



ENGLISH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH WEST LEAGUES

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Registration Transfer Deadline

All clubs are reminded that the Transfer Deadline this year is on **Friday 27th February 2009**. After that date any player who has been previously Effectively Registered with any Club during the current season and/or is a Contracted Player, Contracted Overseas Player, Foreign Player or an Overseas Player will not be eligible until 15th June.

To meet the deadline the player has to complete his waiting period by the 27th, so all the requisite paperwork must reach the relevant Registrar by Friday 20th February or where expedited registration is applied for, by 3.00pm on Thursday 26th February.

You must ensure that all registration papers are correct as any problems with them may result in the player missing the Transfer Deadline.

Result Cards

Clubs were sent sufficient cards to last the season but any club running low should send an SAE to the Admin Office and more will be supplied. Clubs with second, third or fourth teams should note that the different teams may well have different cards which are not interchangeable.

Phoning in of results & postponements

A reminder to all clubs that they **MUST** phone the result of all home league games to 0845 226 0411 by 5.30pm at the latest. If a match is not played due to the weather or one team being unable to fulfil the fixture it is the home team's responsibility to report this before 3.30pm on Saturday. The procedure has not changed for a number of years – but any club wanting advice on what to do in the event of bad weather should see the guidance notes on the SW website (www.swrugby.co.uk) In order to keep the lines as free as possible clubs are reminded it is not permissible to ask for other scores when phoning their result in.

Playoffs

Clubs are reminded the weekend of the 25th/26th April has been set aside for the playoffs. If both opponents are known in time and clubs wish to bring the match forward by mutual consent they may do so.

Promotion and relegation

These will be decided at the SW Competitions Committee meeting in mid-May once all the issues are known across the country. Details will be placed on the SW Website when available.