

HAMPSHIRE GIRLS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting June 2026

Minutes

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

AFC Totton, Snows Stadium, Salisbury Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 2RW

Adee opened AGM, and welcomed all to the AGM for the season 2025/26. Please can you all make sure you have signed in so we have a record of clubs who have attended today. Apologies have been received from Committee members:- Barbara Watts (League Welfare Officer), Alison Cooper (Registration Secretary) and Aaron Evans (Divisional Representative)

1. Minutes from AGM 2025 were issued before the meeting on line, there was no matters arising, Proposed by Colin Harris (Clanfield) & 2nd by Gary Pratt (Havant and Waterlooville)
2. Chairman's Report - attached. Proposed by Claire Davidson (Romsey Town) & 2nd by Tracey Wheeler (Stoneham)
3. Secretary's Report - Adee, we have adopted a new league website, which will help with the running of the league. Everything that is on the website for your club will be put there by the club, so therefore any incorrect details will need to be changed by your Club Secretary. Each team will have a Primary Contact and a Club Secretary, any wrong details will be changed at club level. These contact details will be used by opponents to contact teams and therefore replace the need for our usual PDF directory. Please make sure your details are correct and up to date. We have had some difficulties to begin with but have worked through these and are pleased with the results. From the 14th June 2026 the website will go live with all details for the 2026/27 season and all previous data from previous seasons will disappear. The website was designed by Ian Akkers at St Francis and he is running the site and is happy to help if you have any problems. The website email is:- HGFL.org.uk. The league affiliation is being dealt with by Lloyd Brooks - Digital Secretary and will be live by July.
4. Treasurer's Report - accounts and balance sheet attached. This year our surplus, income over expenditure = £2,129 surplus. Members funds £32,080, I still feel it is important to keep around £25,000 for emergencies but I'm open to ideas to spend monies but it needs to benefit every club. We do not need this surplus growing and growing. Accounts were proposed by Tony Swift (St Francis) and 2nd by Lloyd Brooks (AFC Whiteley).
5. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies. We have 9 new clubs asking to be elected into our league. **Basingstoke Colts**, not here tonight, but they were in the old Winchester league in the past, they have teams at u10, u11, u16 and u18. **Corfe Mullen**, not here tonight, but has an u18 side. **Liss Athletic**, not here, were part of Peterfield, an u11 team. **Merley**, not here, comes from the Dorset league with the u12 team. **Milford on Sea**, not here, with an U11 team. **Purbrook**, have a

representative tonight, their club was formed in 1995 and are in partnership with We R Football, they currently have an U18 and U13 teams, but are hoping to add later with U7 team. **Valiente** also has a representative here, they have 2 teams at U14 who will compete in division 2 and division 4.

Wimbourne, representative here tonight, have an U14 team who have been together since U9s playing in the Dorset league, they will compete in our Division 1. **Woolstone Wanderers**, not here tonight, have a new U9 team. Proposed by Kieren Davies (Farnborough) and 2nd by Kelly Flexman (New Milton). Voted in by all those here tonight. Welcome to all our new clubs to our league.

6. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing season. See attached, any issues arising from these please go to your respective rep. The U7 will play in one division, the new 3 v 3 format which we have tried this past season, with no GKs, no refs and no Coach. It is bedlam but brilliant. 4 pitches are set up on a 5 a side pitch with portable goals, that the league have available for games and festivals.

U8 - 3 divisions at 5 a side

U9 - 5 divisions at 5 a side

U10- 4 divisions at 7 a side

U11 - 5 divisions at 7 a side

All above play with a size 3 football

U12 - 6 divisions at 9 a side

U13 - 6 divisions at 9 a side

U14 - 5 divisions at 11 a side

These 3 age groups play with a size 4 ball, we have asked FA to continue to play the U14 age group with a Size 4 ball when they are playing 11 a side in our league, **but**, when playing in the County Cup a Size 5 ball will be used.

U15 - 5 divisions at 11 a side

U16 - 3 divisions at 11 a side

U18 - 4 divisions at 11 a side

These age groups will be using a size 5 ball.

The reps have tried to put teams in the correct division according to their ability, but if you have any issues please take it to your respective Representative. It was reminded that they are all volunteers so please be nice to them.

