



TANDRIDGE YOUTH LEAGUE

The following slides record the topics covered and the reports given, at the **League Clubs Meeting** held at HSBC Sports Club Beckenham on **Monday 10th February 2025.**

For a few topics, additional text has been added to the slide presented.

*D R Harris, League Secretary.
11th February 2025.*



AS WE WAIT FOR THE MEETING TO START,

i) PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE 'SIGNED IN' ON THE 'ROLL'.

ii) IF YOU HAVE RETURNED A LEAGUE TROPHY, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR TROPHY AND YOUR CLUB WAS RECORDED ON THE 'RETURNS LIST' AT THE BACK OF THE HALL.

TANDRIDGE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE



CLUBS MEETING

Monday 10th February 2025
at 8.30 pm





FEBRUARY CLUBS MEETING

AGENDA:-

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| 1) League Chairman - | 9) Welfare |
| 2) Finance - | 10) Cups & Competitions |
| 3) Secretary's Report - | 11) Trophies |
| 4) Behaviour and Discipline - | 12) Roll Call - |
| 5) Registrations - | 13) Any other business - |
| 6) Fixtures - | 14) Dates of next Meetings - |
| 7) Referees - | |
| 8) Match Cards and the APP - | |



CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

LEAGUE CHAIRMAN: JOHN PLUMMER

John is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a health issue which is keeping him indoors at present.

John is also our Competitions Secretary and is responsible for league fixtures for the Under 16 and Under 17/18 age groups.

For these duties it's 'business as usual' for John.

Everybody present, stood and held a one-minute silence, in memory of a young Tandridge League player who tragically died in an accident 18 days ago.

Jaiden Jozif Shehata

Under 12 player

with Woodcote Junior U12 Hawks

tragically killed whilst crossing a railway line
on his way to school on 23rd January.



FEBRUARY CLUBS MEETING

2) Finance - League Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Steve Davis - Late joining teams

Rocky Horton - Fines



SEPTEMBER CLUBS MEETING

3) League Secretary

Derek Harris



SECRETARY'S REPORT

a) Communications-

Essential that we have the correct e-mail address for all your Club Officers and Managers.

Except for routine enquires about fixtures and registrations, all official communications from Clubs, must come from the Club Secretary and must be sent to the League Secretary.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Communications to League Secretary: Due to the sheer volume of communications – please contact Derek by email only – not by text or WhatsApp.
- Pitches cannot use Sand Dressed Artificial Pitches (Astro Turf). All pitches should have run offs, not walls or fences (as with 'Goals' Centres)
- Silent Support Weekend 15/16 March
- New youth football formats 2026/27



4) Behaviour and Discipline

Steve Davis

and

Derek Harris



There was a time,
a time when technology played only a minimal
role in our lives, when these League Meetings
were held every month.

For better or worse, in those days we all
saw a lot more of each other and the
information given at those frequent League
meetings became well known to those
attending.



With just 3 main meetings these days, and with new clubs and new people joining each year, some of the previously frequent messages may not be as familiar as they once were.

With apologies to the long-standing Club Officers in the room tonight, we want to share some information which may be 'old hat' to the 'old hands', but which might help our newer members for the rest of this season and beyond.



THE ROLE OF A LEAGUE

What is the purpose of a League?

What can a League do?

What a League cannot do?



THE ROLE OF A LEAGUE

According to our friends in the Football Association:

LEAGUES allow Clubs to play football under strict rules and regulations.

POWERS & DUTIES OF A LEAGUE: A League's responsibility is to enforce their competition rules and allow Players to participate in the correct environment and ensure that it is fair and equal for all involved within the League.



THE ROLE OF A LEAGUE

So that's what the FA say a League can do

The Home Page of the League Website reports that:

i) So far this season you have played 6,172 games.

ii) These games have been played by 11,947

players - in 944 teams - from 132 Clubs

That's what we (all) do! - We play football!



THE ROLE OF A LEAGUE

What a League **cannot** do?

POWERS & DUTIES OF A LEAGUE

The League is **not permitted** to deal with matters of misconduct, **which are the responsibility of the County Association or The Football Association.**

This applies to ALL Leagues in England & Wales

WHY should Discipline be of interest to everyone?

Not only for the obvious reason that **we ALL want to ENJOY every game without grief** - but also because

Poor discipline in your club can be very expensive.



