



Women's Super League Football Handbook

**Owners' and Directors'
Test Regulations**

WSL / WC OWNERS' AND DIRECTORS' TEST REGULATIONS

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These Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations came into force on 1 August 2025 and apply in respect of any Club that is, from time to time, a member of Leagues OpCo and / or that is a party to a Participation Agreement to participate in Competitions. References to specific "Regulations" in these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations shall be to regulations or paragraphs set out within this Chapter 10.

1. DISQUALIFYING EVENTS

- 1.1 A Person shall be disqualified from acting as an Officer and no Club shall be permitted to have any Person acting as an Officer of that Club if:
- 1.1.1 they have been found by a Regulatory Commission to have acted in breach of Rule B of The FA's Rules;
 - 1.1.2 in relation to the assessment of their compliance with this Regulation 1.1 (and / or any similar or equivalent rules of Leagues OpCo, The FA, The Premier League or The English Football League) at any time, they have:
 - (a) failed to provide all relevant information (including, without limitation, information relating to any other Person who would qualify as an Officer but has not been disclosed, including where he / she or they are acting as a proxy, agent or nominee for another Person); or
 - (b) provided false, misleading or inaccurate information;
 - 1.1.3 either directly or indirectly they are involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club (including the direct or indirect holding of a Significant Interest in that other Club);
 - 1.1.4 either directly or indirectly they hold or acquire any Significant Interest in a Club while they either directly or indirectly hold any interest in any class of Shares of another Club;
 - 1.1.5 they become prohibited by law from being a director (including without limitation as a result of being subject to a disqualification order as a Director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (as amended or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect) (the "CDDA"), or being subject to the terms of an undertaking given to the Secretary of State under the CDDA unless a court of competent jurisdiction makes an order under the CDDA permitting an appointment as an Officer);
 - 1.1.6 they have been subject to two disqualifications, suspensions or like sanctions for any of the matters set out in Regulation 1.1.5, irrespective of whether any such disqualification, suspension or sanction is current or not;
 - 1.1.7 they have a Conviction (which is not a Spent Conviction) imposed by a court of the United Kingdom or a competent court of foreign jurisdiction:
 - (a) in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months' imprisonment was imposed;
 - (b) in respect of any offence involving any act which could reasonably be considered:
 - (i) to be dishonest (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed);
 - (ii) to have involved violence including, by way of example and without limitation, offences under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861;
 - (iii) to constitute fraud of any kind, including by way of example and without limitation, tax fraud, tax evasion, identity theft, electoral fraud, bribery, online fraud, money laundering and benefit fraud;
 - (iv) to constitute corruption;
 - (v) to constitute perverting the course of justice;

- (vi) to constitute a serious breach of any requirement under the 2006 Act or the Companies Act 1985 as amended, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
 - (vii) to constitute a Hate Crime;
- (c) in respect of one of the following offences or a directly analogous offence in a foreign jurisdiction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed):
 - (i) dishonestly receiving a programme broadcast from within the UK with intent to avoid payment under s.297 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988;
 - (ii) admitting spectators to watch a football match at unlicensed premises under s.9 of the Football Spectators Act 1989;
 - (iii) Persons subject to a banning order (as defined) under Schedule 1 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 as amended, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
 - (iv) Ticket touting in relation to football tickets under s.166 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994; and / or
- (d) for attempting or conspiring to commit offences as set out at Regulations 1.1.7(a) to 1.1.7(c);
- 1.1.8 they have two or more Convictions for any of the matters set out in Regulation 1.1.7, irrespective of whether such Convictions are Spent Convictions or not;
- 1.1.9 in the reasonable opinion of Leagues OpCo, they have engaged in conduct outside the United Kingdom that would constitute an offence as set out in Regulations 1.1.7(b)(i) or 1.1.7(c), if such conduct had taken place in the United Kingdom, whether or not such conduct resulted in a Conviction;
- 1.1.10 they become the subject of:
 - (a) an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (including any fast track voluntary arrangement);
 - (b) a debt relief order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 7A of the 1986 Act);
 - (c) an administration order (in accordance with Part 6 of the County Courts Act 1984);
 - (d) an enforcement restriction order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 6A of the County Courts Act 1984);
 - (e) a debt management scheme or debt repayment plan (in accordance with provisions of Chapter 4 of Part 5 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007); and / or
 - (f) an Interim Bankruptcy Restriction Order, a Bankruptcy Restriction Order or a Bankruptcy Order (or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect);

or any equivalent provision in any other jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect, and in each case as may be amended from time to time;
- 1.1.11 they have been subject to two or more arrangements, orders, schemes, plans or provisions in respect of any of the matters set out in Regulation 1.1.10, irrespective of whether any arrangement, order, scheme, plan or provision is current or not;
- 1.1.12 in respect of an Entity, it suffers an Insolvency Event;

- 1.1.13 they are or have been an Officer of a Club (or club) which, while they have been an Officer of it, has suffered two or more unconnected Insolvency Events in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed (and for the purposes of this Regulation 1.1.13 and Regulation 1.1.14 a Person shall be deemed to have been an Officer of a Club (or club) which has suffered an Insolvency Event if such Insolvency Event occurred in the one year immediately following their having ceased to be an Officer of that Club (or club));
- 1.1.14 they have been an Officer of two or more Clubs (or clubs) each of which, while they have been an Officer of them, have suffered an Insolvency Event in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed.

Guidance: For the purposes of Regulation 1.1.13 and Regulation 1.1.14, the definition of 'Officer' shall apply to clubs in the same way as to Clubs.

- 1.1.15 they have been in an equivalent role to that of an Officer:
- (a) in two or more Entities that have each been subject to or suffered unconnected Insolvency Events; or
 - (b) in an Entity that has been subject to or suffered two or more unconnected Insolvency Events,

and in either case the Insolvency Events occurred in the ten years that immediately preceded their ceasing to act in that capacity (provided they held that role at the time of the Insolvency Event), or within one year thereafter.

