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# **WELSH PREMIER WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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# CONSTITUTION AND RULES

## 1. TITLE

This combination of Association Football Clubs shall be called "The Welsh Premier Women's Football League" and being affiliated in its own right to The Football Association of Wales is for all purposes of interpretation hereinafter referred to as the "League".

## 2. CONSTITUTION

All competing Clubs must be playing members of a Domestic League.

For Season 2009/10 the League shall consist of two Divisions of 4 Clubs, one Division in the North and one in the South.

The top Club in each Division shall 'play off' to determine the winners of the League Championship. No Club will be relegated after the first season.

In Season 2010/11 the League shall increase to two Divisions of 5 Clubs, with the feeder Leagues in the North and South providing the extra Club by way of promotion from their respective Leagues

Clubs shall not withdraw from membership without due notice of such an intention being given in writing before March 31st prior to the end of the season in May, at which time they will terminate membership. Clubs ignoring this requirement will be liable to a fine of £100.

Each Club shall play its full strength in all League matches. The fine for non-observance of this Rule to be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## 3. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each Member Club shall pay an Annual Subscription of Fifty Pounds (£50). The Subscription to be received by the League Secretary by 1st August each year.

The League Secretary shall by 1st July, send a statement to all Members Clubs detailing Annual Subscriptions / Entrance Fees due. All Entrance Fees to be received by the League Secretary by 1st August.

Clubs failing to pay any debt owing to The League by the due date will automatically incur a fine of £10.

## 4. LEAGUE FUNDS

The League Funds shall be banked in the name of The League and all cheques shall be signed by two of the following -

President, Chairman or Secretary, or otherwise authorised by resolution of the Management Committee. League Accounts shall be paid by cheque (signed as above).

## 5. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

For Season 2010/11, the clubs promoted shall be determined according to the following process.

a) Each club shall be the champion club of its league, or the runners up in the league if the champion club declines or is unable to be promoted.

b) Where the number of clubs eligible (each club shall be the champion club of its league, or the runners up in the league if the champion club declines, or is unable to be promoted) is reduced to the exact number of promotion places, then promotion shall be automatic. Should more than one Club qualify for promotion, then a 'play off' shall take place to determine the promotion. To determine this the Champion Club of each of the two Leagues under the jurisdiction of the CWFA will play off and the winners will then play the Champions of the North Wales Women's League, the winner of which will be promoted. The winners of the two Leagues covering the South and West Wales Area Associations will if required play off to determine which club will be promoted.

Clubs will be awarded 3 points for a win, and 1 point for a drawn game.

At the end of season 2010/11, and subsequent seasons, the clubs [1 North and 1 South] who receive the lowest number of points shall be relegated to the domestic League within their Area Association.

The relegation must take place even if the Club is the same Club as the Champions or Runners-up of the Domestic League.

Should two or more Clubs be equal in points, the Club having the worst goal difference shall be relegated.

## **6. PROTESTS, CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS**

All protests, appeals, claims or complaints must be sent to the League Secretary in duplicate and accompanied with a fee of £25, which shall be forfeited in the event of a protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld. All matters relating to a particular match must be lodged with the League Secretary within TWO DAYS of the match in question (excluding Sundays & Bank Holidays).

All questions regarding eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules of the League shall be decided by the Management Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the ground, goalposts, crossbars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained unless a written protest is lodged with the referee prior to the game

Where there is evidence of a breach of the League's rule by a club or player, the League will investigate the matter, and when considered appropriate, prefer a charge of an alleged breach of rule against the club or player(s) concerned.

The League will appoint a Panel consisting of THREE persons, one of which will be appointed as Chairman of the Panel, elected from members of the Management Committee (excluding the League Secretary) to consider all protests, appeals, claims or complaints lodged by a club or player(s) as well as charges preferred by the League of an alleged breach of rule.

Where a club or player(s) elect to have a personal hearing as provided for in League Rule 14, the appointed panel will conduct its business in accordance with the provisions as set out in the Football Association of Wales memorandum on Procedure at Personal Hearings.

(i) In the case of a protest, appeal, claim or complaint, the Panel shall have the power to grant or deny the protest, appeal, claim or complaint (in whole or in part) as well as the power to order any such penalty or sanction as the Panel shall reasonably deem fit.