Misconduct can be **EXPENSIVE**

County Fines incurred by individual teams for 'misconduct' in single games this season. As at 24th Jan.

Under 8	£265				
Under 9	£215	£195			
Under 10	£180	£55	£115	£65	
Under 11	£70				
Under 12	£95				
Under 13	£310				
Under 14	£130	£175	£235	£135	£75
Under 15	£135				
Under 16	£85	£235	£95		
Under 17/18	£275	£410			£3550



Tandridge Youth Football League

ON FIELD DISCIPLINE

These next slides were first used at

Clubs Meeting:- February 2014

But 11 years on, some things don't change.

ON FIELD DISCIPLINE

**THE POSITION OF ALL
LEAGUES REGARDING
INCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN
DURING A GAME.**

‘On the Field’ problems & offences

- **None of us wish to become involved in situations of ill discipline at or near a football match.**
- **Especially so when the players are ‘children’.**
- **BUT - sadly we all know that problems do occasionally arise.**

‘On the Field’ problems & offences

So what exactly is the correct way to ensure that problems are reported and hopefully dealt with?

Frequently heard comments

“ I reported that to the League but they did nothing about it.”

“What’s the point of reporting it - they don’t do anything?”

BUT - As explained above,
this League (like all leagues) is simply
NOT ALLOWED to deal with any
matter of 'on the field' misconduct or
ill discipline.

Q - Why do people blame the League for a lack of
action on discipline matters?

A - Because they don't know or understand who
has the **POWER** to deal with ill discipline.

And they don't know the correct way to report
misconduct.

METHOD OF REPORTING

**SO HOW SHOULD YOU REPORT
'ON THE FIELD' INCIDENTS?
AND
WHO SHOULD YOU REPORT
THEM TO?**

COUNTY FA RESPONSIBILITY

**ALL MATTERS OF DISCIPLINE
THAT HAPPEN DURING A GAME
HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO
A COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS HAVE
THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PENALTIES
INCLUDING FINES AND SUSPENSIONS
WHERE ON FIELD INDISCIPLINE OCCURS

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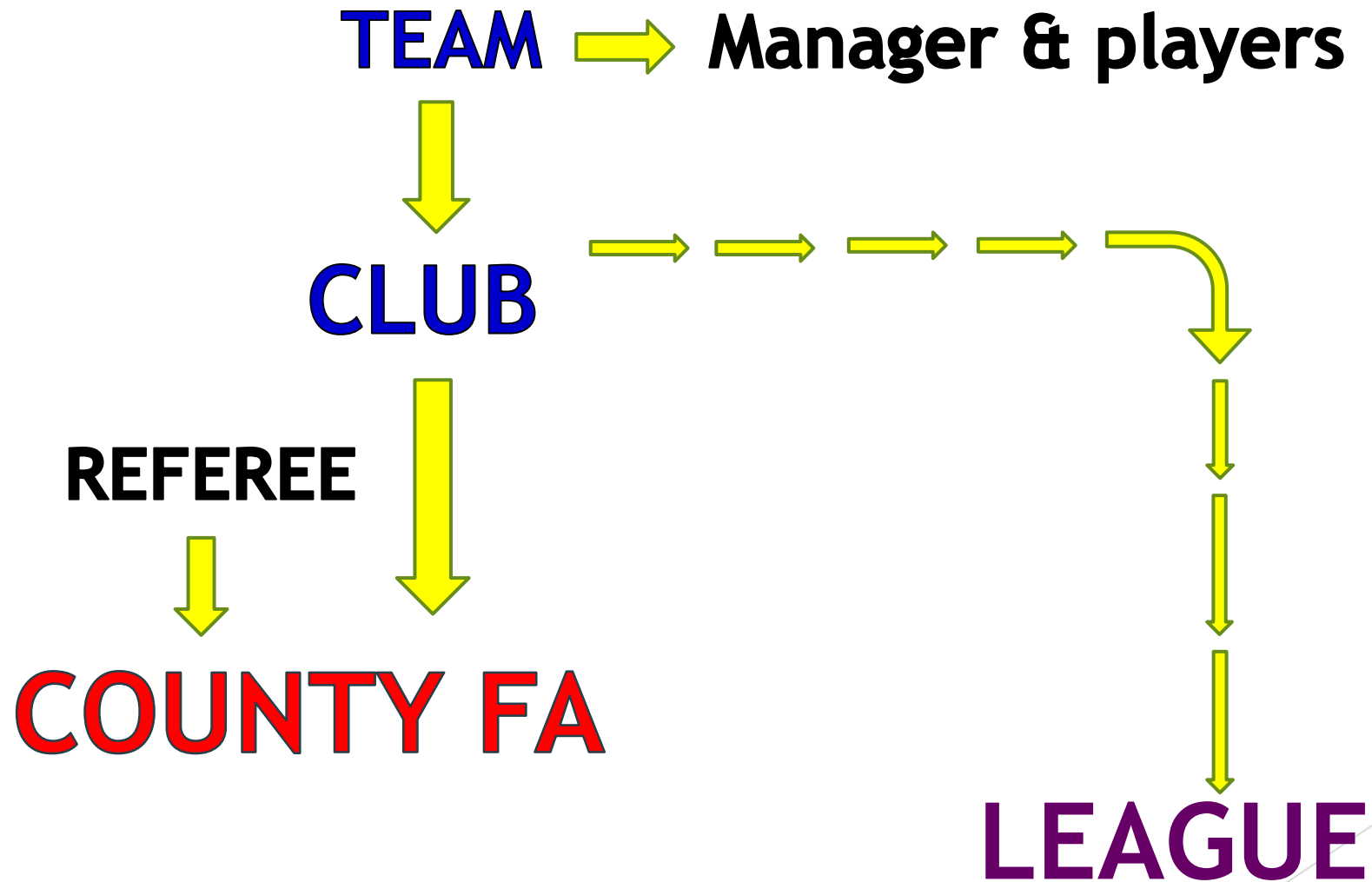
**ONLY COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS HAVE
THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PENALTIES
INCLUDING FINES AND SUSPENSIONS
WHERE ON FIELD INDISCIPLINE
OCCURS**

