

# The FA Charter Standard Club Programme Constitution and Club Rules Explanation



A large number of the County Associations have more than a thousand clubs in their area and, naturally, a large percentage of these are junior clubs. Many of them begin in the humblest possible way, but it is essential for them to realise that it is necessary to conform to certain regulations. In effect, the club must be properly constituted.

## The First Steps

- (i) Granted this natural eagerness to form a club and to play matches, the next step is to persuade some keen and responsible person – perhaps a teacher, a parent, or an ex-player to assist them to conform to FA regulations.
- (ii) Club rules must be drawn up, affiliation to the County Association must be arranged, and membership must be organised, however nominal a subscription.
- (iii) No County wants to reject or overrule initial keenness; in fact information to help embryo clubs is sent out regularly. Some years ago The Football Association, in response to many requests, drew up a list of suggested rules for newly-formed clubs. These rules are now updated for the benefit of secretaries and organisers.

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