

Football Governance Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*Tabled up to and including
20 November 2024*

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Clause 1

LORD HAYWARD

Clause 1, page 1, line 4, after second “the”, insert “success and”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out “sustainability” and insert “growth and success”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 1, page 2, line 4, at end insert –

“(c) requires regulated clubs to have access to funds that can meet their financial commitments for a six month period.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 1, page 2, line 4, at end insert –

“(c) meets environmental sustainability requirements set out in subsection (3A).”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 1, page 2, line 4, at end insert –

“(3A) In subsection (3), “environmental sustainability requirements” means –
(a) operating in a way that will achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and
(b) materially reducing negative impact on the natural world and all species that inhabit it.”

Clause 2

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

★ Clause 2, page 2, line 34, at end insert –

“(3A) Regulations made under subsection (3) must specify the National League North and the National League South.”

Schedule 2

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 2, page 85, line 20, leave out “chair” and insert “Board”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 2, page 85, line 23, leave out “chair” and insert “Board”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 2, page 85, line 27, leave out from “unless” to end of line 28 and insert “they do not have a conflict of interest.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 2, page 85, line 28, at end insert –

“(1A) A member of the Board must declare their conflicts of interest and the Chief Executive Officer must maintain a register of interests of members of the Board.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 2, page 86, line 13, leave out “may” and insert “must”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 2, page 87, line 13, leave out “may” and insert “must”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 2, page 90, line 21, at end insert –

“(1A) Members of the Expert Panel must declare their interests and the Chief Executive Officer must maintain a register of interests of members of the Expert Panel.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 2, page 90, line 30, leave out from “unless” to end of line 31 and insert “they do not have a conflict of interest.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 2, page 91, line 8, leave out “may” and insert “must”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 2, page 91, line 39, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Clause 6

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 6, page 5, line 11, after “resilience” insert “and sustainability”

Clause 7

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 7, page 5, line 26, at end insert –

“(d) adverse effects on the financial position, soundness, or sustainability of any regulated club or group of regulated clubs relative to other clubs.”

After Clause 7

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Support to clubs

- (1) The IFR must provide reasonable and proportionate assistance to –
 - (a) regulated clubs seeking to obtain a provisional club licence,
 - (b) clubs with a provisional club licence seeking a full club licence, and
 - (c) unregulated clubs which are reasonably likely to become regulated clubs in the next football season.
- (2) The IFR must provide reasonable and proportionate assistance to regulated clubs in their efforts to continue to comply with the conditions of their provisional club licence or full club licence.
- (3) In fulfilling its duty under subsections (1) and (2), the IFR must have regard to the factors listed in section 53(9).
- (4) This assistance may come in the form of –
 - (a) financial support,
 - (b) training, and
 - (c) support staff.”

Clause 8

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –

“(iv) football organisations representing minority groups and communities;”

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE

★ Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –

“(iv) professional football players and their representatives.”

After Clause 8

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

After Clause 8, insert the following new Clause –

“Reporting duty

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed and annually thereafter, the IFR must publish a report on the extent to which they have –
 - (a) achieved their objectives under Section 6 of this Act,
 - (b) discharged their general duties under Section 7 of this Act, and
 - (c) complied with their regulatory principles under Section 8 of this Act.
- (2) The IFR must provide this report to the Secretary of State, who must lay it before Parliament.”

Clause 10

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 35, after “football” insert “, including factors related to the community and social impact of regulated clubs”

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 10, page 6, line 38, at end insert –

“(ba) an assessment of how the IFR in exercising its functions under this Act avoids the effects set out in section 7(2),

- (bb) an assessment of how the IFR in exercising its functions under this Act avoids placing an undue burden on the commercial interests of specified competition organisers, and”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) an assessment and measure of how well each club is operated and managed, considering the threshold requirements and the mandatory licence conditions and such other factors as the IFR may determine from time to time.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) an assessment of any existing and effective financial distribution agreement against the principles set out in section 62(2).”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) regardless of whether any women’s football competitions have been specified, consideration of the state of women’s football in England.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) an assessment and examination of the financial consequences, and the impact on the integrity of specified competitions, of multi-club ownership models.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) an assessment of player welfare, taking into account the number of games played and any other issues the IFR deems relevant.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 10, page 6, line 41, at end insert –

- “(d) an assessment of the efficacy of the enforcement by each specified competition organiser of its relevant rules surrounding profit, sustainability, and financial fair play between its regulated clubs, and
- (e) an assessment of the progress of each club, and of the progress of English football as a whole, against metrics measuring and principles governing –
 - (i) equality, diversity and inclusion,
 - (ii) environmental sustainability,
 - (iii) social impact (including how participation reflects local demographics), and
 - (iv) ethics.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 10, page 7, line 2, leave out “18” and insert “12”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 10, page 7, line 6, leave out “five” and insert “three”

Clause 11

BARONESS BRADY

- ★ Clause 11, page 7, line 26, leave out “three” and insert “five”

Clause 12

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 12, page 7, line 37, leave out from ‘under’ to end of line 38 and insert ‘this Act.’