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. On the left, a small white lighthouse with a dark roof sits atop a steep, green cliff. A narrow path leads up to it. The sea is a deep blue, and several large, dark rock formations (sea stacks) are scattered in the water to the right of the cliff. The overall scene is dramatic and scenic.

Prevention is
better than cure.

Desiderius Erasmus

Participants – which of these can deal with ill discipline?



Who CAN deal with discipline?
Who can act to prevent 'trouble'?

TEAM → Managers can take direct action at the game to improve the discipline of their players and supporters. And to calm things down.

CLUB → can take action to control 'over – enthusiastic' adults. Can ask players or parents to leave the club.

Club Referees → must report incidents to a
In the Same way as would a Panel Ref.



COUNTY F.A.

Outside of internal club self discipline,

The only way to deal with incidents of misconduct at a match - is to report them to your County FA.

How do you report serious ill-discipline?

There is a detailed 'step-by-step' guide - explaining the correct procedure - on the League Website.

From the Home Page> go to>
League >Other > Downloads - 'How to
report incidents of poor behaviour'

It looks like this





Tandridge Youth League: Reporting Incidents of poor behaviour.

- None of us wish to become involved in situations of ill discipline at or near a football match especially so if the players are 'children'.
- BUT – sadly we all know that problems do occasionally arise.
- So what exactly is the correct way to ensure that problems are reported and hopefully dealt with to a satisfactory conclusion?

This is a summary of the procedure which MUST be followed.

- The League's responsibility is to enforce the Competition Rules, allow players to participate in the correct environment and ensure that it is fair and equal for all involved within the League. Should a Club breach a Competition Rule the League may charge the Club and hear the case following their response. **However, The League is not permitted** to directly deal with matters of misconduct, which are the responsibility of the County Association or The Football Association.

Step 1 Do you consider that the incident concerns **serious misconduct**?
(i.e. an incident which in your opinion requires a response from higher authority).

If YES – proceed to Step 2

(Minor incidents or those relating to interpretation of League Rules should be reported to the

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO THE COUNTY F.A.

**COUNTY FA's REQUIRE A WRITTEN REPORT,
GIVING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS
POSSIBLE REGARDING ANY MATTERS OF
DISCIPLINE THAT HAPPEN DURING A
GAME, PREFERABLY FROM THE MATCH
REFEREE**

**A REFEREE'S REPORT IS PARAMOUNT AS
FAR AS A COUNTY FA IS CONCERNED**

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO THE COUNTY F.A.