For the purposes of this Regulation: (i) where any Entity has been subject to more than one Insolvency Event during the process of compromising or entering into a composition with its creditors (for example, administration followed by exit via a company voluntary arrangement), this will only count as one Insolvency Event; (ii) it shall not apply where the Person is carrying out an equivalent role to that of an Officer in their capacity as an authorised insolvency practitioner;

- 1.1.16 they are subject to any unsatisfied judgment or court order for payment of any monetary amount (provided all appeal rights have been exhausted);
- 1.1.17 they are subject to a suspension or ban from involvement in the administration of a sport by any ruling body of a sport that is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, UK Sport, or Sport England, another of the home country sports councils, or any other national or international sporting association or governing body, whether such suspension or ban is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the ruling body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);
- 1.1.18 they are subject to any form of suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body including, without limitation, the Law Society, the Solicitors' Regulation Authority, the Bar Council or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales or any equivalent body in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales, whether such suspension, disqualification or striking-off is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the professional body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);
- 1.1.19 they are subject to a suspension or ban or other form of disqualification by any:
- (a) UK government appointed regulatory body (including, by way of example and without limitation, the Charities Commission, Ofcom, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Prudential Conduct Authority, the Gambling Commission and / or HMRC); and / or
 - (b) body equivalent to those set out at Regulation 1.1.19(a) of competent jurisdiction anywhere in the world;

- 1.1.20 they have been subject to two or more suspensions, bans, disqualifications or strikings-off as set out in Regulations 1.1.17 to 1.1.19, irrespective of whether they are current or not;
- 1.1.21 they have been removed from acting as a trustee of a pension scheme by the Pensions Regulator or a court, or have otherwise seriously contravened the pensions regulatory system (whether in the United Kingdom or by any equivalent body or court of competent jurisdiction anywhere in the world);
- 1.1.22 they have been an Officer or Relevant Signatory at a Club (or held an equivalent role at a club) that has been expelled from either Leagues OpCo and / or the Competitions (including when such Competitions were owned and operated by The FA), The Premier League, The English Football League or a competition in Step 1 to Step 4 of the National League System whilst they were in that role at that Club (or club) or in the one year immediately following their ceasing to act in that capacity for the Club (or club);
- 1.1.23 they have been in an equivalent role to that of an Officer or Relevant Signatory at any club or team in any other sport anywhere in the world which, pursuant to the rules of the relevant sports governing body, has been removed (other than by way of relegation on sporting merit after completion of a full season) from the applicable league or competition whilst they were in that role (or in the one year immediately following their ceasing to act in that capacity for that club / team);
- 1.1.24 they are required to notify personal information pursuant to Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof;
- 1.1.25 they are found to have breached (irrespective of any sanction actually imposed), or has admitted breaching (irrespective of whether disciplinary proceedings were brought or not):
 - (a) Rule E5 of The FA in relation to bribes, gifts or rewards or other matters in relation to matches;
 - (b) Rule E8 of The FA in relation to betting;
 - (c) Rule E9 of The FA in relation to attempts and agreements to breach Rules E5 or E8 of The FA; or
 - (d) any other rules in force from time to time in relation to the prohibition on betting on football (whether in England or Wales or elsewhere);
- 1.1.26 they are an FA Registered Football Agent and / or they are a Football Agent (as defined under FIFA's Football Agent Regulations) and / or they are registered as an intermediary or agent pursuant to the regulations of FIFA and / or any national member association of FIFA;
- 1.1.27 either:
 - (a) in respect of an individual, they become a UK Sanctions Restricted Person; and / or
 - (b) in respect of an Entity, they or any of their, directors, officers or employees are the subject of UK Sanctions;
- 1.2 A Person who is not already an Officer of a Club shall be disqualified from becoming an Officer of a Club if they are subject to a Potential Disqualifying Event and no Club shall permit a Person to become an Officer of a Club if they are subject to a Potential Disqualifying Event.

Guidance: As relates to Persons who were Officers within the meaning of The FA's Owners' and Directors' Test regulations prior to these Regulations coming into force, the Additional Disqualifying Events (set out below) and Leagues OpCo's powers associated with them will apply to the occurrence of an Additional Disqualifying Event only where it occurs after the date on which these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations came into force (unless, after these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations came into force, that Person (i) ceased to be an Officer at any point, or (ii) became, or is proposed to become, an Officer of a different Club). For the avoidance of doubt, in respect of any Persons who become (or propose to become) an Officer following these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations

coming into force, Leagues OpCo shall apply its powers in respect of Additional Disqualifying Events, irrespective of when they occurred. Additional Disqualifying Events: Regulations 1.1.1, 1.1.4, 1.1.6, 1.1.7(b)(ii), (iii) and (vii), 1.1.8, 1.1.11 to 1.1.16, 1.1.19 to 1.1.23 and 1.1.27.

2. SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

- 2.1 Not later than 30 August 2025 each Club shall submit to Leagues OpCo a duly completed Declaration in respect of each of its Officers signed by the Officer to which it refers and by an Authorised Signatory, who shall not be the same Person.
- 2.2 Thereafter, not later than 14 days before the commencement of each Participation Year, each Club shall submit to Leagues OpCo a duly completed Declaration in respect of each of its Officers signed by the Officer to which it refers and by an Authorised Signatory, who shall not be the same Person.
- 2.3 If any Person proposes to become an Officer of a Club (including for the avoidance of doubt if any Person proposes to acquire Control of a Club or by virtue of being a shadow and / or *de facto* director of a Club):

2.3.1 the Club shall, as far in advance of the Person becoming an Officer as reasonably possible and in any event no later than 10 Business Days prior to the date on which it is anticipated that such Person shall become an Officer, submit to Leagues OpCo a duly completed Declaration in respect of that Person signed by them and by an Authorised Signatory, at which point that Person shall be bound by and subject to the rules and regulations of Leagues OpCo (including, but not limited to, these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations);

2.3.2 within five Business Days of receipt thereof Leagues OpCo shall advise the Club of the timeframe within which Leagues OpCo, acting reasonably, expects to be able to finalise its enquiries in respect of that Person (where the proposed Officer is not someone acquiring Control, it is expected that Leagues OpCo will ordinarily be in a position to take this step within ten Business Days of receipt of the Club's submission pursuant to Regulation 2.3.1);

Guidance: Leagues OpCo may exercise any of its powers of inquiry conferred on it under the League Competition Regulations (including these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations) to determine compliance with the requirements of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations. Without prejudice thereto, at any time, by notice in writing Leagues OpCo may require any Club, Officer and / or person proposing to become an Officer to supply to Leagues OpCo, within such period as Leagues OpCo may reasonably specify, such information as Leagues OpCo may reasonably require to verify the identity and background of all relevant Persons and to ensure compliance by the Club, Officer and / or person proposing to become an Officer with these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations.