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 12, page 8, line 1, after ‘(1)’ insert ‘so far as it relates to sections 21 to 25 (discretionary licence conditions)’

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 12, page 8, line 3, leave out subsection (3)

After Clause 14

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause –

“Reporting requirements (women’s football)

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than eighteen months after the date on which this Act is passed, carry out a review of the professional tiers of women’s football to determine whether the competitions specified by the Secretary of State under section 2(3) should include women’s football competitions.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the review should take account of –
 - (a) the State of the Game Report,
 - (b) the risk of financial failure in women’s football, and
 - (c) such other considerations as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The results of the review must be published and laid before Parliament.”

Clause 16

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 16, page 10, line 10, after “owner” insert “and their source of funds”

Schedule 4

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 4, page 96, line 13, at end insert “, and

- (d) the home ground threshold requirement (see paragraph 6).”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 4, page 97, line 15, after “has” insert “structures and processes for effective engagement with its fans and”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 4, page 97, line 24, at end insert—

- “(f) match ticket prices and kick-off times;
- (g) any proposal by a club to play matches in a prohibited competition within the meaning of section 45(4);
- (h) any proposal by a club to play home matches at a ground other than the club’s home ground, before giving notice of that intention to the IFR under section 48(1);
- (i) any other matters that the IFR may notify clubs are relevant matters from time to time.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 4, page 98, line 3, at end insert—

“Home ground

- 6 (1) The home ground threshold requirement is met, in relation to a club, if the club—
- (a) has security of tenure over a home ground for at least the minimum period, and
 - (b) the home ground is suitable for the club's use for footballing purposes.
- (2) In subsection (a), the minimum period is 20 years, or such other period as the IFR may determine in respect of a particular club (where there are compelling reasons why it should be shortened).
- (3) In determining whether subsection (b) is satisfied in respect of a club, the IFR shall have regard to the specified competition and league in which a club plays and whether the facilities satisfy the requirements set out by the relevant competition organiser(s), as well as any other factors that it deems relevant.
- (4) In this paragraph, "home ground" shall have the meaning given to it in section 46(10)(a).”

Schedule 5

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 98, line 11, at end insert—

- “(e) an Asset of Community Value condition.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 5, page 98, line 11, at end insert—

“(e) a corporate responsibility condition.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 98, line 11, at end insert—

“(e) an enforcement condition.”

BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY

★ Schedule 5, page 99, line 11, leave out paragraph (ii)

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 5, page 99, line 12, after “inclusion” insert “including, but not limited to, the diversity of season ticket holders, the diversity of staff and the diversity of its Senior Managers”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 99, line 35, at end insert “and the process by which decisions are made (including compliance with the factors set out in paragraph 13)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 5, page 101, line 5, at end insert—

“Asset of Community Value

- 11A The Asset of Community Value condition is a condition requiring a club to either—
- (a) obtain and maintain Asset of Community Value status for its home ground, or
 - (b) incorporate into its Articles of Association a restriction which substantially mirrors the restrictions placed on Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011,
- and the Secretary of State may create regulations detailing further the implementation of the Asset of Community Value condition.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 101, line 5, at end insert –

“Corporate responsibility

- 11A The corporate responsibility condition is a condition requiring a club to –
- (a) demonstrate due consideration of the impact of the club’s operations and activities on society and the environment;
 - (b) take reasonable steps to –
 - (i) achieve the environmental sustainability requirements (set out in section 1(3)), and
 - (ii) increase diversity and inclusion of underrepresented groups and to eliminate discrimination;
 - (c) have a material positive impact on the community in which it (or its associated charitable entity) operates;
 - (d) establish and keep updated a target, which is consistent with corporate governance best practice, in respect of the gender diversity of the officers identified in section 4(1)(b) of the club;
 - (e) report as part of the corporate governance statement (see paragraph 4) its compliance with sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) above (and ensure that any associated charitable entity provides any information required to comply with this sub-paragraph).”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Schedule 5, page 101, line 8, at end insert –

