from their respective County Football Association before playing for such a prize. No club or Player of any such club shall take place in a football contest other than practice matches between teams of the same Club during the close season, except for Charities.

11. The Officers of the District Football Association shall be empowered to carry out the work of their Association until the Council is

appointed.

12. The Council or any Committee which it appoints to investigate and decide upon any matter, shall have the power to punish any Club, Officials, players or Members of the Council by expulsion, fine, or otherwise as they may think fit, should any of the parties enumerated above be found to have been guilty of any breach of the Rules of the District Association or of the Football Association - but not for Laws of the Game.

13. The District Association shall have the first claim on the services of any player/official for its official matches subject to the FA Order of Precedence for match Officials.

14. All Clubs within their area affiliated with the West Riding County Football Association Ltd shall, if called upon, place their ground at the disposal of the District Association for at least 1 match each season: a minimum of 10 per cent of the proceeds less expenses shall be paid for the use of the ground if required.

15. Fines imposed by the District Association must be paid within fourteen days of the receipt of notification. Any club or individual failing to do so shall have the fine doubled and be charged an administration charge of £25-00. All other charges imposed by the District Association shall be paid within fourteen days of the date stipulated for payment. A club or individual failing to pay as instructed shall be charged an administration fee of £25-00. The club or individual shall be suspended and/or expelled from all competitions governed by the District Association and its committee members and its players referred to the West Riding County Football Association.

16. Participants may appeal against any decision of the District Association. Such appeals shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association and shall be made in accordance with rule 5 of that Association.

17. This Association shall have power to control, conduct and manage its own approved competitions, and to see that all clubs conform to the Rule and Regulations of the Football Association.

The Conference date for matches in competitions organised by the District Association shall be the third Saturday or Sunday in each month.

All Semi Finals and Finals in any competitions organised by the District Association shall take preference at any time over all League and League Cup matches.

Matches that are ordered to be rearranged or replayed must be played on the next Conference date or may be played earlier by mutual agreement with the Leagues concerned.

18. The minutes and proceedings of the District Association shall be submitted if required to the West Riding County Football Association Ltd.

19 The income and property of the District Association shall be at their complete disposal providing that such income and property shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Football Association.

The funds of the District Association shall be lodged with an approved bank in the name of the President or Chairman and the Treasurer of the Council. All accounts shall be submitted for approval of the District Association Council.

Auditors shall be appointed annually, and they shall audit the accounts. An audited Balance Sheet shall be sent to each club at least seven days before an Annual General Meeting of the District Association. All trophies of a District Association and such other effects or assets as may be acquired from time to time, shall be held in trust by the President and Treasurer of the District Association, who shall for all intents and purposes be their legal owners.

Should a District Association become defunct, its surplus assets should be applied by the West Riding County Football Association Ltd in liquidating any liability of the District Association. If the surplus assets shall be more than sufficient to liquidate such liability, the balance shall be disposed of in accordance with the Football Association's Regulations applying to Competitions.

If such assets shall be insufficient to liquidate the District Association's liabilities, a levy shall be made on the clubs in the area to produce a sum sufficient to do this

20 This District Association shall submit a copy of its rules each season to the West Riding County Football Association Ltd for approval.

21. Rule Changes can only be made at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. These rules shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Ltd for approval within fourteen days of the meeting.

22. Each District Association is entitled to receive each year from the West Riding County Football Association Ltd an appropriate proportion of its clubs affiliation fees.

23. All changes of Secretaries, and/or their addresses must be notified in writing within seven days to the Secretary of the Harrogate & District Football Association. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the club being fined £25.00.

24. Clubs failing to acknowledge correspondence from this Association within 14 (fourteen) days or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business of the Association will be fined £25.00.

25. Any elected member being absent from any three consecutive meetings without a satisfactory explanation shall be dealt with as deemed appropriate by the Council.

26. In all other respects the District Association shall be governed and guided by the rules of the West Riding County Football Association Ltd on points of issue.