



## ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH WEST LEAGUES

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#### **2009-2010 Fixtures**

Please find enclosed the fixtures for the new season. Please note the deadline for re-arranging other matches as explained on the front cover of the fixtures. If you want a complete set of fixtures for the South West they can be downloaded from the website.

With the exception of those in 13/14 Club Leagues and the two Devon 1 Leagues, clubs will be able to nominate up to two non-league weekends when they will not be available for re-arranged matches. These nominations must be made using the downloadable form on the website or directly on line, giving a minimum of eight weeks notice. (In the event eight weeks notice is not given such nomination will automatically be ineffective). All weekends during the season are deemed to be available – so do not wait until you have a game postponed before nominating an unavailable weekend. If you have a tour booked already – close the date now! Clubs will not be ordered to play any re-arranged games on the 26<sup>th</sup> December so there is no need to declare those dates as unavailable. You cannot declare the playoff weekend as unavailable nor any date on which a re-arranged game has been scheduled – even if it is within the eight weeks.

#### **League Secretaries**

An updated list of League Secretaries will be available on the website shortly.

#### **Nominated League Contact**

All communications from this office are sent to the nominated league contact. Clubs are asked to confirm the latest details on the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. Occasionally league secretaries have to contact clubs at short notice, it is essential that your records are up-to-date. If you do not have an email address, please supply an emergency one of another club official. Any changes made after the form has been submitted can be notified via the website. Clubs with 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> teams in the leagues are advised to nominate separate contacts for their lower teams to that used for the first team. Clubs are warned the return of this form is now mandatory and clubs will be fined £25 if the form is not received by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **Registration Forms/Result Cards**

Result Cards will be sent to clubs in August. You are advised to destroy any stock you have remaining as different leagues have different cards and thus cards you had this year may not be appropriate for next season. Registration forms can be downloaded from either the SW or RFU websites.