

Annexe 28

Friendly Matches

Article 1 - General

1. Clubs may organise friendly matches at their convenience but official Football West fixtures must take precedence.
2. A club is not obliged to seek approval for its friendly matches but must be aware that if approval has not been given by Football West, players who choose to participate will not be covered by the Football West insurance policy and the match will not be allocated an official referee.
3. A club which wishes to have a friendly match approved by Football West must lodge an application on the prescribed form.
4. A club which has a debt with Football West which is older than 30 days will not be given approval for any friendly match.
5. All friendly matches involving at least one State League club must be approved by Football West and will be allocated an official referee. If no referee is appointed, the fixture will not be approved.
6. Match official fees are payable for all matches at a rate which will be published by Football West.

Article 2 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game

1. Approved friendly matches must be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game but modifications may be made as specified below.
 - a) Matches may be played in a format other than in two equal periods.
 - b) The length of the match may not exceed 90 minutes under any circumstances except within the provisions provided for in the Laws of the Game but may last less than 90 minutes.
 - c) Substitutes may be exempt by the condition in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game forbidding further participation in the match. Substitutes may be able to be substituted on and off the field of play on multiple occasions. All such substitutions must take place at the halfway line.
 - d) Up to seven substitutes may be used under the conditions of paragraph c).
 - e) Player numbers may be varied from standard numbers.
 - f) The field of play size and goal size may be varied from standard sizes.
 - g) Any other modifications must be approved by Football West.
2. Modifications to the Laws of the Game as specified in paragraph 1 MUST be agreed by both clubs and communicated to the referee prior to kick-off. For the avoidance of doubt, if one club does not agree to a modification, that modification may not be used for the match.

Article 3 - Match Documentation

1. A team list is required for all friendly matches approved by Football West.
2. The team list for each match must clearly indicate the match result, goal scorers and misconduct offences.
3. If a referee is appointed by Football West, he must ensure that the team list for the match is lodged with Football West within 3 business days of the completion of the match.
4. Where necessary, a match official allocated by Football West must complete a match report according to the instructions dictated by the Referees Technical Committee. Such reports are to be lodged with Football West within 3 business days of the completion of the match.
5. In the event that a referee is not allocated to the friendly match, the home club or organising club is responsible for ensuring that the team list arrives at Football West within 3 business days of the completion of the match.
6. In the event that the home club or organising club does not comply with paragraph 5, no further approved friendly matches will be approved for that club for the remainder of the season or until the conditions of paragraph 5 have been met.

Article 4 - Disciplinary Provisions

1. Any friendly match approved by Football West is conducted under the provisions of the Disciplinary & Grievance By-Law in place at the time of the match.

Article 5 - Players

1. A player need not be registered in accordance with the National Registration Regulations in order to participate in a friendly match. However, clubs must be aware that such unregistered players may not be covered by insurance.
2. In the event that a non-registered player participates in a friendly match, his name and date of birth must be recorded on the team list.