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1. A player may affiliate to only one League Club, in the WDNL.
2. A player may transfer clubs but shall complete the appropriate form, pay the required fee and receive written acknowledgement from a Committee member before playing for a new club. (Ref: Player Transfer form).
3. **A player may play for any team within her club but may only play one game per match night.** For multi team clubs, only 2 players are allowed to move down one team but anyone can play up to other teams, but once you have played 5 games for a higher team you will be registered for that higher team. (Not allowed to move down 2 teams etc. 1 to 3 only 1 to 2) - Fine 5.
4. **A player must be affiliated to AENA before playing in a match (proof of which is required by submitting a copy of your clubs EN download).** The fielding of non-affiliated/ineligible players will incur the loss of 5 points (irrespective of the result) and a fine at the current rate, for each time a player has played unaffiliated. Fine 2
5. If a club fails to gain entry into the league in a season which they have previously played, and successfully enters the following year, then that team must start in the lowest division of that particular season. However should a natural gap appear within another division (providing it is lower than the one the team previously exited) then they could be slotted into that position.
6. The poaching of players shall not be allowed and any such action shall be referred to the executive committee for their attention.
7.
  - (i) In the event of disputes/complaints, the Club Secretary shall notify the **Chairperson in writing on the appropriate form** in addition to making a relevant comment on the score card. (Refer to Appendix 1 below)
  - (ii) Affiliated members have a right of appeal which may be exercised in writing to the **Chairperson**. Within 14 days.
  - (iii) In accordance with AENA rules, no player, other than a team captain, may approach an umpire for clarification of the rules, and such approaches may only be made during an interval or at full time.
8.
  - (i) The dates and duration of matches shall be determined by the executive committee.
  - (ii) Matches shall be played on the date and at the time stated on the fixture list, unless at least two committee members consider the pitch/pitches unplayable.
  - (iii) If a team fails to arrive on time, then the non-offending team will start the game taking every centre pass and score goals. If there is a rule infringement the ball must be placed on the floor for 3 seconds. Once the offending team arrives (with at least 5 players they may enter the game in accordance with EN rules), the non-offending team starts the game with the centre pass and retaining the goals scored. The offending team must **arrive** before 3 minutes or they forfeit the game.

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N.B. No team may start a match with fewer than 5 players. Late arrivals may enter the game, after notifying the umpires, after a goal has been scored and may only take up the position(s) left vacant.

- (iv) Cancellation of Matches. In the event that matches have to be cancelled, then clubs which field more than one team, are required to cancel the matches of the lowest team.(s) first.
  - (iv) Notice of cancellation by a team unable to fulfil a fixture shall be made to the Fixtures Secretary and shall be at **least 24 hours (see fine sheet) in advance**. Failure to comply - a fine at the current rate. Fine 8.
  - (v) Central timing shall be used in the winter season (overseen by committee). Summer season Divs 1-4 are centrally timed. Prem Division is timed by the umpires/scorers.
  - (vi) Regulation bibs shall be worn by all team players, where a colour clash is involved the away team are required to change. Non compliance will result in the team forfeiting the game.
  - (vii) All jewellery shall be removed except wedding rings which must be taped. Failure to comply - a fine at the current rate. Fine 10.
  - (viii) The home team shall be responsible for the completion of the match card (except away team players, player of the match, ID numbers and team manager's signature) and the posting of the match and score cards into the box provided. The away team will be responsible for the completion of their teams information and signature. Failure to comply - a fine at the current rate. Fine 7.
  - (ix) Home Team needs to place match cards and score cards in box provided with in 5 minutes of the last game finishing. Fine 4
9. (i) League positions shall be determined on the basis of:-
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| 5 points | - win   |
| 3 points | - draw  |
| 2 points | - if within 5 goals of winners score, losing team to have scored at least one goal. |
| 1 point  | - if 50% or above of winners score  |
| 0 points | - lose if less than 50% of opponents score  |
- (ii) Goal difference shall be taken into account where necessary. For each game where points have been claimed, a team's average goal difference shall be added to their total goal difference.
10. (i) ***Any team which owes monies to the League two weeks following the last game of the current season from the previous two seasons will not be eligible to join in the forthcoming season.***

***Example:***

***If applying for entry into Summer 2003 and owe money from either Summer 2002 and/or Winter 2002/2003 which is not paid with 2 weeks of***

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*the last game of Winter 2002/2003 that team will not be eligible to join Summer 2003.*

- (ii) Any fine not paid within 4 weeks from the date of issue will be increased by 50% and the team will be automatically responsible for the new account.
- 11.
- (i) Each team to provide the appropriate level of umpire for their division. Fine 9.
  - (ii) All teams to provide a scorer for their nominated umpire slot. Fine 6.
  - (iii) An umpire **WILL NOT** officiate, for a game which involves a team from her/his club with which they are affiliated and/or associated. Also, an umpire **MUST** change courts if asked in order to ensure an umpire does not officiate a match that includes a team from their own club, unless the umpire is not of the appropriate level for that division. Fine 12
12. A player needs to wear a skirt during their match. Fine 10. (Tracksuit bottoms are allowed under the skirt).

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**Procedure 'Complaints against Players' (updated April 2009)**

**Appendix to Byelaw 7 (i.)**

Should any team/official or player, wish to complain about any aspect of the match, a complaints form must be completed and forwarded to the Chair Person and must be received within 7 days of the game. This is to be from either the team captain or club secretary and must contain specific details of the nature of the alleged incident, names of player(s) or teams involved from both teams and the specific issue/complaint which the committee are being asked to investigate. Details of any witnesses should also be included.

The alleged complaint will then be summarised to the secretary of the club/player involved. The club will have 7 days in which to defend/explain/respond to the alleged complaint about them.

The W&DNL will then instruct three members of the committee (who are not directly involved with the alleged complaint) to reach a decision with regards to the complaint. If the W&DNL then decide to uphold the complaint then the procedure outlined below will be followed:-

- In the first instance the committee will either take no further action (informing the teams of this decision) or issue an informal request that either team or named individual(s) play in a sporting manner before, during or after the game. A brief summary of the complaint will be sent to the secretary of the team or player/s involved in the complaint.
- Should a second complaint be upheld by the committee, then a formal written warning will be given to either the team or named individual(s) which will include a one match ban (excluding byes and holidays).
- In the unfortunate circumstance of a third complaint being upheld then the team or named individual(s) will receive an automatic 2 match ban (excluding byes and holidays).

***The committee withhold the right to ban repeat offenders or offenders of repeated offences for variable amounts of time, in order to reflect the severity of the issues involved.***

**Any ban will run concurrently across seasons.**

The League Secretary will keep a record of the upheld complaints and any subsequent banned players.

NB. Should a banned individual play then the fines system for non-affiliated players will apply. Should a team be banned then they will automatically forfeit the match and the full points awarded to their opponents.