

THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND

SPECIMEN SETS OF RULES FOR ADOPTION BY COUNTY RAs AND ABSs

These were adopted as Notices of Motion passed at Conference 2004. They are provided as required by Rules 12(h) and 6(d) of this Association

THE RULES OF THE BIRMINGHAM & WARWICKSHIRE JOINT COUNTY COMMITTEE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called The Birmingham & Warwickshire Joint County Committee Referees' Association ("the Association").

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Association shall be:

- to promote the Vision, Mission and Objects of the Referees' Association of England ("the RAE")
- to represent the interests of full members of any member Association, Branch or Society ('ABS') affiliated to the RAE and registered with Birmingham County Football Association or officiating in football under its auspices or control
- to act as a channel of communications between member ABSs, the Board of the RAE and the Birmingham County Football Association
- to organise social and other activities for the members of any member ABSs and to further their mutual interests in accordance with the interests of the RAE.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Each ABS affiliated to the RAE and affiliating to the Association shall, upon subscription, be a member of the Association.
- (b) Each ABS shall submit the numbers of its members when ~subscribing to the Association, thereafter from time to time and in any event not later than 31" March each year.
- (c) Any ABS based within an adjacent or overlapping County FA area may be admitted into membership provided it is also a member of its parent County RA.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Each member ABS shall subscribe annually to the Association.
- (b) Subscriptions shall be effective from and be due on 1" *April* each year following the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). .
- (c) Subscriptions shall remain unchanged until varied at an AGM.
- (d) Subscriptions shall be as follows: - (*to be inserted*)

5. COMMITTEE

- (a) Each member ASS shall appoint from amongst its members and according to its own rules two representatives to serve on the Committee of the Association
- (b) In the event that any ABS representative is unavailable to attend a meeting, his ABS shall be responsible for appointing a substitute member to attend in his place.
- (c) The Committee shall control and be responsible for the policies of the Association.
- (d) The Committee shall appoint one of its members to serve as a channel of communications between the Association and the Board of the RAE.

6 OFFICERS

- (a) The Officers of the Association shall be full members of a member ABS.
- (b) The Committee shall elect its Officers from amongst its own numbers annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Officers shall include the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, County RA Recruitment and Retention Officer and Representative on the Birmingham County FA Referees' Committee.

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (a) The Committee shall meet at least four times per year.
- (b) A quorum at meetings of the Committee shall be one third of its Members, including at least two Officers and a representative from at least one third of the member ASSs.
- (c) In an emergency any three Officers of the Association shall have power to make decisions, which shall be reported upon at the next following Committee meeting.
- (d) The Chairman shall take the chair, and In his absence the Vice Chairman or such other Officer as may be agreed.
- (e) All representatives attending meetings shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- (f) Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of members.
- (g) The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. FINANCE

- (a) The financial year shall run from 1st April /0 31st March each year.
- (b) The funds of the Association shall be paid into an account in the name of the Association.
- (c) Cheques drawn on the accounts of the Association shall require two signatures including that of the Treasurer and one other Officer.
- (d) The reasonable travelling expenses of Officers on business of the Committee shall be paid out of the funds of the Association.
- (e) Other necessary expenses may be paid at the discretion of the Committee.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An AGM shall be held during May each year.
- (b) Twenty-eight days Notice of the AGM shall be given to all member ASSs, together with an Agenda and any proposed Rule changes or changes in subscriptions.
- (c) The purpose of the AGM shall be: .
 - to receive the Chairman's Annual Report
 - to receive the audited accounts
 - to appoint honorary auditors for the following year
 - to debate and vote upon any amendment to these Rules.
- (d) Amendments to these Rules shall be carried only if at least two-thirds of the votes cast are in favour of the proposal.
- (e) Subscriptions to the Association may be varied by a simple majority of members present at the AGM.

10. APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

- (a) Any member ASS dissatisfied with any decision of the Committee of the Association other than a decision to amend or not to amend these Rules may appeal against the decision in writing to the Board of the RAE within four weeks of the decision in accordance with its rules.
- (b) A copy of any appeal must be sent to the Secretary of the Association.
- (c) All parties shall be bound by the decision of the Appeal Panel appointed by the Board of the RAE.