2.3.3 following completion of Leagues OpCo's enquiries in respect of that Person, Leagues OpCo will advise the Club whether or not the Person is liable to be disqualified as an Officer under the provisions in Regulation 1.1 or Regulation 1.2, and if the Person is so liable Leagues OpCo will take the steps set out in Regulation 4; and

2.3.4 the Person shall not become an Officer or acquire Control of the Club, and the Club shall not permit the Person to do anything which brings the Person within the definition of Officer or acquire Control of the Club, until the Club has:

- (a) received confirmation from Leagues OpCo pursuant to Regulation 2.3.3 that the Person is not liable to be disqualified as an Officer under the provisions of Regulation 1.1 or Regulation 1.2; and
- (b) where the Person proposes to acquire Control of the Club, complied with all applicable rules and regulations of Leagues OpCo which relate to any proposed change or acquisition of Control of a Club by a Person under Regulation 2.5.

- 2.4 Not later than 14 days prior to the commencement of each Participation Year, a Club shall confirm to Leagues OpCo in the form prescribed by Leagues OpCo from time to time that in respect of the immediately preceding twelve months the Club and its Officers have complied with these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations.
- 2.5 If any Person proposes to acquire Control of a Club (a "**Proposed Acquiror**") the Club and the Proposed Acquiror shall, in addition to complying with Regulation 2.3 regarding the submission of Declarations, comply with all applicable rules and regulations of Leagues OpCo which relate to any proposed acquisition of Control of a Club by a Person, including but not limited to rules and regulations regarding:
- 2.5.1 the submission of documentation and information;
 - 2.5.2 the submission of future financial information;
 - 2.5.3 the provision of evidence of the source and sufficiency of any funds which the Proposed Acquirer proposes to invest in or otherwise make available to the Club; and
 - 2.5.4 the imposition of such other conditions in order to monitor and / or ensure compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of Leagues OpCo.
- 2.6 Where these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations impose an obligation on an Officer (or proposed Officer) to submit a Declaration and the Officer (or proposed Officer) concerned is not a natural person, it must ensure that the individual signing the Declaration on its behalf is duly authorised to do so and to bind that Officer to comply with the obligations placed upon it by these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations.

3. **CHANGE OF OFFICER'S CIRCUMSTANCES**

Upon the happening of an event which affects any statement contained in a submitted Declaration (including, but not limited to, the Officer becoming subject to a Disqualifying Event):

- 3.1.1 the Officer in respect of whom the Declaration has been made shall within five Business Days give full written particulars thereof to their Club; and
- 3.1.2 the Club shall thereupon within five Business Days give such particulars in writing to Leagues OpCo.

4. **DISQUALIFICATION OF AN OFFICER**

Upon Leagues OpCo becoming aware by virtue of the submission of a Declaration or in the circumstances referred to in Regulation 3 or by any other means that a Person is liable to be disqualified as an Officer under the provisions of Regulation 1.1 or Regulation 1.2:

- 4.1.1 Leagues OpCo will:
 - (a) give written notice to the Person that they are disqualified, giving reasons therefore; and
 - (b) give written notice to the relevant Club that the Person is disqualified, giving reasons therefore.
- 4.1.2 Where the Person is an Officer:
 - (a) within 28 days of receipt of written notice given in accordance with Regulation 4.1.1, that Person must resign as an Officer and / or take such other steps as are necessary in all the circumstances to ensure that they no longer come within the definition of Officer; and
 - (b) thereafter they must ensure that they continue not to come within the definition of Officer for so long as the Disqualifying Event or Potential Disqualifying Event subsists.
- 4.1.3 Where the Person is not an Officer when the decision is made, they must not do anything that brings them within the definition of an Officer for so long as the Disqualifying Event or Potential Disqualifying Event subsists.

- 4.1.4 A Club must not permit any Person who is disqualified either to become an Officer or, if they were an Officer before the Disqualifying Event arose, to continue to be an Officer at the Club, for so long as the Disqualifying Event or Potential Disqualifying Event subsists.

5. DISCIPLINARY PROVISIONS

- 5.1 Any Club which fails to comply with its obligations under these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations or which submits a Declaration which is false in any material particular shall be in breach of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with Leagues OpCo powers to bring disciplinary proceedings under the League Competition Regulations.
- 5.2 Any Officer who fails to comply with their obligations under these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations or who fails to complete and sign a Declaration and any Officer or Authorised Signatory who signs a Declaration which is false in any particular shall be in breach of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with Leagues OpCo's powers to bring disciplinary proceedings under the League Competition Regulations.
- 5.3 Any Officer or Club Official who (whether intentionally, negligently or recklessly) causes, allows or permits any Person to acquire Control of the Club in breach of Regulations 2.3 or 2.5 shall be in breach of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with Leagues OpCo's powers to bring disciplinary proceedings under the League Competition Regulations. Without limitation to the foregoing, where any act of the Club, any Group Undertaking or any Officer or Club Official thereof recognises:
- 5.3.1 any Person as meeting the definition of Officer; or
- 5.3.2 any form of transfer (legal or beneficial) or any trust or joint ownership arrangements in relation to any share and the rights which may be exercised by a shareholder,
- without having first complied with Regulation 2.3 or 2.5 in full, it will constitute a breach of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations by that Club.
- 5.4 Leagues OpCo shall have the power to publish information pertaining to matters in these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations where, in its sole discretion, it considers it in the best interests of the game to do so, which shall include in circumstances where Leagues OpCo gives written notice of disqualification of an Officer pursuant to Regulation 4.
- Guidance:** For the purposes of Regulation 5.4, in the event that an Officer appeals pursuant to Regulation 7.1 and, upon lodging that appeal issues an application to stay the implementation of Leagues OpCo's decision pursuant to Regulation 7.5, publication shall not be made: (i) where the stay application is successful, until the appeal has been fully and finally determined; or (ii) where the stay application is unsuccessful, until such time as the appeal tribunal confirms that outcome.
- 5.5 Without prejudice to any other right to bring disciplinary action for a breach of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations, and without prejudice to any other applicable sanction, Leagues OpCo shall have the power to summarily issue fines for overdue Declaration forms and / or for providing false information in a Declaration. The tariff of such fines shall be as per the schedule in

