

Charter Standard/The England Football Accreditation Scheme

The Dorset Football League has been a strong supporter of the Charter Standard scheme which, in our view, has made an important contribution to keeping leagues and clubs sustainable. We are proud that over three quarters of our clubs are accredited under the standard with significant progress having been made in the last few seasons.

The Football Association is in the process of evolving the current scheme into “The England Football Accreditation Scheme” with the formal launch expected this November. All of our current Charter Standard clubs will automatically transfer and be accredited.

The new “England Football” name is intended to be a new name and visual identity to represent, unite and promote football in England. The aim is to create more chances for everyone to play, coach and support football and better connect the grassroots game with England’s national teams.

Englandfootball.com will become the new digital home for English football players, fans, coaches and volunteers. There will be links to the latest learning resources and administrative tools to help us make managing the grassroots game more efficient. Look out for more information on the DFL website or contact our Charter Standard/England Football Accreditation Representative by emailing derekhansford2020@outlook.com

Teams in the Dorset Football League will be subject to the following three stage disciplinary process.

(PLEASE NOTE)

Penalty points tally and any misconducts are taken from the league statement accessed via the Dorset Football League general secretary and clubs on a weekly basis.

STAGE 1

Clubs will receive a letter from the Dorset Football League warning as to their future conduct having passed 65 penalty points and/or reaching 5E misconduct charges and will be fined £20.

STAGE 2

Clubs will be called before the Dorset Football League Management Committee having passed 85 penalty points and/or reaching 7E misconduct charges and will be fined £30. At this stage clubs must provide an action plan stating how they plan to improve their discipline.

STAGE 3

Clubs will be further called before the Dorset Football League Management Committee upon passing 105 penalty points and/or reaching 9E misconduct charges and will be fined £50. The Charter Standard Sub Committee reserve the right to automatically remove the award for clubs found guilty of serious infringements (i.e. Assault on the match officials) and also for clubs regularly violating league membership rules.