**THE LEAGUE IS
PREPARED TO ASSIST
IN ANY WAY IT CAN
WITH REGARD TO REPORTING
AN INCIDENT TO A
COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO THE COUNTY F.A.

**IF AN INCIDENT IS REPORTED
TO THE LEAGUE ON A TAN 7 FORM
AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE OF A SERIOUS
NATURE**

**IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO
THE RELEVANT COUNTY FA**

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO THE COUNTY F.A.

Who should send in the reports?

Recent change of practice by London FA

REPORTING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO THE COUNTY F.A.

**LEAGUES ARE NOT ROUTINELY KEPT
INFORMED ABOUT CASES BEING DEALT
WITH BY COUNTY.**

**EVEN THE CLUB REPORTING THE INCIDENT
ARE NOT NECESSARILY INFORMED OF THE
OUTCOME OF THE CASE THAT THEY
BROUGHT TO THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION.**

IS THERE ANY
ACTION THE LEAGUE
CAN TAKE
REGARDING A PROBLEM
TEAM OR CLUB?

- **The League can:**
- **Call the Club/individual in for a meeting to account for their behaviour and outline how to improve.**
- **Can refuse the Club entry into invitational Cups.**
- **All our cups are ‘invitational’**

FINAL OPTION

IN EXTREME CASES - AND WHERE ALL OTHER
AVENUES DO NOT RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT
IMPROVEMENT OR A
SATISFACTORY OUTCOME REGARDING A
PARTICULAR CLUB OR TEAM
THE LEAGUE MAY CALL an E.G.M. or S.G.M.
FOR ALL MEMMBER CLUBS TO VOTE ON THAT
PARTICULAR CLUB OR TEAM'S POSSIBLE
EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE

*JUST TO PROVE THAT SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE
THIS WAS OUR LAST SLIDE WHEN A LONGER VERSION
OF THIS PRESENTATION GIVEN 11 YEARS AGO.*

CONCLUSION

And so, before we all go off to continue the
search for a pitch which is not water logged
It just remains to say

**“Thank you” for listening &
Good Luck for the rest of 2014**



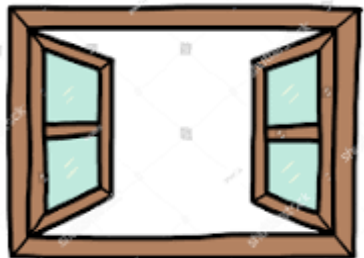
FEBRUARY CLUBS MEETING

5) Registrations

REGISTRATIONS and TRANSFERS

REMINDER that at Under 12 and above:
**The last date this season for registering
new players, or transferring a player is
Friday 28th February**

For U7,U8, U9, U10 and U11
there is not a deadline,
the 'window' stays open.



1st MARCH

WINDOW
CLOSED

REGISTRATIONS and TRANSFERS

REMINDER - applies to ALL age groups

Teams that reach ANY of the numerous SEMI-FINALS - be aware that you need to check that any player joining your team since the start of the season, **MUST** appear on at least three Tandridge Match Cards to be eligible to play in a Semi Final or Final.

Late joining players might not qualify.

REGISTRATIONS and TRANSFERS

- As reported above - Registration and Transfer Window closes 28.02.25 (U12 to U17/18)
- Clubs can apply for registrations after this date but they will be subject to committee approval.
- Ensure that all new player applications are accompanied by Proof Of Birth; do not send these separately.
- Registration and Transfer must be received by Monday each week, this is extended to Tuesday if received in the post.

- If considering a transfer into your Club you must send a 'Seven day' Notice of Approach to the Secretary of the holding Club in writing.
- Transfers are not processed until the Completed TAN 4 is received and we have the player registration cards, transfer fee and stamped SAE* for the cards return (*U11 and above).
- Allow two weeks for a transfer from the date that the TAN 4 is received by the registration secretary.
- A team can only have two players transferred in per season.

- You can only approach a Club for one transfer at a time, then wait 28 days if you intend to transfer a second player. (FA Rules).
- Only one player can be transferred between two specific teams without permission from the League Committee.
- If you do wish to transfer two players out of one Club, please remember the FA Rule which does not allow you to approach two players at the same time; so either do not inform the second player, or make him/her aware that it cannot be processed for at least 28 days.