5.6 Appendix 3 to these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations.

6. SUSPENSION OF THE CLUB

6.1 If an Officer who receives a notice under the provisions of Regulation 4.1.1 fails to resign or their Club fails to ensure their removal from office as required, or if a Club proceeds with the appointment as an Officer of a Person to whom Regulation 2.3 or 2.5 applies despite having received a notice under the provisions of Regulation 4.1.1, Leagues OpCo shall have power to suspend the Club by giving to it notice in writing to that effect.

6.2 A suspended Club shall not play in any League Match or any other League Match or series of matches as determined by Leagues OpCo at its discretion.

6.3 Upon being reasonably satisfied that the Officer of the suspended Club has resigned or has been removed from office, Leagues OpCo shall have power to withdraw the suspension by giving to it notice in writing to that effect.

7. APPEAL AGAINST DISQUALIFICATION OF AN OFFICER

7.1 Any Person or Club who receives notice under Regulation 4 has a right to appeal the disqualification notice(s), such appeal being conducted in accordance with this Regulation 7.

7.2 Any Person or Club wishing to appeal a disqualification notice must, within 14 days of the date of that notice, send or deliver to Leagues OpCo a notice of appeal, setting out full details of the grounds of appeal of that Person or Club, together with an appeal fee of £500.

7.3 The only grounds upon which a Person or Club may appeal a disqualification notice are:

7.3.1 none of the Disqualifying Events set out in Regulation 1.1 apply; or

7.3.2 in respect of a Conviction of a court of foreign jurisdiction under Regulation 1.1.7, or a finding of the conduct referred to in Regulation 1.1.9 or a suspension or ban by a sport ruling body under Regulation 1.1.17, or a suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body under Regulations 1.1.18 or 1.1.19, or a finding of a breach of Rule by a ruling body of football pursuant to Regulation 1.1.25(d), or a banning order received pursuant to the Football Spectators Act 1989 (or any like sanction pursuant to similar provisions in any other jurisdiction) under Regulation (iii), there are compelling reasons why that particular Conviction, suspension, ban, finding, disqualification or striking-off, should not lead to disqualification.

7.4 An appeal under the provisions of Regulation 7.2 shall lie to an Independent Tribunal as defined and provided for in the Competition Rules (Chapter 1). The appeal shall be treated as a matter which may be heard under Rule 3.9 and the applicable Rules and procedures in such Rule 3.9 shall apply.

7.5 On application of the Person or Club bringing the appeal, the Independent Tribunal may stay implementation of Leagues OpCo's decision pending determination of the appeal, where the Person or Club (as applicable) satisfies it that such a stay is necessary to avoid undue prejudice.

7.6 The Person or Club advancing the appeal shall have the burden of proving the complaint. The standard of proof shall be the balance of probabilities.

7.7 The Independent Tribunal shall make its decision unanimously or by majority.

7.8 The Independent Tribunal shall give written reasons for its decision.

7.9 The Independent Tribunal shall have the following powers:

7.9.1 to allow the appeal in full;

7.9.2 to reject the appeal;

- 7.9.3 if it determines that a Disqualifying Event or Potential Disqualifying Event exists, to determine that the individual concerned should not be banned for that period during which they will remain subject to it and substitute such period as it shall reasonably determine, having regard to all of the circumstances of the case;
- 7.9.4 to declare that no Disqualifying Event or Potential Disqualifying Event ever existed or that any Disqualifying Event has ceased to exist;
- 7.9.5 to order the appeal fee to be forfeited to Leagues OpCo or to be repaid to the appellant Person or Club; and
- 7.9.6 to order the appellant Person or Club to pay or contribute to the costs of the appeal including the fees and expenses of members of the Independent Tribunal.

8. PERSONS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM ENTERING THE UNITED KINGDOM

No Person may acquire any Holding in a Club if, pursuant to the law of the United Kingdom or the European Union:

- 8.1.1 they are prohibited from entering the United Kingdom; or
- 8.1.2 no funds or economic resources may be made available, directly or indirectly, to or for their benefit.

Appendix 1: Definitions

Unless stated otherwise:

- The capitalised terms used in these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations shall have the meanings given to them in this Appendix 1, the League Competition Regulations, or The FA's Rules (as applicable). In the event of a conflict, it shall be resolved in the following order: (i) this Appendix 1; (ii) the League Competition Regulations; (iii) The FA's Rules.
- Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders and any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

"1986 Act" means the Insolvency Act 1986.

"2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006.

"Associate" means in relation to any Person:

- (a) anyone of a close relationship with that Person who, in the reasonable opinion of Leagues OpCo, is or is likely to be acting with that Person; or
- (b) any company of which that Person is a Director or over which that Person is able to exercise control or influence; or
- (c) any person who is an employee or partner of that Person or is in close relationship with any such employee or partner; or
- (d) if that Person or any associate of that Person is a company, then any holding company or subsidiary of that company or a subsidiary of its holding company, or any Director or employee of the company or any such holding company or subsidiary or person in a close relationship with any such Director or employee; or
- (e) if that Person has an agreement or arrangement (whether legally binding or not) with any other person in relation to the exercise of their voting power in a Club or in relation to the holding or disposal of their interest in a Club, then that other person.

"Associated Undertaking" means an undertaking in which another undertaking has a participating interest and over whose operating and financial policy it exercises a significant influence, and which is not a Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking.

