

ASSOCIATION BYE LAWS

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5 (c)	1a	COUNCIL OPERATIONS Chairman and Vice-Chairman Council shall elect, in May, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, from the members of the Council, for the following academic year and shall announce these elections at the AGM in June. A Council Member may not be elected as Chairman for more than 3 consecutive years and may not serve as Chairman again until 3 years after his last Chairmanship.
5 (g) i	1b	Elections On receiving formal notice that an elected member of the Council intends to retire, the Chief Executive shall notify membership and invite nominations for the vacancy by a date specified by Council.
5 (h)	1c	Disqualification An individual who is retained in an advisory or paid capacity by a Football Club which employs contracted players shall be disqualified from membership of Council.
8 (e)	2a	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS The travelling expenses of one delegate of each Association, actually represented at the General Meeting, or a Council Member, Ex-Council Member, Life Member or Honorary Auditor, shall be paid out of the ESFA General Funds. The accommodation charge for the Hon Auditors, Life Members and Ex Council Members attending the AGM and not representing an affiliated association, should, at the discretion of the ESFA Trustees, be paid from ESFA General Funds.
8 (f)	2b	The Association which stages the ESFA Annual General meeting shall receive a grant of £350.
8 (g)	2c	Three Honorary Auditors shall be elected annually at the AGM.
9 (a)	3a	INTERNATIONAL MATCHES The Council shall have power to arrange International Matches, and shall, subject to the permission of the Head Teacher, have first claim upon the services of any player selected to play in any matches arranged by the Council.
9 (b)	3b	Players selected for International Matches shall not take part in any game during the three days prior to and including the day of assembly of the team for the match i.e. when the team assembles on a Friday, a player may not play after the preceding Tuesday.
9 (c)	3c	The expenses of one representative from each County Association, which has a player taking part in Home International Matches, shall be defrayed on one occasion during the season in order that the County Association may be represented.
10	4	COMPETITIONS FINANCE Financial assistance to the Competitions will be maintained in accordance with Competition Rules, subject to confirmation by the Trustees.
11a	5a	TEACHERS, PLAYERS AND FOOTBALL CLUBS EMPLOYING CONTRACT PLAYERS Teachers (i) Any Teacher, Ex-Teacher or Official of a Schools' Football Association making or aiding in making an approach to a player, which offers a contract of employment on behalf of a Football Club which employs Contract Players, shall be disqualified from Membership of an affiliated Association. (ii) Teachers are permitted to take part in the activities at

Centres of Excellence and Academies which have been properly licensed.

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Players

- (i) Whilst a boy is receiving full-time education in accordance with the Education Acts, priority must be given to school or schools' organisations activities in accordance with FA regulations governing players registered within the Programme for Excellence.
- (ii) Players who are under six years of age on 1st September in any playing season shall not be allowed to participate in competitions sanctioned by the English Schools' FA. A child who has not attained the age of ten years at midnight between 31 August and 1 September shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play in a match between sides of more than seven players in that playing season.
- (iii) A Child in the age ranges Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 must not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play in a match where any other player is older or younger by two years or more than that child. *Note: Individual competition rules may cater for one year age bands – please check the rules before participating in a competition.*
- (iv) Any schoolboy who attends a Club for training or coaching or who plays for that Club, must be registered at a Football Academy or at a licensed Centre of Excellence operated by the Club. The registration of a schoolboy shall be governed by the Academy or Centre of Excellence Regulations of The Football Association.
- (v) A boy who is on the roll of a recognised School, Sixth Form College, Tertiary or Further Education College, other than as a day release Student, shall not enter into a Contract of Employment with a Club in Membership with The Football Association or an affiliated Association, but he may be registered within The Football Association's Programme for Excellence. Students on Day Release Courses are ineligible to take part in ESFA Competitions and Activities.
- (vi) A player who signs as a Trainee is no longer eligible to play in Schools' Football.
- (vii) A player may be suspended from taking part in any game under the auspices of the English Schools' Football Association or its affiliated Associations immediately he commits an offence to any one of sections (iv), (v), and (vii) as outlined above in this rule. It shall be the duty of the local Association to which his school is affiliated to notify the school concerned of such suspension. The Council of the English Schools' FA shall investigate the offence and determine the period of suspension.
- (viii) Schoolboys registered to do so may attend Centres of Excellence and Academies established by Clubs. Such attendance must comply with the rules laid down for such Centres and Academies.

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LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION

- (a) The Chief Executive must receive nominations for Awards by 31 August in any season for processing in that season (nominations must be with the local ESFA Council Member by 31 July).
- (b) Nominations for Long Service Recognition by the ESFA to be submitted to the Chief Executive and then be examined by Council. Nominees for Long Service Recognition Award should have given service to a District or County Schools' Football Association or *English Schools' FA* in order to gain an award. Awards are made at four levels (i) ten year; (ii) twenty five year, (iii) forty year (iv) fifty year.
- (c) Nominations for Golden Service Recognition to be submitted to the Chief Executive for examination by Council. Nominees for the Golden Service Award to have given at least 50 years' service to schools'

football.