6) FIXTURES and RESULTS

John Plummer

- Due to weather issues, some divisions are well behind on fixtures - double headers are a certainty and some team already have them allocated.
- Teams can play on the 16th of February and when the light changes consider midweek games.



6) FIXTURES and RESULTS

- It is pleasing to see so many Clubs are reversing games: there is still some way to go on this and teams must not unduly refuse a reversal offer.
- Teams should not postpone games until they have offered the opposition the option to reverse the game.
- Please be considerate to the Away Team and make a pitch inspection well before the away team have to travel.
- For cup games, allow for extra time and penalties: this is particularly important if hiring 3G pitches through a School, College, Council or private company as slots are time sensitive.



7) Referees

Referees appointed to games by The League:

When appointed to a game - notification is sent from the website.

Teams are required to contact the referee to acknowledge the appointment.

Payment of Panel Referees: If you prefer to pay a referee by Bank Transfer - this should be discussed in advance and timescale for payment agreed.



8) Match Cards and the APP

Match Cards fall within the province of the League
Compliance Officer Sue Whittaker.

Please address any questions you may have to Sue.

- Pre-match checks: these must be carried out with the players holding their registration cards or lined up for the opposition to check the Squad list. This process is part of the rules with playing a match and can affect the result of the game if it is proved that it has not been carried out.
- The app locks onto the phone's ID when downloaded and the 8-Digit code assigned will only work on that phone, if you upgrade your phone, you will require a new 8-digit code.



8) Match Cards and the APP

- New 8-digit codes can be issued by the Club Secretary and takes only minutes to deliver the new code.
- It is important that you look at your phone when sending the matchcard as the App will advise if the matchcard is not completed giving you the opportunity to add any details missed.
- Only one app/device can be used for reporting, i.e you cannot use one device (phone) to add player numbers and another device to confirm the result.



9) Welfare

Anita Russell

Inevitably, numerous topics already aired at this meeting, have welfare connotations.

There were no additional Welfare issues raised at this point in the meeting.



10) Cups and Competitions

John Plummer

Knock-out Competitions- Half term Update.

Challenge Cup:

Both Finalists known at U13, U14, U15 and U17/18

One Finalist known at U16

One Semi-Final still to play at U16 - both teams known

3 Semi-Finalists known at U12

League Shield:

One Finalist known at U15 and 16. One Semi-Final still to play at U15 and U16 - all teams known

4 Semi-Finalists known at U12 and U17/18

3 Semi-Finalists known at U13, U14,



GIRLS CUP COMPETITIONS.

GIRLS CHALLENGE CUP Competitions began 9th February
Separate Challenge Cup competitions are being held for these age groups - the format being similar to Trophy Events - namely Group stage followed by semi-finals and final.

U9/10 girls

U11 girls

U12 girls

U13 girls

U14 girls

U15/16 girls

TROPHY EVENT COMPETITIONS.



Age Groups U9, U10 and U11.

Competitions began 9th February

Six separate competitions at ages U9

Seven separate competitions at ages U10

Five separate competitions at ages U11

Age Groups U7, U8

Competitions expected to begin 2nd March

Four separate competitions at ages U7

Five separate competitions at ages U8



11) TROPHIES

**ALL trophies which were won last season
for a Divisional Championship
Or for winning a Cup, Shield, Trophy, Plate,
Vase Chalice FINAL -**

Are due to be returned by 28th February.

**ALL cups and trophies must be returned in a
clean condition and must have been
engraved to record the name of your Club.**



12) Roll Call

REMINDER

Have you 'signed in' with your
CLUB NAME

If not please come forward at the
end and sign in before leaving.



12) Roll Call

In accordance with League Rule 5 G,
clubs which fail to send a
representative to a League meeting,
shall be liable for a fine.



Voting Cards

PLEASE

Leave your club's Voting Card
behind when you leave.

Please don't take it away with
you.



13) Any Other Business

No 'Other Business' was raised from either the Management Committee members present, nor from the Club Members in attendance.



14) Dates of the next Scheduled Meetings

- 1) The next scheduled Clubs Meeting is on Monday 5th MAY 2025 - for those teams which have by then won a Final or Championship
- 2) The next scheduled compulsory Meeting for ALL CLUBS is the AGM on Monday 9th JUNE 2025 -



THE END

**Thank you for joining us
tonight**

**Good Luck to everyone for the
rest of the season**