



**ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTH WEST LEAGUES**

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Unplayed games

Where a side is unable to fulfil a fixture on the specified day it is liable to a two point deduction, with the match being awarded to the opposition. It may also lay itself open to a financial claim if, as a result, their opponents are denied the chance to attract finance through sponsorship or bar take or incurs catering costs before the non playing of the match is advised. In accordance with past practice the South West also reserves the right to delay the deduction of points until the start of next season – this particularly applies where the deduction of points this season will have no effect on any end of season issues in the current campaign. Clubs are urged to consider turning the match into a friendly by the use of non registered or borrowed players – this will result in two teams getting a game and while the match will still be awarded to the non offending team, there will be no points deduction for the team unable to raise a side of registered players.

Clubs are reminded it is the responsibility of the home team to advise of the non playing of a game by 3.30pm on a Saturday afternoon, regardless of which team withdraws from the fixture.

Result Cards

Clubs were sent sufficient cards to last the season but any club running low should send an SAE to the Admin Office and more will be supplied. Clubs with second, third or fourth teams should note that the different teams may well have different cards which are not interchangeable. There is only a need to request cards for the rest of this season. A new stock of cards will be sent to all clubs in the summer.

Phoning in of results & postponements

A reminder to all clubs that they MUST phone the result of all home league games to 0845 226 0411 by 5.30pm at the latest. (Postponements/non fulfilments should be reported by 3.30pm). Clubs are requested not to ask for the results of other games when phoning in. Apart from the fact the way results are collected means the phone operator is unlikely to have access to the information, it jams the phone lines when others are trying to phone in their results. All details are available on www.rfu.com from early Saturday evening. It would also be of great assistance if nominated league contacts who have provided us with mobile phone numbers had them switched on during Saturday evenings in case we need to chase for a result!