7. Election of Officers. Vanessa Raynbird (President), thanks to all our Committee and Representatives for their work over the last season and all are willing to continue in their roles for the next season 2026/27. Proposed to vote in on block by Gary Pratt and 2nd by Tracey Wheeler the following:-

Chair - Graham Moores

Treasurer - Graham Moores

League Secretary - Adele Chant

League CWO - Barbara Watts

Proposed by Gary Pratt and 2nd by Colin Harris

8. Alteration of Rules, see the attached for details of the proposed changes.

To allow Rule 18j to work team sheets need to be checked, dual signed players should have Capital D by the player, they can be dual signed at different age groups within the league or another league. Saturday and Sunday are totally separate so players can freely play in one team one day and another the other day.

Rule 20A allowing the latest KO time to be amended from 1200 to 1230 Majority vote

Is to allow two full size games to be played each morning (varies on how pitches are allocated). It was pointed out that some clubs are unable to get a pitch until 1300, so these will need 7 days' notice and agreement from the opposition. The rule would apply to all age groups but be aware that the U16 and U18 have jobs in the afternoon and therefore have difficulty fielding a side. Some clubs arranged for the older ones to play first, voted on amendment and carried.

Cup Rule was modified to allow byes to be counted as opportunity to play a game.

County Cup changes so a team chooses what county cup they play and only plays in one County Cup on Saturday schedule. This also fits in with new Dorset rules that states Dorset teams only play in their cup.

While on the subject of our cup and plate, with the introduction of the Trophy and Trophy Plate the number of finals has increased, with this season resulting in seven days of finals. We would like to continue with these but need help. It would need around 10-15 people to help from March onwards; you don't have to be on the committee just happy to help at the finals. We have had help this year from Kelly's daughter and Graham's family. All helpers would be given free food and drink. If you can help, please Email either Adee/Graham and we will let you know the details after Christmas.

9. Fix date for start/finish of playing season, will commence of 1st September 2026 and finish on 31st May 2027. Winchester City Flyers will be holding their annual tournament on the 5th September 2026, the first full set of fixtures will be on 12th September 2026. If you are not attending the tournament, feel free to ask your representative to provide you with a league fixture

10. Referee Secretary's Report - Dave Simpson thanks for all your support this season. I have been injured this year so it has enabled me to view and mentor games. Please keep sending your feedback. I cover a large area of the league around Southampton. The Portsmouth area is run by Joe, and I have no access to the feedback he receives. Also Dorset and Basingstoke appoint independently. Please always fill in stats and score your refs, this flows into the system. I am also happy for your feedback and if you would like to contact me, do. I look for patterns and trends and watch and guide. Our older refs also need help and guidance. Please contact me even if in the Portsmouth or Dorset area, I'm happy to be a point of contact and will liaise with Joe. We have young refs who want to progress and need your feedback. Those refs who are doing this for the money, you are paying so they need to provide a service for you. If you do not have a ref and the

position is filled by a parent, coach or grandparent remember they are trying to help and enable the game to be played. All refs need to be 14 years and above. If there is no ref appointed by Thursday night it's unlikely you will have one so sort yourself. There is no news on whether the fees will increase for next season, waiting on Hants FA, will let you know when I do, this has bearing on increase of cost of clubs subs. The costs of the refs fee are paid by the home team, so it was noted that it is very annoying when playing some teams away where there is no official ref (is this deliberate to cut costs?)

11. Discipline Officer's Report - Gary Pratt reports that every team can obtain their team sheet from the Club Portal, mark all Dual signed players with a D. You are unable to complain about an eligible player if you have not checked their team sheet. This is for every game, cup or league. Do not exchange just show. If you still have an issue play the game, you can protest and challenge the game. On the subject of eligible players, girls do have short hair, if they are on the team sheet they are eligible to play, do not upset the player, parent or coach. Complete result cards on Full Time, name the whole team, subs used, subs not used and the scorer. If teams are not completing their results we as a league will issue fines. Don't use the Match Day App, it does not cover all the stats required. Any complaints on the touchline need a ticket number issued by Hants FA or Dorset FA. Please copy Gary in then we will know and be able to help if you are struggling with this system. Contact me, Gary Pratt, by email as the phone number is directed to my wife!! This season 3 players were unable to play in finals as they were not on stats for the semi final. It is important that you make sure all stats are up to date and correct.
12. Ian, who is developing our website says out of 413 teams currently only 145 have registered their team, therefore only these will see details. The league portal should already be open, but Adeo needs to change registration date.

Meeting closed at 2130hrs

Pre-Season meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2026 AFC Totton, Snods Stadium, Salisbury Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 2RW