“Enforcement

- 13 An enforcement condition is a condition requiring a club to incorporate and maintain within its Articles of Association (or equivalent constitutional document) provisions which:
- (a) require any person in respect of whom the IFR makes an order under section 43 to:
 - (i) transfer the shares and/or voting rights which are held, directly or indirectly, in the club by that person (or by the trustees or members referred to in paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1),
 - (ii) terminate that person's right (or that of the trustees or members referred to in paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1) to exercise, or cease to exercise, significant influence or control over the activities of the club, and
 - (iii) terminate that person's right (or that of the trustees or members referred to in paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1) to appoint or remove an officer of the club, and

- (b) empower any director of the club, or any trustee appointed by virtue of an order under section 43, to complete, execute and deliver in the name of, and as agent and attorney on behalf of, the person referred to in paragraph 13(a) (or the trustees or members referred to in paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1) all documents necessary to fulfil that person's obligations under paragraph 13(a)."

Clause 26

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 26, page 19, line 16, at end insert –

- (c) respects and promotes the protection of human rights and prevents modern slavery (as set out in section (*Human rights and modern slavery considerations*))."

Clause 28

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 28, page 20, line 37, at end insert –

- “(v) how the applicant satisfies the individual ownership fitness criteria;”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 28, page 21, line 4, at end insert “and the applicant has provided a commitment to maintain long-term use of the relevant club’s home ground (with said commitment to be codified in such form as the IFR may determine).”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 28, page 21, line 8, after first “the” insert “applicant has demonstrated, and the”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 28, page 21, line 12, at end insert –

- (c) the applicant has provided a commitment to maintain long-term use of the relevant club’s home ground (with said commitment to be codified in such form as the IFR may determine).”

After Clause 28

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 28, Insert the following new Clause –

“Human rights and modern slavery considerations

- (1) When considering whether a person (“A”) satisfies the requirement in section 26(7)(c), the IFR shall have regard to (among other things) –
 - (a) whether A has been complicit in any egregious or consistent violation(s) of international human rights law, whether of any international human rights treaty, customary law, or other instrument,
 - (b) whether A has been convicted, cautioned or reprimanded or complicit in any egregious or consistent violation(s) of domestic human rights legislation, including breaching provisions in the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 or equivalent national legislation;
 - (c) whether A has been subject to a Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Order,
 - (d) whether A has been found liable in a civil claim relating to a human rights violation,
 - (e) whether A has been convicted of an offence, cautioned or reprimanded for failing to comply with their human rights and modern slavery reporting and due diligence obligations under applicable domestic legislation,
 - (f) whether A has been complicit in any hate incidents, including non-crime hate incidents,
 - (g) whether A has engaged in any other conduct of a nature which, if A were to act as an owner or officer, risks bringing the league, the game, or any regulated club into disrepute,
 - (h) whether the fitness or propriety of any person, or of any government, entity, or organisation with whom A is connected in their personal, business or political dealings is of a nature which, if either person was to become an owner or officer, risks bringing the league, the game, or any regulated club into disrepute, and
 - (i) any representations made by A or the club in accordance with the notice.
- (2) In subsection (1) –
 - (a) where A is a body corporate or other non-corporeal entity (including a government or nation state), the IFR shall consider the actions of anyone who controls that body corporate or entity (and “control” shall have the meaning given in section 255 of the Companies Act 2006). and
 - (b) the IFR shall have absolute discretion to determine whether conduct falls within any of the categories in paragraphs (a) to (d).
- (3) In respect of subsection (1)(c) and (d), a risk of disrepute shall not be valid grounds for disqualification of any person if such disrepute would, in the reasonable opinion of the IFR, be unfounded.”

Clause 32

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 32, page 24, line 20, after second “extended” insert “and, in each case, the determination period shall have an end date which is as soon as is reasonably practicable.”

After Clause 37

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

After Clause 37, insert the following new Clause –

“State-controlled clubs

- (1) For the purposes of this section, a state-controlled club is one which is wholly or majority-owned by individual(s), entities, or entities controlled by individual(s) who are deemed by the IFR or the Secretary of State to be under the influence of any state actor, including but not limited to –
 - (a) members of any government or their immediate family,
 - (b) a head of state or their immediate family,
 - (c) diplomats, lobbyists, or other state representatives, or their immediate family, and
 - (d) sovereign wealth funds.
- (2) No state-controlled club may be granted an operating licence, and any affected club must satisfy the IFR that they have divested themselves of their state-control before applying for an operating licence.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 37, insert the following new Clause –

“Ownership and directorship by an individual with an unspent serious criminal conviction

- (1) No individual with an unspent serious criminal conviction, whether or not in England and Wales, shall be permitted to own a controlling stake in, or serve as a director for, any regulated club.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall affect the operation of section 37(2).”