(ii) In the case of a charge for an alleged breach of a League rule being found proven, the Panel shall have the power to order any such penalty or sanction as the Panel shall reasonably deem fit.

(iii) In all matters, the Panel shall have the discretion to impose a costs order against any of the parties involved.

If dissatisfied with any decision given by the Management Committee or a Sub Committee or Panel appointed by the Management Committee, a club or player shall have the right of appeal to the Football Association of Wales.

Any such appeal must be lodged within TEN (10) days as of the earlier of (a) the decision being announced at the time of the hearing/meeting or (b) the date of the correspondence containing the decision.

All appeals must be accompanied with the appropriate fee as set out under FAW Rule 28.2.3.3 (plus vat) and be made payable to The Football Association of Wales. Please address the notice of appeal for the attention of the Secretary General, The Football Association of Wales, 11-12, Neptune Court, Vanguard Way, Cardiff, CF24 5PJ.

## **7. MATCH RESULTS**

Each Club must send to The League Secretary the result of League/Cup Matches, together with the names of the players competing therein (on forms provided for same), to reach The League Secretary within five days of each match, failing which, each defaulting Club will be subject to a fine. Where Clubs have players of the same name, the Christian name or initials must always be given on the result sheets.

The result of matches must be telephoned as directed. Clubs failing to observe this rule will be subject to a fine of £10 as defined in Rule 27.

## **8. CLUB COLOURS AND GROUND**

Each Club in The League shall register its ground and colours with the Secretary. In the event of any two Clubs having similar playing colours, the visiting team shall make a change, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. The colours of the opposing Club must be distinctive. Goalkeepers shall play in colours distinct from other members of the teams. The players of each team must wear shirts numbered 1 to 17, excluding 13, the numbers 12 to 17 to be worn by the substitutes. Numbers worn by players must correspond with the team sheet submitted to the referee. The Christian name of each player to be included on the same.

## **9. RULES - INFRINGEMENTS/REVISIONS**

(a) Any infringement of The League Rules shall be dealt with in such a manner as the Management Committee may think fit. Any appeal against the decision of the Management Committee shall be to The Football Association of Wales in accordance with FAW. Rule 31.

(b) No alteration of or addition to existing Rules shall be made, except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened on a requisition signed by not less than two thirds of the Clubs comprising the League, and then only upon such resolution being carried by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting thereon. Notice of alteration or addition must be sent to the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of such Meeting, the same to be printed and forwarded to the Clubs at least seven days before the Meeting.

Note: Notice of alteration of Rules for the Annual Meeting must reach The League Secretary by 30th April in each year.

Any rule changes submitted by a member club must be signed by the Club Secretary (as listed in the League Handbook) and also by the chairman or a committee member.

## **10. ANNUAL GENERAL, EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in June of each year. Each Club in membership must be represented at all Annual General, Extraordinary General and Special General Meetings and shall be entitled to one vote. Each Club shall notify to the Secretary its probable voting representative by name at least 48 hours before a meeting of Clubs. Clubs failing to attend, may be liable to a fine of £25 in accordance with Rule 27.

## **11. REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET**

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, duly audited shall be forwarded to each Club at least seven days before the date of the Annual Meeting. The League Balance Sheet, after approval by the League, shall be forwarded within seven days to the Secretary of The Football Association of Wales.

## **12. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee shall consist of Four elected Club members [2 South and 2 North], Two elected Domestic League members [1 North and 1 South], and six elected members from the Area Association Committees.

The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee, at its first meeting shall elect from its members a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

At the Annual and General Meetings the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

### **13. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be appointed by the League Management Committee. Such Official shall be an Officer of the League, and not directly or indirectly, connected with any Club in membership with the League nor shall he/she be allowed to exercise voting power at any meeting held under its jurisdiction. Subscriptions and all other monies accruing to the League shall be properly accounted for to the Management Committee by the Secretary.

### **14. JURISDICTION**

The Management Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters whether specially provided for in these rules or not. They shall have power to form any Sub-Committee they may consider necessary, and may delegate all or any of their powers to any such Sub-Committee.

In the event of the voting at any meeting being equal, the Chairman of such meeting shall have the casting vote, save as before mentioned. The Management Committee shall meet every month, if necessary. No resolution shall be rescinded at the meeting at which it is passed. The expenses of each member of the Management Committee attending shall be paid from The League Funds.