"Authorised Signatory" means any:

- (a) director of the Club; or
- (b) Club Official duly authorised by a resolution of its Club's board of directors to sign forms or enter into agreements on that Club's behalf either as required by the League Competition Regulations or in connection with a Club's application for a UEFA Club Licence,

whose particulars shall have first been submitted to the Executive Operational Committee via the form issued by the Executive Operational Committee.

"Bankruptcy Order" means an order adjudging an individual bankrupt.

"Bankruptcy Restriction Order" means an order of the same name made under the provisions of Schedule 4A of the 1986 Act.

"Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday in England and Wales.

"CDDA" shall have the meaning given to it in Regulation 1.1.5.

"Competitions" means the League Competitions and the Cup Competitions (as defined in the Competition Rules (Chapter 1).

"Concert Party" means two or more Persons presumed to be acting in concert (unless the contrary is established) within the meaning of paragraphs (1) to (5) (inclusive) of the definition of "acting in concert" in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, or would be so acting in concert if the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers applied in the relevant case.

"Control" means the power of a Person to exercise, or to be able to exercise or acquire, direct or indirect control over the policies, affairs and / or management of a Club, whether that power is constituted by rights or contracts (either separately or in combination) and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Control shall be deemed to include:

- (a) the power (whether directly or indirectly and whether by the ownership of share capital, by the possession of voting power, by contract or otherwise including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) to appoint and / or remove all or such of the members of the board of directors of the Club as are able to cast a majority of the votes capable of being cast by the members of that board; and / or
- (b) the holding and / or possession of the beneficial interest in, and / or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, shares in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other persons) or by contract including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 25% or more of the total voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club.

For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a nominee for any Person or of an Associate of any Person shall be attributed to that Person and any rights or powers of any Person will be attributed to any connected Person to that Person.

"Conviction" means a finding by a court anywhere in the world that a Person has committed an offence (or offences) or carried out the act(s) for which he / she was charged, and whether or not that finding is considered to be final pending resolution of any appeal against that finding, and "Convicted" shall be construed accordingly.

"Declaration" means the declaration form as prescribed by Leagues OpCo and shown at Appendix 2 to these Regulations.

"Director" means any Person occupying the position of director of a Club whose particulars are registered or registrable under the provisions of section 162 of the Companies Act 2006 and includes a shadow or *de facto* director, that is to say, a Person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of the Club are accustomed to act, or a Person having Control over the Club, or a Person exercising the powers that are usually associated with the powers of a director of a company.

"Disqualifying Event" means the events listed at Regulation 1.1.

"Entity" means any legal entity, firm or unincorporated association and in the case of an Entity which is incorporated any of its Associated Undertaking, Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking, Group Undertaking, Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking.

"Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking" has the meaning set out in Section 1161(4) of the Companies Act 2006.

"Group Undertaking" means has the meaning set out in section 1161(5) of the Companies Act 2006 and every statutory modification or re-enactment in force from time to time.

"Hate Crime" means an offence which is considered to be aggravated in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Sentencing Act 2020.

"Holding" means the holding and / or possession of the beneficial interest in, and / or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other Persons) or by contract including without limitation by way of membership of any Concert Party) which confer any voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club.

For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a nominee for any Person shall be attributed to that Person, that is to say any rights or powers which another Person possesses on his / her behalf or may be required to exercise at his / her direction or on his / her behalf, and any rights or powers of any Person shall be attributed to any connected Person to that Person.

"Individual Voluntary Arrangement" means an arrangement made under the provisions of Part VIII of the 1986 Act.

"Insolvency Event" means, with respect to an Entity (including any Club or club), if such an Entity:

- (a) enters into a 'Company Voluntary Arrangement' pursuant to Part 1 of the 1986 Act or a compromise or arrangement with its creditors under Part 26 or Part 26A of the 2006 Act, or it enters into any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole; or
- (b) applies to court for, or obtains, a moratorium under Part A1 of the 1986 Act; or
- (c) lodges, or its shareholders or its directors or any holder of a qualifying floating charge over its assets lodge in relation to it, a 'Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator' or 'Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at Court' in accordance with paragraphs 18, 26 or paragraph 29 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act, or it, or any other party, make an application to the court for an Administration Order under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act or where an Administrator is appointed or an Administration Order is made in respect of it ("**Administrator**" and "**Administration Order**" having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act); or
- (d) has an 'Administrative Receiver' (as defined by section 251 of the 1986 Act), a 'Law of Property Act Receiver' (appointed under section 109 of the Law of Property Act 1925) or any 'Receiver' appointed by the court under the Supreme Court Act 1981 or any court appointed receiver or any other receiver appointed over any of its assets (and, in the case of a Club, which, in the opinion of Leagues OpCo, are material to the Club's ability to fulfil its obligations as a member of Leagues OpCo); or
- (e) has its shareholders pass a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the 1986 Act to voluntarily wind up; or
- (f) has a winding up order made against it by the court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed over it under section 135 of the 1986 Act; or
- (g) ceases wholly or substantially to carry on business save for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation (or in the case of a Club, otherwise in accordance with a scheme of proposals which have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by Leagues OpCo); or
- (h) enters into or is placed into any insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales which is analogous with the insolvency regimes detailed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) above.

"Interim Bankruptcy Restriction Order" means an order of the same name made under the provisions of Schedule 4A of the 1986 Act.

"League Competitions" means the Tier 1 League and the Tier 2 League, each of which is a "League Competition", owned and operated by Leagues OpCo pursuant to the Competition Rules (Chapter 1).

"League Match" means a first team match played under the jurisdiction of Leagues OpCo in the League Competitions.

"Official" means: (a) any director, employee or representative of a Club, excluding any Player, intermediary or auditor; and (b) any employee of any Group Undertaking or Fellow Subsidiary Undertaking who spends (or is to spend) at least 50% of their annual working time undertaking activity for or on behalf of the Club (and "**Club Official**" shall be construed as being an Official of a Club).

"Officer" means any Director of a Club or Parent Undertaking of such Club, and / or in respect of a Club or Parent Undertaking of such Club, any individual person operating the powers that are usually associated with those of.