Clause 45

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 6, at end insert “, or

- (b) carry on any activity and/or take any step which the IFR considers would prioritise the operation of a team in a restricted competition over the operation of that team in any relevant competition.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 10, at end insert –

- “(c) a club that is not a regulated club but which bears a material resemblance to a club referred to in subsection (2)(a) or (b) due to factors including its name, shirt colours or players.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 14, at end insert –

- “(4A) A “restricted competition” is a competition specified as a restricted competition for the purposes of this section in rules made by the IFR.”

LORD HAYWARD

Clause 45, page 37, line 23, after “the”, insert “success and”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 26, at end insert –

- “(5A) In considering whether to specify a competition as a restricted competition, the IFR must have regard to –
 - (a) whether a club which prioritises the operation of a team in the competition –
 - (i) could jeopardise the sustainability of any relevant competition,
 - (ii) could jeopardise the sustainability of clubs operating teams in relation to any relevant competition,
 - (iii) could harm the heritage of English football, and
 - (iv) could harm the ability of that club to operate that team in any relevant competition in a manner which respects the integrity of that relevant competition, and

(b) any other factors that the IFR specifies in rules.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 27, after second “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 30, after “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 37, line 39, after second “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 45, page 38, line 3, after “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 38, line 5, after second “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 45, page 38, line 9, after second “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 45, page 38, line 19, after “competition” insert “or a restricted competition”

Clause 46

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

★

Clause 46, page 38, line 26, leave out first “home ground” and insert “specified properties”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD FAULKNER OF WORCESTER

Clause 46, page 38, line 26, leave out second “home ground” and insert “specified properties”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

★ Clause 46, page 38, line 27, leave out “home ground” and insert “specified properties”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD FAULKNER OF WORCESTER

Clause 46, page 38, line 28, leave out “home ground” and insert “specified properties”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD FAULKNER OF WORCESTER

Clause 46, page 38, line 28, at end insert –

“(c) making substantial changes to the specified properties or the site on which the home ground is situated.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 46, page 38, line 40, leave out “taking of any step” and insert “carrying on of any activity”

Member's explanatory statement

This is intended to probe the difference in language between 46(5) and 46(6).

LORD HAYWARD

Clause 46, page 39, line 2, after “financial”, insert “success and”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 46, page 39, line 2, at end insert –

- “(ii) in the case of the home ground and training ground, it is satisfied that there are suitable plans in place to ensure the club’s continued long-term use of the home ground or training ground or to secure an alternative home ground or training ground for the next football season;
- (iii) in the case of a home ground, it is satisfied that any alternative under sub-paragraph (ii) will be within five miles of the current stadium or the place from where the club takes their name;”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD FAULKNER OF WORCESTER

Clause 46, page 39, line 5, at end insert –

- “(c) in the case of a substantial change under subsection (1)(c), it is satisfied that the changes would enhance the home ground or other specified property;
- (d) in the case of a disposal under subsection (1)(a) and (c), it has taken reasonable steps to establish that the majority of the club’s fans in England and Wales approve of the disposal.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE
LORD FAULKNER OF WORCESTER

Clause 46, page 39, line 5, at end insert –

- “(6A) Before the IFR grants an approval under subsection 6 it must –
 - (a) consult the supporters of the body in question, the relevant competition organisers and persons representing the local community with which the body is associated, and
 - (b) have regard to the views expressed by those consulted.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

★ Clause 46, page 39, line 11, leave out subsection (10) and insert –

“(10) In this section, “specified properties” –

- (a) in relation to a body that is a regulated club, means the ground at which a relevant team operated by it customarily plays its home matches, the property at which a relevant team customarily trains and any other properties that make up a more than negligible part of the relevant team's operations;
- (b) in relation to a body that is a formerly regulated club, means (immediately before it ceased to be a regulated club) the ground at which a relevant team operated by it customarily played its home matches, the property at which a relevant team customarily trained and any other properties that make or made up a more than negligible part of the relevant team's operations."

Clause 48

LORD HAYWARD

Clause 48, page 40, line 10, after "financial", insert "success and"

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

★ Clause 48, page 40, line 18, at end insert –

- “(e) if the arrangements would relocate the club's home matches to a ground more than five miles from its current home ground, the club's fans have actively approved the arrangements.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 48, page 40, line 18, at end insert –

- “(4A) In order for the IFR to be satisfied of subsection (4)(b), a regulated club must take reasonable steps to establish that the majority of the club's fans in England and Wales do not consider the arrangements to constitute significant harm to the heritage of the club.”