Officials and Members of the Management Committee shall have free access to any part of the Football Grounds during the progress of all League and Cup matches.

A member club, or player, ordered by the League to provide a written response to a charge preferred by the League or a protest, appeal, claim or complaint lodged with the League by a club or player must do so within ten days of the date of the letter from the League requesting the written response.

Such written response must stipulate whether or not the club requires a personal hearing. Should a club or player fail to provide a written response within the stipulated ten days, they will be deemed to have denied the charge of misconduct or allegation contained in the protest, appeal, claim or complaint lodged and the League will take the required steps to convene a hearing at which the club or player will be required to attend.

### **15. OBJECTIONABLE CONDUCT**

At the Annual General Meeting, or any Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, it shall be competent for a majority of the Delegates present and voting thereat to exclude from membership any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been objectionable.

### **16. REGULATIONS RE MATCHES**

All matches shall be played under the rules of The Football Association of Wales, and shall be of 90 minutes duration. Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a League match.

If a match is played to a conclusion it must be a League match. Any match not completed may be ordered to stand as a completed match, or be replayed for the full period of 90 minutes as the Management Committee may direct.

A Club may at its discretion use three substitute players from five nominated substitute players at any time in a match for any reason (injury or otherwise), except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee.

The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission.

The substitute players shall be nominated prior to the commencement of the game.

Clubs responsible for a late start, shall be liable to a fine in accordance with Rule 27.

## 17. FIXTURES

Fixtures would be held on the last Sunday of the month, starting in September, with no fixtures being arranged during December and January.

Where both teams are in agreement, a Sunday fixture may be brought forward to a midweek evening to be played under floodlights, but only during the preceding week of the original fixture.

Clubs failing to keep their engagements without rendering an explanation which is deemed to be satisfactory to the Management Committee shall be liable to a fine and points may also be deducted. The disappointed Club to be awarded such compensation as the Management Committee may deem reasonable. Clubs engaged in Cup Ties, if affecting League engagements, must give the Secretary of the League and the Clubs affected at least seven days clear notice, and the Home Club must notify the Referee and Linesmen of the postponement.

No Club shall be allowed to postpone a fixture with another Club unless it is to play in The Welsh Cup. Clubs affected by the selection of two or more players for International Trials or Matches may be permitted by the Management Committee to postpone their League fixture on the days of such matches. The League reserves the right to arrange matches for those clubs who do not have a scheduled fixture.

No League Match shall be postponed unless the Management Committee shall consent to a mutual arrangement under exceptional circumstances. All postponed matches must be re-arranged within fourteen days, and notified to the League Secretary in writing. The Club(s) failing to reach an agreement within 14 days will be fined £25.

## 18. TIMES FOR KICK-OFF

The kick-off times for matches shall be 2.00pm

No kick off times later than the scheduled time will be permitted, unless under floodlights.

Applications for an earlier kick off for a match must be made in writing to the League Secretary no later than 14 days before the date of the match. Midweek and Holiday fixtures may kick off at mutually agreed times subject to League approval.

The Home Club must telephone the result of the match to the designated number by 5.00pm, although clubs are expected to telephone results as soon as the match is concluded. Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be fined in accordance with the standard scale of fines in rule 27.

## 19. CUSTODY OF LEAGUE TROPHIES

The Championship Cup will be presented to the Club winning the 'play-off' Final of the said competition.

Upon receiving the said trophy the following agreement will be signed in connection with the safe keeping and eventual return of the trophy to the League.

We the undersigned Officials of the ..... Club do on their behalf receive The Welsh Womens Premier League Cup and acknowledge that same has been delivered into our keeping in good and sound condition.

We agree that the Club will return the said trophy to the League within 28 days of the end of the following season or upon request by the League Secretary.

We further agree to indemnify the League against Loss of or Damage to the trophy while in our possession or otherwise to provide an exact replica of the Cup concerned.

Date  
Signed  
Chairman  
Secretary

**Note: No inscription is allowed to be placed on the Cups by any Club.**

## **20. MEMENTOES WINNERS, RUNNERS-UP, FINALISTS**

A set of sixteen trophies will be presented to the Clubs adjudged Winners and Runners-up in the championship.

