

THE SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED
CRITERIA FOR ADMITTANCE TO
THE SOUTH WALES AMATEUR AND SENIOR LEAGUES

- 1 Clubs must have priority of use, with the exception of Clubs sharing grounds with Clubs superior in the pyramid system. Clubs wishing to gain promotion to a higher tier of the pyramid will only be promoted from the ground on which they are playing on the 31 December of the current season. Clubs cannot change grounds, or share grounds, without the permission of the South Wales FA
- 2 The ground must be private in the context as defined and accepted by the Welsh Football League. For entry into Pyramid level 6 of either League the ground must be capable of meeting this requirement.
- 3 Clubs who gain entry into the League should be able to provide a gate taking facility.
- 4 The playing area must be a minimum length 100 yards and width 60 yards, or its metric equivalent, and maintained to an acceptable standard.
- 5 Dressing room accommodation for Officials, Home side and Visitors MUST be separate and secure and within reasonable proximity of the playing area with separate shower facility (minimum 4 heads). Toilet facilities must be provided of a minimum 1 Urinal and 1 W/C within the vicinity of each dressing room. Referees facilities MUST include a separate shower and toilet, and MUST not be used as a storage room.
- 6 Grounds must be maintained in a good condition.
- 7 By the 30 April of any season, the playing area must be enclosed by a metal or concrete structure, subject to the Health and Safety Regulations of their Local Authority. Goal nets, corner flags and ground markings must be maintained to an acceptable standard. Covered Dug Outs must be provided for both teams and must be of a suitable material to withstand all weathers. (Nb New Clubs will be allowed until 31 July to install these dugouts)
- 8 First aid facilities must be provided at the ground together with telephone facility for use in case of emergency. It is required that a suitably qualified First Aid Official is available and a stretcher in case this is required under Official medical supervision.
- 9 Clear signs must be available as required by the Health and Safety Regulations.
- 10 Clubs who have had their facilities inspected, will be invited to a meeting with the Liaison committee, to provide up to date balance sheet and Club administrative structure within the Club. The Club Chairman, Secretary and one other official to attend.
- 11 Clubs not satisfying Playing, Financial and Administrative criteria WILL not be promoted.

A Clubs wishing to be promoted to the Amateur or Senior League (Pyramid level 6) must notify the Association Secretary by the 31 December. A non- refundable inspection fee of £25 MUST be enclosed with the application, **WHICH MUST BE SENT BY RECORDED DELIVERY**. If this application is not provided, the Club will NOT be considered for promotion even if it qualifies with its League position. Clubs must notify their Local League of their interest in obtaining promotion by 31 December at the latest.

B It is the responsibility of The South Wales Football Association to carry out the initial inspection in each season by 01 February, in accordance with the criteria detailed above, and to provide the Clubs inspected with a report in respect of the suitability of their current facilities.

C Clubs promoted from Local Leagues must meet the Second Division criteria by the 30 April in each season. The final inspection will be carried out by the Association as soon as possible following that date.

D The South Wales Amateur and Senior Leagues will be required to relegate no more than two teams from each League at the end of the season, therefore allowing 4 promotion places to level 6 of the pyramid.

E In the event of more teams being eligible for promotion to level 6 of the pyramid than vacancies available, play-off arrangements will be organised by the Association. Champion Clubs will have priority for the available promotion places, If there are not enough champion Clubs, then runners up will be considered. If there are more runner up Clubs than places available, then they will take part in a play off to decide promotion.