



**English Clubs Championship
London & S. E. Division**

**EXPLANATORY NOTICE No. 8
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATION OF POINTS DEDUCTIONS

The London Competitions Committee has always operated the principle that a points deduction for any alleged offence or breach of Regulation should NOT be applied to the League Table until such time as the whole appeal process had been exhausted.

The net result of this policy has been to delay the regular production of an **accurate** League Table for quite a long time and has often led to other clubs in a league starting to get rather too interested in creating their own judgments.

Clearly neither of these outcomes is desirable and the London Competitions Committee has decided that it is in the best interests of the Competition as a whole to make some changes to the policy.

The Committee is mindful that there are some alleged breaches where the circumstances are such that a full appeal is, if not virtually inevitable, certainly highly likely. It is not the desire of the London Competitions Committee to give any appearance of pre-judgment and, in these circumstances, the long-standing policy of awaiting due process will continue.

BUT; there are circumstances when the issues are, or at very least give the appearance of being, very clear-cut and there is little or nothing to be gained by delaying the transparent application of a points deduction onto the published league table.

Where, for example, a game is not played on the appointed date because one of the teams cannot raise a side the deduction will normally be made immediately on the evening of the missed game. However; the application of an immediate deduction does NOT affect a clubs rights to use the appeal procedures