- (a) a director of a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 (as a company limited by shares or guarantee);
- (b) an officer of a registered society under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (a **"Registered Society"**); or
- (c) a Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of a Club that is an unincorporated association.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following individuals shall be deemed to qualify as an Officer:

- (a) a Person registered as a company secretary of the Club with the Registrar of Companies;
- (b) a Person registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as an officer of the Club in the case of a Registered Society;
- (c) a Person for whom a Form AP.01 (to be filed with the Registrar of Companies) has been completed in relation to the Club;
- (d) a Person who has been elected to become a director of the Club at a meeting of the board of directors or members of the Club;
- (e) a Person who has been elected to become Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of a Club that is an unincorporated association at a meeting of the management committee or members of the Club; and
- (f) a Person who is a trustee of a Club that is a registered charity.

There shall be excluded from the definition of Officer any legal or professional advisers acting in their legal or professional capacity without any interest (in excess of a 5% shareholding) in the Club other than as its advisers.

"Parent Undertaking" has the meaning set out in Section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006.

Guidance: The **"Parent Undertaking"** of a Club is not limited to the immediate parent company (or companies) of the Club entity, but includes the parent company (or companies) above the immediate parent company.

"Person" means any natural person and / or any Entity.

"Potential Disqualifying Event" means in respect of any Person, where they are the subject of an ongoing investigation by a UK government appointed regulatory authority or a UK criminal authority (or any equivalent body or authority of competent jurisdiction anywhere in the world) for conduct which, if proven, would result in the Person being disqualified under Regulation 1.1.

"Proposed Acquirer" shall have the meaning given to it in Regulation 2.5.

"Regulatory Commission" shall have the meaning given to it in The FA Rules.

"Relevant Signatory" means an Authorised Signatory, and / or any Person who is authorised to sign on behalf of a Club a Declaration, a written contract of employment with a Player (other than an Academy Player), a transfer agreement and / or any transfer or registration form in respect of a Player (other than an Academy Player) as may be required by Leagues OpCo from time to time.

"Season" means the period specified by the Board in accordance with Rule 10.2.1 which shall be between the date in each football season on which the first Match is played until the date on which the last Match is played and references to [YYYY / YY Season] shall be construed accordingly.

"Shares" means shares of any class or other equity securities.

"Significant Interest" means the holding and / or possession of the legal or beneficial interest in, and / or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 10% or more of the total

voting rights exercisable in respect of the Shares of the Club. All or part of any such interest may be held directly or indirectly or by contract including, but not limited to, by way of membership of any group that in the opinion of Leagues OpCo are acting in concert, and any rights or powers held by an Associate shall be included for the purposes of determining whether an interest or interests amounts to a "Significant Interest".

"Spent Conviction" means a conviction in respect of which the offender is treated as rehabilitated for the purposes of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 or, where this statute does not apply for any reason, a conviction which would be so treated had the provisions of the statute applied.

"Step" shall have the meaning given to it in The FA's National League System Regulations.

"Subsidiary Undertaking" has the meaning set out in Section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited (company number 00077797) which is the national governing body for football in England.

"The FA Rules" means the Rules of The Football Association Limited as amended from time to time.

"UK Sanctions" means sanctions imposed from time to time by the United Kingdom government pursuant to the Sanctions and Money Laundering Act 2018, or any sanction regulations made thereunder, which results in the Person being listed in the UK Government sanctions list.

"UK Sanctions Restricted Person" means any Person that is, or is owned or controlled (as such terms are interpreted in accordance with applicable UK sanctions laws and regulations) by one or more Persons that are, subject to UK Sanctions.

Appendix 2: Declaration

ALL SECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PERSON SEEKING TO BECOME AN OFFICER ON OR AFTER 1 AUGUST 2025 OF A CLUB THAT IS A MEMBER OF LEAGUES OPCO, AND SIGNED UP TO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO GOVERN THE CLUB'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITIONS.

Any individual completing this Form, either for themselves or on behalf of an Entity, should read the Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations supplied to their Club and contained within the League Competition Regulations before doing so. All questions below must be completed by the proposed Officer (or where the proposed Officer is an Entity, by an individual suitably authorised to execute legal documents on that Entity's behalf), and the Form must be signed by both the proposed Officer (or the suitably authorised individual as applicable) and by or on behalf of the Club.

#	Details Required	Completed by proposed Officer			
1.	Proposed Officer's Full Name <i>(full company name and number if proposed Officer is an Entity)</i>				
2.	Previous or other names				
3.	Date of birth <i>(or N / A if proposed Officer is an Entity)</i>				
4.	Full address <i>(home address if proposed Officer is an individual or registered office address if an Entity)</i>				
5.	Email address				
6.	Full name of Club <i>(full company name to be provided)</i>				
7.	Company number of Club				
8.	Position to be held <i>(e.g. Chairperson, Director etc)</i>				
9.	Proposed start date				
10.	Proposed shareholding <i>(enter % of shareholding or N / A)</i>				
11.	Has the proposed Officer held a position as an Officer of any football club in England or Wales since 1 February 2005				
12.	If Yes:	Date From	Date To	Position	Name of Club

I confirm that [I] / [name of Entity] am aware of the duties and responsibilities of an Officer under applicable laws in England and Wales, and of a Club as set out in the League Competition Regulations and The FA Rules. [I] / [name of Entity] have considered taking professional advice on this matter where appropriate.

I hereby declare [on behalf of [name of Entity]] that:-

Guidance: For the purposes of this Declaration, individuals who are proposed Officers shall only be giving the declarations which are applicable to natural persons. Individuals who are signing for and on behalf of proposed Officers who are Entities, shall only be giving the declarations which are applicable to corporate entities. References to "I" in the declarations shall be construed as applying to Entities where applicable. Specific forms are available upon request from Leagues OpCo.