Additional trophies to the set of sixteen can only be obtained by special sanction of The League Management Committee.

## **21. GROUND AND DRESSING ROOM CRITERIA**

All Clubs in Membership, and those applying for Membership, must have a ground that conforms to the following standard Code of Facilities in the League.

All matches are to be played on private grounds and on grounds deemed suitable by the Management Committee.

### **YEAR 1 (Season 09/10)**

#### **A. ENCLOSURE OF GROUNDS**

Clubs shall have recognisable barriers, and with the exception of a main entrance point to allow the taking of admission prices to spectators, shall be fully enclosed.

The boundary enclosure shall be of a solid structure with a minimum height of 4' 6", and capable of preventing unauthorised access.

No other match will be allowed to take place whilst a League or Cup match is in progress where the Management Committee considers that the proximity of the second pitch will have a detrimental effect on the fixture.

All clubs shall have the playing area of their ground enclosed by a solid barrier during the playing season (rope or wire is not acceptable).

Pitch size is to be a maximum 120yds x 80yds and minimum 100yds x 50yds.

Goal nets and corner flag must be used for every game.

#### **B. DRESSING ROOMS**

##### ***[i] Players Dressing Rooms***

The dressing rooms for both teams must be heated, well ventilated, free of damp, secure and must be situated within the boundaries of the ground.

Separate changing rooms must be provided for both teams, capable of accommodating a minimum of 16 persons.

Clubs must have toilet facilities of at least one W/C and one hand basin with hot and cold running within the vicinity of the dressing rooms complex. A separate shower area must be provided for each team with a minimum of four shower heads.

##### ***[ii] Match Officials Dressing Rooms***

A separate area must be provided for the exclusive use of match officials.

The area must be capable of accommodating a minimum of three persons.

The area must contain a shower, W/C and a wash basin with hot and cold running water.

#### **C. MEDICAL**

All clubs must have first aid equipment which must include a stretcher.

The location of first aid equipment must be clearly marked in all dressing rooms. It is desirable that clubs provide a designated area for first aid.

#### **D. HOSPITALITY**

All clubs must provide a room for club officials and guests as near to the playing area as possible.

Tea or some form of liquid must be provided for players and match officials at half time and full time, and at half time for visiting club officials and guests.

#### **YEAR 2 (Season 10/11)**

In addition to all detailed in year one the following must be achieved for year two:

##### **COVERED AREAS**

Clubs must provide two covered dug outs adjacent to the playing area.

They must be capable of accommodating a minimum of six seated persons, and the floor must have a solid foundation (a fixed dug out).

A technical area for both clubs must be clearly marked out in front of both dug outs.

#### **YEAR 3 (Season 11/12)**

In addition to year one and two the following must be achieved in year three:

##### **COVERED ACCOMMODATION**

Clubs must provide a covered accommodation made from solid materials erected adjacent to the playing area.

The floor of the covered accommodation is to be of solid material (concrete, tarmac or paved stone).

It must be capable of accommodating a minimum of 100 spectators.

**\* Please note that ground/ facility development will be ongoing and all clubs are to prepare for the anticipated UEFA criteria. It is envisaged it will be on similar lines to the men's game.**

#### **JUNIOR STRUCTURES**

##### **YEAR 1 (Season 09/10)**

It is recommended that clubs prepare and work towards the criteria as stipulated in year two and three.

##### **YEAR 2 (Season 10/11)**

It is desirable for clubs to have a junior structure that participates in a local league structure and meet all standards under the titles (constitution and affiliation, player welfare and equal opportunities, coach education, equipment and facilities, player and volunteer recruitment and identification and support of talented players) as stipulated in the FAW Club Accreditation Scheme.

##### **YEAR 3 (Season 11/12)**

It is mandatory for clubs to have a junior structure that participates in a local league structure and meet all standards under the titles (constitution and affiliation, player welfare and equal opportunities, coach education, equipment and facilities, player and volunteer recruitment and identification and support of talented players) as stipulated in the FAW Club Accreditation Scheme.

**\* Please note that it would be beneficial to clubs to have teams in all age groups of a local league structure to ensure continuity and progression within the club structure.**

**THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED WILL BE EVER EVOLVING IN PREPARATION FOR ANTICIPATED UEFA REQUIREMENTS. IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

#### **22. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS**

A bona-fide playing member of a club is one who has signed a registration form with its Domestic League and is registered with the Domestic League during the current season, or who has been transferred from another club and the receipt of such registration form or transfer form has been duly received by the club from the Domestic League.

