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The Shield Rules – 2009/2010 Season

1. The Competition shall be called the Shield consisting of 4 leagues, each playing for its relevant winners trophy.
2. Entry to the Competition is by invitation and the aim is to develop competitive rugby at 2nd XV (and lower) level and to improve the standard and consistency of the Fixture lists of those clubs taking part
3. The following clubs will be taking part in the competition for the season 2009/2010:
Barking, Barnes, Basingstoke, Bishops Stortford, Blackheath, Bournemouth, Bracknell, Chinnor, Chobham, Diss, Dorking, Ealing, Esher, Glamorgan Wanderers, Havant, Haywards Heath, Henley, Hertford, London Cornish, London Irish Amateurs, London Scottish, London Welsh, Maidenhead, North Walsham, Old Albanians, Old Paulines, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Redingensians, Richmond, Rosslyn Park, Ruislip, Shelford, Southend, Staines, Sutton & Epsom, Tring, Westcombe Park and Worthing (39 with a total of 45 teams)
4. Matches will be played Home and Away on a semi-structured season basis. Match days are set out as Saturdays but may be played on other days by mutual agreement.
5. Notwithstanding the allocated match dates, re-arrangement by mutual consent is permitted provided all fixtures are completed by 1st May, 2010. If agreement cannot be reached between the two clubs then the fixture WILL take place on the next available (unallocated) Saturday. Teams

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should ensure that reasonable notice is given if fixtures are to be re-arranged in order that the opposition has ample time to consider the re-arrangement (reasonable being at least 7 days). If matches are re-arranged the new date should be confirmed to Steve Appleby , so that the web-site can be updated.

6. The competition will be run with 3 points awarded for a Win, 1 for a Draw and 0 for a Loss.

7. The winners of each Division will be the team scoring the highest number of points as awarded in Rule 6 above. If two or more teams are level then the points scoring ratio (points for minus points against) will be used, if still level then the team scoring the most points will win. The Winners of each Division will receive their relevant division Shield. All Division winners will receive a playing kit

8. The normal League Regulations applying to the constitution of the Front Row **WILL NOT APPLY**. Where one side is unable to field a qualified front row the entire match will be played with uncontested scrums. (This is an attempt to get a game played wherever possible for the benefit of all players concerned, however it is expected that clubs will approach this rule in the spirit that it is meant!! And that teams expecting to be uncontested should give prior notice to the opposition of this fact well in advance !)

9. There is no limit on the size of a playing squad for the Shield games, and therefore no limit on the number of replacements/substitutions - the aim is to give as many players an opportunity to play, within the spirit of this rule. However if teams intend to have a large number of replacements (> 4) agreement from the opposition must be obtained before the match starts (at time of match confirmation if possible). In the event that teams cannot agree, a maximum of 6 will be allowed. If teams wish to have rolling substitutions again this should be agreed prior to the match starting, if agreement cannot be reached rolling substitutions will **NOT** be allowed.

10. Results **MUST** be communicated **BY THE HOME TEAM** (and it is useful if the **AWAY** team reports the result as well) to David Booth by the Sunday evening (latest) after the day of the match either by telephone or e-mail, details here. Failure to do so may see the game declared Void.

11. Teams should endeavour to fulfil the fixture as arranged. If however the match has to be cancelled please ensure that adequate notice is given in order that referees and catering can be notified.

12. Any disputes/enquiries should be referred to the organising committee identified in the **CONTACT** section.