- (i) I have not previously been found by a Regulatory Commission to have acted in breach of Rule B of The FA's Rules;
- (ii) I have not, in relation to the assessment of my compliance with any owners' and directors' test regulations or Rule B of The FA Rules (including any similar or equivalent rules of Leagues OpCo, The FA, The Premier League or The English Football League) at any time:
 - a. failed to provide all relevant information (including, without limitation, information relating to any other Person who would qualify as an Officer but has not been disclosed, including where he / she or they are acting as a proxy, agent or nominee for another Person); or
 - b. provided false, misleading or inaccurate information;
- (iii) I am not either directly or indirectly involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club (including the direct or indirect holding of a Significant Interest in that other Club);
- (iv) I do not either directly or indirectly hold or will acquire any Significant Interest in a Club whilst I either directly or indirectly hold any interest in any class of Shares of another Club;
- (v) I am not prohibited by law from being a Director (including without limitation as a result of being subject to a disqualification order as a director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (as amended or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect) (the "CDDA"), or subject to the terms of an undertaking given to the Secretary of State under the CDDA where a court of competent jurisdiction has not otherwise made an order under the CDDA permitting an appointment as an Officer);
- (vi) I have not been subject to two disqualifications, suspensions or like sanctions for any of the matters set out in (v) above (irrespective of whether any such disqualification, suspension or sanction is current or not);
- (vii) I do not have a Conviction (which is not a Spent Conviction) imposed by a court of the United Kingdom or a competent court of foreign jurisdiction:
 - a. in respect of which an unsuspended sentence of at least 12 months' imprisonment was imposed;
 - b. in respect of any offence involving any act which could reasonably be considered:
 - i. to be dishonest (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed);
 - ii. to have involved violence including, by way of example and without limitation, offences under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861;
 - iii. to constitute fraud of any kind, including by way of example and without limitation, tax fraud, tax evasion, identity theft, electoral fraud, bribery, online fraud, money laundering and benefit fraud;
 - iv. to constitute corruption;
 - v. to constitute perverting the course of justice;

- vi. to constitute a serious breach of any requirement under the 2006 Act or the Companies Act 1985 as amended, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
 - vii. to constitute a Hate Crime;
 - c. in respect of one of the following offences or a directly analogous offence in a foreign jurisdiction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, irrespective of the actual sentence imposed):
 - i. dishonestly receiving a programme broadcast from within the UK with intent to avoid payment under s.297 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988;
 - ii. admitting spectators to watch a football match at unlicensed premises under s.9 of the Football Spectators Act 1989;
 - iii. Persons subject to a banning order (as defined) under Schedule 1 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 as amended, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;
 - iv. Ticket touting in relation to football tickets under s.166 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994; and / or
 - d. for attempting or conspiring to commit offences as set out in (vii) above.
- (viii) I do not have two or more Convictions for any of the matters set out in (vii)b.i and (vii)c.i above, irrespective of whether such Convictions are Spent Convictions or not;
- (ix) I acknowledge that Leagues OpCo may consider it a Disqualifying Event if, in its reasonable opinion, it considers that I have engaged in conduct outside the United Kingdom that constitutes an offence as set out in (vii)b.i or (vii)c above, if such conduct had taken place in the United Kingdom, whether or not such conduct resulted in a Conviction. I am not aware of any such conduct outside the United Kingdom where I consider it likely (acting reasonably and in good faith) that Leagues OpCo would consider it to be a Disqualifying Event;
- (x) I am not the subject of:
- a. an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (including any fast track voluntary arrangement);
 - b. a debt relief order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 7A of the 1986 Act);
 - c. an administration order (in accordance with Part 6 of the County Courts Act 1984);
 - d. an enforcement restriction order (in accordance with the provisions of Part 6A of the County Courts Act 1984);
 - e. a debt management scheme or debt repayment plan (in accordance with provisions of Chapter 4 of Part 5 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007); and / or
 - f. an Interim Bankruptcy Restriction Order, a Bankruptcy Restriction Order or a Bankruptcy Order (or any equivalent provisions in any jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect);
- or any equivalent provision in any other jurisdiction which has a substantially similar effect, and in each case as may be amended from time to time;
- (xi) I have not been subject to two or more arrangements, orders, schemes, plans or provisions in respect of any of the matters set out in (x) above, irrespective of whether any arrangement, order, scheme, plan or provision is current or not;
- (xii) (if applicable), in respect of an Entity, the relevant Entity has not suffered an Insolvency Event and I am not aware that it is likely that the Entity will be the subject of an Insolvency Event within the next 12 months (acting reasonably);

- (xiii) I am not and have not been an Officer of a Club (or club) which, while I have been an Officer of it, has suffered two or more unconnected Insolvency Events in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed (and for the purposes of this declaration and declaration (xiv), I shall be deemed to have been an Officer of a Club (or club) which has suffered an Insolvency Event if such Insolvency Event occurred in the one year immediately following me having ceased to be an Officer of that Club (or club));
- (xiv) I have not been an Officer of two or more Clubs (or clubs) each of which, while I have been an Officer of them, have suffered an Insolvency Event in respect of each of which a deduction of points was imposed.
- (xv) I have not been in an equivalent role to that of an Officer:
- a. in two or more Entities that have each been subject to or suffered unconnected Insolvency Events; or
 - b. in an Entity that has been subject to or suffered two or more unconnected Insolvency Events,
- where in either case the Insolvency Event / s occurred in the ten years that immediately preceded me ceasing to act in that capacity (but where the Insolvency Event / s occurred whilst I held that role), or within one year thereafter.
- For the purposes of this declaration (xv): (a) where any Entity has been subject to more than one Insolvency Event during the process of compromising or entering into a composition with its creditors (for example, administration followed by exit via a company voluntary arrangement), this will only count as one Insolvency Event; (b) it shall not apply where I was carrying out an equivalent role to that of an Officer in my capacity as an authorised insolvency practitioner;
- (xvi) I am not subject to any unsatisfied judgment or court order for payment of any monetary amount (and all appeal rights have been exhausted);
- (xvii) I am not subject to a suspension or ban from involvement in the administration of a sport by any ruling body of a sport that is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, UK Sport, or Sport England, another of the home country sports councils, or any other national or international sporting association or governing body, whether such suspension or ban is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the ruling body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);
- (xviii) I am not the subject of any form of suspension, disqualification or striking-off by a professional body including, without limitation, the Law Society, the Solicitors' Regulation Authority, the Bar Council or the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales or any equivalent body in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales, whether such suspension, disqualification or striking-off is direct or indirect (for example a direction to Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the professional body that they should not employ, contract with or otherwise engage or retain the services of an individual);
- (xix) I am not subject to a suspension or ban or other form of disqualification by any:
- a. UK government appointed regulatory body (including, by way of example and without limitation, the Charities Commission, Ofcom, the Financial Conduct Authority, the Prudential Conduct Authority, the Gambling Commission and / or HMRC); and / or
 - b. body equivalent to those set out in this declaration (xix) of competent jurisdiction anywhere in the world;
- (xx) I have not been subject to two or more suspensions, bans, disqualifications or strikings-off as set out in declarations (xvii) to (xix), irrespective of whether they are current or not;
- (xxi) I have not been removed from acting as a trustee of a pension scheme by the Pensions Regulator or a court, or have otherwise seriously contravened the pensions regulatory system (whether in the United Kingdom or by any equivalent body or court of competent jurisdiction anywhere in the world);

