



English Clubs Championship London & S. E. Division

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ACCURACY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE CLUB AND THAT HELD BY THE LONDON COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

Rugby First is a useful tool but it has constraints as far as London Competitions Administration is concerned and, in any event, is only as good as the effort the clubs put into keeping it up-dated. Equally; the content of the Handbook has become, in many cases, quite sloppy and dated.

Accordingly; London Competitions relies for accuracy on the Change of Club Contact Form which should be returned by every club in September. This year there are new requirements – TWO valid email address and a phone number for matchday contact – as outlined below.

1. Information relating to Eligibility of Players

Rugby First is the **ONLY** source of accurate information on whether a player is eligible to play. All Clubs have access to their Registration List and can view it at any time day or night. Clubs are warned that using “we thought he was registered” as a grounds for appeal against an eligibility deduction is **virtually certain to fail** as is a convoluted argument, usually blaming others for the failure, about why he really should have been registered. Likewise clubs can use Rugby First to identify whether a player is registered elsewhere when considering using the RFU Regulation 13.4.1(b) and only such investigation would constitute “diligent enquiry”.

2. Information distributed to Clubs by London Competitions Administration.

London’s SOLE point of contact is with the nominated League Contact whose details **cannot** be updated on Rugby First. London Competitions is not able to utilise the Rugby First databases nor has any means of tracking changes that a club may make to it. Therefore; the information we use is solely that supplied by the club either on the Club Contact Update Form or updated in writing on Club Letterhead to the Divisional Secretary.

3. Information used by the Results Service.

The Results Service needs a telephone number which can be GUARANTEED to supply the match result shortly after 5.30 pm if the club has failed to call in. In this respect some club entries in the Handbook have become something of a farce varying, as they do, from the groundsman’s shed to the Secretary’s sitting-room!!

The Acknowledgement Form now asks for a “missing result” phone number. This is a REQUIREMENT so if either a) no number is supplied or b) the supplied number fails to ascertain the information immediately, the fine for non-phoning will be surcharged.