

South West Pilot League

1. The league will be called the South West Pilot League (League)
2. The League shall comprise the second (or other lower) XV of those Clubs playing rugby football in the South West Division of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) which have applied to take part and which have been accepted as being of suitable strength and reasonable travel distance of other Clubs in the League by the Organising Committee of the South West Division of the RFU (SWDOC)
3. The structure of the League and the number of clubs and fixtures in the League shall be determined by SWDOC
4. The Regulations of the RFU (and in particular Regulation 13 in relation to the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship) shall be applicable to the League together with the administrative instructions issued by SWDOC save insofar as they are amended or excluded by these regulations and as set out in the Schedule hereto.
5. By commencing the first match in the League the Club confirms its agreement to these regulations (and the Schedule hereto) and that it will adhere to them

The Schedule

A Eligibility of Players

A Club may play in a League match any male player over the age of 17 (front row players must be 18) who has not been suspended or expelled by or on behalf of the RFU and RFU Regulation 13.4.1 (Registration) is not applicable to the League. A 17 year old can only play up into adult rugby if the conditions of RFU Regulation 15.3.7 are complied with.

B Match Cards and Result Reporting

For the avoidance of doubt a match card supplied by SWDOC must be submitted duly signed (including players' names) as set out in RFU Regulation 13.6.2 to the South West Administration Office in accordance with the South West Administrative Instructions.

The home team is required to report the League match result, including the number of tries, by 5.30pm on the day of the game by calling 01822 678007 or by text to 07797 800 102. If a match is not played for any reason this must be reported by the same method by not later than 3.30pm on the day of the League match.

C Replacements

The number of replacements permitted shall be three and Regulation 12 (b) of Appendix 2 to RFU Regulation 13 will apply.

D Uncontested Scrums

Regulations 13 to 16 of Appendix 2 to RFU Regulation 13 will apply.

E Rolling Substitutions

Rolling substitutions shall be permitted (8 player interchanges) and Regulations 18 to 26 of Appendix 2 to RFU 13 shall apply.

F Promotion and Relegation

There will be no promotion and relegation from the League but SWDOC reserves the sole and absolute right to exclude any club or team from the League in the following season if it fails to fulfil one or more of its matches or in the view of SWDOC is not of suitable strength for the League

G Discipline

All allegations of Foul Play, Misconduct or breaches of regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with RFU Regulation 19.

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