- (xxii) I have not been an Officer or Relevant Signatory at a Club (or held an equivalent role at a club) that has been expelled from either Leagues OpCo and / or the Competitions (including when such Competitions were owned and operated by The FA), The Premier League, The English Football League or a competition in Step 1 to Step 4 of the National League System whilst I was in that role at that Club (or club) or in the one year immediately following my ceasing to act in that capacity for the Club (or club);
- (xxiii) I have not been in an equivalent role to that of an Officer or Relevant Signatory at any club or team in any other sport anywhere in the world which, pursuant to the rules of the relevant sports governing body, has been removed (other than by way of relegation on sporting merit after completion of a full season) from the applicable league or competition whilst I was in that role (or in the one year immediately following my ceasing to act in that capacity for that club / team);
- (xxiv) I am not required to notify personal information pursuant to Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof;
- (xxv) I have not been found to have breached (irrespective of any sanction actually imposed), nor have I admitted breaching (irrespective of whether disciplinary proceedings were brought or not):
- a. Rule E5 of The FA Rules in relation to bribes, gifts or rewards or other matters in relation to matches;
 - b. Rule E8 of The FA Rules in relation to betting;
 - c. Rule E9 of The FA Rules in relation to attempts and agreements to breach Rules E5 or E8 of The FA Rules; or any other rules in force from time to time in relation to the prohibition on betting on football (whether in England or Wales or elsewhere);
- (xxvi) I am not an FA Registered Football Agent nor am I a Football Agent (as defined under FIFA's Football Agent Regulations) nor am I registered as an intermediary or agent pursuant to the regulations of FIFA and / or any national member association of FIFA;
- (xxvii) Either:
- a. (if applicable) I am not an individual falling within the definition of a UK Sanctions Restricted Person; or
 - b. (if applicable) the Entity the subject of this declaration is not, nor are any of their, directors, officers or employees, the subject of UK Sanctions;

I confirm that I am not currently the subject of any current legal proceedings for any of the matters detailed in this declaration and / or which would constitute Disqualifying Events if I were to be found liable. Where such proceedings exist, I shall provide full details upon request from Leagues OpCo. I confirm that I shall advise Leagues OpCo in writing immediately of the outcome of any such proceedings when determined.

I, the proposed Officer, confirm that I have read the Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations (including the guidance notes therein), and acknowledge that my data will be processed for the purposes of ensuring the integrity of the sport and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

I certify that the above information is correct and I acknowledge and agree that Leagues OpCo shall be entitled to undertake such checks as may be necessary to verify the information contained within this Declaration. I acknowledge that:

- (a) if I provide a false declaration then I am liable to such penalties as are set out in the League Competition Regulations;
- (b) having submitted this Declaration, in the event that the status of any of the declarations changes:
 - i. I must notify the Club within three working days; and
 - ii. I will be unable to act as an Officer of a Club immediately upon notifying the Club;

- (c) Leagues OpCo shall have the power to publish in the public press, in any other manner it considers appropriate:
- i. the outcome of its consideration of any Declaration or Confirmation (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the fact that I have failed to satisfy the requirements of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations);
 - ii. the fact and / or detail of any instruction or notice issued; or
 - iii. any other matter relating to the application of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations to me as a proposed Officer, whether or not this reflects on my character or conduct.

In signing this Declaration the proposed Officer confirms their agreement to be bound by the League Competition Regulations and that they will be considered to be a Participant pursuant to the League Competition Regulations.

Signature of proposed Official:
[(for and on behalf of [Name of Entity])]

Signed:_____

Name (Print):_____

Date:_____

Signature of Authorised Signatory:

I hereby confirm that I am an Authorised Signatory of the Club and that to the best of the Club's knowledge and belief the above information is correct. I acknowledge that:

- (a) if the Club gives a false declaration then it is liable to such penalties as are set out in the League Competition Regulations;
- (b) Leagues OpCo shall have the power to publish in the public press, in any other manner it considers appropriate:
 - i. the outcome of its consideration of any Declaration or Confirmation (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the fact that a proposed Officer has failed to satisfy the requirements of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations);
 - ii. the fact and / or detail of any instruction or notice issued; or
 - iii. any other matter relating to the application of these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations to the Club, a proposed Officer, or Officer, whether or not this reflects on the character or conduct of the Club, proposed Officer or Officer.

Signed:_____

Name (Print):_____

Date:_____

For and on behalf of [Name of Club]

(Note: the Authorised Signatory signing for and on behalf of the Club must be an existing Officer unless directed otherwise by Leagues OpCo in advance in writing).

All pages of this Form must be returned to: ODT Declarations, League Standards and Regulations, 2 Woodbridge Street, London, EC1R 0DG.

(by some form of signed for / recorded / special delivery with a proof of delivery available).

Or by email to licensing@womenspro-game.com.

Appendix 3: OADT – Overdue Forms Fine Tariff

Days Overdue	1-7 days	8-21 days	22 and over*
Where the Club has not submitted the Declaration by the time specified in these Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations	£300	£400	£500

*Clubs fined this amount for each period of four weeks that the Form remains unsubmitted.

OADT – FALSE INFORMATION FINE TARIFF

	Fixed Fine
Where the Club has submitted false information in the Declaration	£2,000