Players may only be registered or transferred by the Club Secretary. Players must be registered on official forms – photocopies or other facsimiled copies of official forms are not acceptable. The forms will be returned to the club concerned. In the event of a registration or transfer form being submitted which is subsequently found to be signed by a person other than the player, the form will be deemed to be void and the club submitting the form will be fined as deemed appropriate by the Management Committee.

No player will be permitted to transfer to any other club until a period of 28 days has elapsed from the registration date.

FAW rules and FIFA articles stating that players may only be registered for one club at a time applies to football in Wales.

Players may be registered for a maximum of three clubs during the period July 1st to June 30th the following year.

During this period, the player is only eligible to play in official matches for two clubs.

Players unable to arrange their transfers with the Club for which they are registered, may appeal to the Management Committee, who shall have power to adjudicate (No fee is payable in connection with such appeal).

Any Club found guilty of inducing or attempting to induce, directly or indirectly, a player or players of another League Club to join it, shall be guilty of misconduct, and be liable to expulsion or such penalty as the Management Committee may decide.

No registrations or transfers after the last Thursday in March in each season.

### **23. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

Any Club playing an ineligible player will have three points deducted from its League Record for each offence, and be liable to a fine in accordance with Rule 27.

### **24. REGULATIONS AFFECTING REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

No Referee shall take part in the Management of any League Club.

#### ***(a) Referees' List, Fees and Expenses -***

The Home Club shall pay the Referee a fee on the day of the match, such fee being £25 plus travelling allowance to be 25p per mile.

Any Club paying a Referee more than his just fee and travelling allowance shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

The Home club shall pay the assistant referees their fee on the day of the match, such fee being £15 plus travelling allowance of 25p per mile.

The Home club must pay the Referee and Assistant Referees their fee and expenses on the day of the match, in their dressing room, within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match.

The travelling expenses of Referees and Assistant Referees shall be pooled, each Club rendering on the result sheet details of all payments made. The League Secretary shall at the conclusion of the season divide the total number of Clubs, and where the total payment made by a Club is less than equal share of the Pool, the Club shall pay the difference. Where the sum paid by a Club is more than the equal share of the Pool, The League will reimburse the Club accordingly.

#### ***(b) Fitness of Ground***

The Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of grounds in all matches, and each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition, and, if necessary, the Home Club may request the referee to visit the ground two hours before the advertised time of kick-off. No club shall

postpone the playing of a league match on account of apparent unfitness of its ground, a League Match Official being the sole person to decide as to the fitness after inspection.

Decisions in respect of ground fitness must be taken as late as possible, however due consideration must be given in respect of the distance being traveled by the visiting team and match officials.

An official asked to carry out a pitch inspection by a home club prior to any match will be reimbursed his/her travelling expenses at the League rate by the club involved. An official asked to carry out a pitch inspection by a League official prior to any match will be reimbursed his/her travelling expenses by the League at the League's current rate.

In the event of a match being called off by the appointed match referee at the normal time, all match officials will be entitled to claim half their match fee plus travelling expenses, to be paid by the home club. If a match is abandoned once the match has commenced, all match officials are entitled to claim their full match fee plus travelling expenses.

### ***(c) Late Starts and Reports***

Match officials shall be present at their appointed match at least one hour prior to kick off time. If officials are aware of difficulties in adhering to this requirement, they must contact the League Secretary prior to the match.

Referees must report all cases where teams commence a game late, or without eleven players on the field, and also in cases of their own or assistant's late arrival in any match, and notify those concerned at the time of their intention.

In the event of any misconduct, the officiating Referee, and Assistant Referees, must render his/her report to the appropriate Area Association.

### ***(d) Postponed Matches***

In the event of a match being unavoidably postponed the officials - if any have attended the ground - shall receive Half Fee and Travelling Expenses.

### ***(e) Match Report Forms***

Referees must post Match Report Forms on day of match. Each club must hand copies of a list of names and players taking part in the game (including name(s) and number(s) of the nominated substitute(s)) to the referee, and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee, at least thirty minutes before the advertised time of kick off. The players numbers and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. The standard League forms must be used for this purpose.

