



**WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
AND  
SCOTTISH AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**



**AGREEMENT ON PROCESS FOR CLUBS TO JOIN THE WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

- I. This agreement will be binding on both parties and shall be reviewed in full on an annual basis
- II. Any club in membership of the Scottish Amateur Football Association for a minimum period of one year and based in the geographical boundaries stated below shall be eligible to apply to join the West of Scotland Football League following the process stipulated in parts VI-XV of this agreement.
- III. The definition of the geographical boundary of the West of Scotland Football League is the local authority boundaries of Argyll, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, and West Dunbartonshire.
- IV. In the event of a vacancy in membership arising in the West of Scotland Football League, the vacancy shall be filled by an accredited applicant club, based within the said geographical boundary that is in membership of the Scottish Amateur Football Association or an accredited club as per part V.
- V. Any club currently in membership of any League within the Scottish football pyramid that makes application to join the West of Scotland Football League shall automatically be deemed to be an accredited club.

**PROCEDURE TO BECOME AN ACCREDITED CLUB**

- VI. The West of Scotland Football League shall make an online application form available for clubs to complete on its website [www.wosfl.co.uk](http://www.wosfl.co.uk). Clubs will also be eligible to access the League's constitution, ground criteria and any other documentation required to support and application.
- VII. Upon completion of the application form, a delegate(s) nominated by the Board of the West of Scotland Football League will arrange to complete a site visit and discuss the application with club officials. At this point the Scottish Amateur FA will be advised of the application from their member Club.
- VIII. The site of the visit must be the at club's home ground which must meet the minimum requirements stipulated by the West of Scotland Football League ground criteria. No club will be permitted accredited status should the ground not satisfy the entry level requirements, nor will any alternative groundshare arrangement, temporary or otherwise, be permitted if solely to satisfy the said criteria.

- IX. Upon completion of the site visit, the Board member will then either notify the club in writing of any issues that need to be addressed to meet the required criteria for membership. It will be the responsibility of the club thereafter to maintain contact with the League delegate and arrange a further site visit once all the stated issues have been addressed.
- X. Once the League delegate is satisfied that criteria has been met, they will agree for the club to be included on a list of accredited clubs.
- XI. The criteria for membership may be altered at any time at the discretion of the West of Scotland Football League
- XII. Once the application process has commenced, the application shall be valid for a period of three years. If during that period, the applicant club has not satisfied the requirements to become an accredited club, a new application process must be completed.
- XIII. In the event of a vacancy in membership of the West of Scotland Football League arising, all accredited clubs will be invited to make a presentation on their application to a panel made up of two representatives of the West of Scotland Football League and two representatives of the Scottish Amateur Football Association. The panel will be chaired by a representative of the West of Scotland Football League who shall have the casting vote, should one be required.
- XIV. The success or otherwise of the accredited club on the park will have no bearing on any application for membership which shall solely be judged upon the club satisfying the criteria as stipulated by the West of Scotland Football League.
- XV. In the event an application is received from a club currently playing youth football, that application will be rejected, and the club will be invited to make an application to join the Scottish Amateur Football Association, and participate in the Scottish Amateur FA, and in due course complete one full season before being eligible to apply.

Signed

**Iain Cowden, President, Scottish Amateur Football Association**

**Matt Bamford, Chairman, West of Scotland Football League**