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Correspondence for Membership

Dear Association Secretary

I am writing to update you on the sanctioning requirements for schools' football for season 22/23. Thank you in advance for working through these requirements and thus ensuring that we fulfil our objective to deliver well organised, high quality, safe playing experiences for the school children of England.

For season 22/23, sanctioning of all schools' football activity will be required. Sanction applications have two parts: the rules, and the teams playing therein. Sanction must be sought from CSFAs (for Districts and LFOs) or from the ESFA (for CSFAs and cross-county boundary activity such as that provided by Regional Federations). Please view the short recorded presentation ([here](#)), which will describe what is required, and why – please do not start your sanctioning applications without reviewing the video. To activate the sound on each slide, click on the grey speaker sign at the bottom right of each slide and then you can easily review any slide in isolation if you need to. You may also find the ESFA's sanctioning policy a useful start point. You can find this ([here](#)).

Again, in the video, we will explain that, part way through season 21/22, we asked Member Associations to adopt the Standard Code of Rules for Youth football (SCORY) at their next opportunity and for most of you, that would have been for the 22/23 season. However, since then, we have been working with the help of some volunteers from Membership to simplify those rules and make them more relevant for the schools' environment. I am therefore pleased to attach the revised draft Standard Code of Rules for Schools' football, which has been heavily influenced by a small national working group whose advice has been invaluable in reaching this stage.



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These are now the rules which we hope that The FA will formally accept as the version of SCORY for the schools' environment, whether that be for ESFA or for ISFA, who also contributed to the review. However, this is not certain and it may be that in future years, further iterations to this are required. Until then, the rules governing your activity if you operate at **county level or above** should be based on the attached. You will see that it has options for both knock out cups and leagues, which you will be able to customise to your activity.

For **districts**, there is a simpler format and this is also appended as a "rules guide".

A template for submission of sanctioning data is also attached, for your convenience, once you have reviewed the presentation.

Please note that sanctioning is a mandatory requirement for all schools' football, and the deadline for the 22/23 season has been set for 30th September.

Please note that failure to seek and secure sanction may have serious consequences including a lack of safeguarding protection for your players and staff, an inability to appoint match officials and a lack of insurance cover for your rep football. I would therefore encourage you to review the presentation and attachments at your earliest convenience.

We hope that you find the video format helpful for your sanctioning applications but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Lloyd Wilson, Governance Manager, email:

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