### ***(f) Appointments***

Referees and Assistant Referees must take advantage of travelling together when so requested or whenever possible.

Referees and Assistant Referees are requested to send their replies of acceptance or otherwise within four days following receipt of the Appointments List.

## **25. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS**

Should the appointed referee fail to appear, the most senior appointed referee shall take control.

The senior assistant is the one with the highest grade or if both have similar grades, the one with the longest service as a referee on the League.

In the event of the Referee or Assistant Referees appointed not attending a Match, and the Two Clubs agreeing to one on the ground, such Referee shall be considered to be a League Official for the time being. Referees or Assistant Referees failing to give a satisfactory reason for absence to the Management Committee shall not be appointed to any other Match during the season. No member of the Management Committee shall officiate in the League.

## **26. PLAYERS INSURANCE**

Each Club shall be responsible for maintaining or procuring that there is maintained in full force and effect at all times proper and adequate insurance cover with policy limits and provisions for each of its players from time to time in respect of their death, or bodily injury, by accident howsoever caused on the field of play including (but without limitation) loss of earnings and other consequential losses (together with 'Insured Risks') and shall ensure that all players from time to time shall be entitled to the benefit of such insurance and shall submit sufficient evidence of the existence of such insurance to the Secretary of the League no later than 1st August in each year, and each Club shall indemnify and keep the League fully indemnified against all liability of the League in respect of the insured risks.

## **27. SCALE OF FINES.**

Failure to fulfill a fixture - 1st offence plus deduction of points - £100

Failure to fulfill a fixture - each additional offence plus deduction of points - £150

Failure to submit team sheet to referee & opponents - £10

Failure to submit team sheet to League within 5 days of fixture - £15

Failure to confirm match details with visiting club/match officials - £15

Late presentation of team sheet to referee and/or opponents - £10

By late arrival, causing match to be delayed - £1.00 fine per minute, minimum - £10

Failure of club to attend AGM or any Special General Meetings - £25

Failure to reply to correspondence - £10

Starting a fixture with only 10 players - £10

Starting a fixture with only 9 players - £20

Starting a fixture with only 8 players - £30

Failing to telephone match results in the prescribed manner and/or in a timely manner - £10

Playing an ineligible player - fine plus deduction of points gained (1st offence) - £25

Playing an ineligible player - fine plus deduction of points gained (each additional offence) - £50

## **28. GROUND CRITERIA AFFECTING LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

The Management Committee will have plenary powers to remove any club from League membership should it fail to meet the accepted ground criteria of the League as published. Clubs must rectify any failures from the published ground criteria within thirty days of being advised in writing by the League. Any club failing to meet the ground criteria and having been advised that its membership is removed will be relegated at the end of that season to the appropriate feeder league.

## **29. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR BY THE RULES**

Any infringement of the Rules and any other matter not provided for by the Rules shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee.

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ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES	V	LLANIDLOES LADIES
CAERNARFON TOWN LADIES	V	WREXHAM LADIES

### Sunday 25th October 2009

LLANIDLOES LADIES	V	CARNARFON TOWN LADIES
WREXHAM LADIES	V	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES

### Sunday 29th November 2009

CAERNARFON TOWN LADIES	V	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES
LLANIDLOES LADIES	V	WREXHAM LADIES

### Sunday 28th February 2010

ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES	V	CAERNARFON TOWN LADIES
WREXHAM LADIES	V	LLANIDLOES LADIES

### Sunday 28th March 2010

ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES	V	WREXHAM LADIES
CAERNARFON TOWN LADIES	V	LLANIDLOES LADIES

### Sunday 25th April 2010

LLANIDLOES LADIES	V	ABERYSTWYTH TOWN LADIES
WREXHAM LADIES	V	CAERNARFON TOWN LADIES

## SOUTH

### Sunday 27th September 2009

MANOBIER LADIES	V	NEWCASTLE EMLYN LADIES
UWIC LADIES	V	SWANSEA CITY LADIES

### Sunday 25th October 2009

NEWCASTLE EMLYN LADIES	V	UWIC LADIES
SWANSEA CITY LADIES	V	MANOBIER LADIES

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SWANSEA CITY LADIES	V	NEWCASTLE EMLYN LADIES
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