Clause 49

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

Clause 49, page 40, line 27, leave out "crest" and insert "badge"

Member's explanatory statement

To avoid the incorrect use of heraldic terms.

After Clause 49

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 49, insert the following new Clause –

“Incorporation of heritage restrictions in Articles of Association

- (1) A regulated club must, within the time limit, ensure that the requirements in sections 48(4A) and 49(1) are incorporated into its Articles of Association.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the time limit is the period of one year from the day on which this section comes into force, or such other period of time as the IFR may direct in relation to a particular regulated club.
- (3) Subsection (1) is fulfilled if the club's Articles of Association provide for even greater fan consultation than sections 48(4A) and 49(1) require.”

Clause 53

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 53, page 42, line 22, at end insert –

- (f) the amount which the IFR estimates is necessary to fund appropriately for that period the Central Fund established pursuant to Section (*Central Fund*).

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 53, page 43, line 22, after “club” insert “and in particular that the starting point for calculation of the levy payment applicable to a particular club should be a percentage of annual revenue”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Lord Maude of Horsham gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill.

After Clause 53

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

After Clause 53 insert the following new Clause—

“Central Fund

- (1) The IFR must—
 - (a) hold, manage and apply in accordance with the provisions of this section a fund to be known as the Central Fund,
 - (b) fund the Central Fund with the levy which is payable by licensed clubs pursuant to section 53, and
 - (c) have such powers and duties in respect of the Central Fund as are conferred or imposed by this section.
- (2) The IFR may apply the Central Fund for the purposes set out in rules made by the IFR.”

Clause 55

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 55, page 45, line 17, at end insert—

- “(c) include evidence that the specified competition organiser has taken into account the views of all regulated clubs that compete in that specified competition.”

Clause 56

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 56, page 45, line 25, leave out “a specified competition organiser to apply to the IFR for”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 56, page 45, line 26, at end insert—

- “(za) specified competition organisers are required to seek regulatory consent in connection with the distribution of relevant revenue received by one of the competition organisers,
- (zb) the IFR must be satisfied that the distribution of relevant revenue proposed by the competition organisers complies with the principles in section 62(2),”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 56, Page 45, line 30, after “process” insert “, or if the IFR is not satisfied that the distribution which is the subject of that agreement complies with the principles in section 62(2)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 56, page 45, line 35, leave out “the” and insert “any”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 56, page 46, line 5, leave out paragraph (c) and insert –

“(c) the relevant specified competition organisers.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 56, page 46, line 5, at end insert –

- “(d) such other persons which appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of the fans of regulated clubs, and
- (e) such other persons which appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of regulated clubs.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 56, page 46, leave out lines 13 to 17 and insert –

““distribution agreement” means an agreement (including an agreement entered into before the coming into force of this Part) between two or more specified competition organisers that provides for the distribution of relevant revenue received by one, both or all of those organisers as applicable;”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 56, page 46, line 20, after “57” insert “, or a notification under section (Independent notification for resolution process to be triggered by the IFR)”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 56, page 46, line 29, leave out “62” and insert “63”

Clause 57

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 57, page 46, line 39, leave out “another” and insert “one or more other”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 57, page 46, line 40, leave out “organiser” and insert “organisers”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 8, leave out “two”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 10, leave out “two”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 13, leave out “reduction” and insert “change (whether to the amount received in quantum or to the amount received as a proportion of the overall relevant revenue)”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 17, leave out “two”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 22, leave out “either or both of”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 57, page 47, line 30, leave out “two”

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 57, page 47, line 32, leave out “five years” and insert “the applicable period (see subsections (7) and (8))”

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 57, page 47, line 35, at end insert –

- “(7) Where –
- (a) the specified competition organisers have agreed (whether in the distribution agreement or otherwise) a period for the purposes of condition 4, and
 - (b) both of the organisers have notified the IFR of the period so agreed, the applicable period is that period.
- (8) In any other case, the applicable period is 5 years.”

Clause 58

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 58, page 47, line 39, leave out “organiser” and insert “organiser(s)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 58, page 47, line 39, leave out “respondent” and insert “respondent(s)”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 58, page 48, line 5, at end insert –

- “(ca) specify why the notifier considers that any issues highlighted or set out in the most recent state of the game report are not satisfactorily resolved by the distribution agreement in relation to that season or those seasons,”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 58, page 48, line 6, leave out “respondent” and insert “respondent(s)”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 58, page 48, line 20, at end insert –

“(ca) specify why the notifier considers that any issues highlighted or set out in the most recent state of the game report are not satisfactorily resolved by the distribution agreement in relation to that season or those seasons,”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 58, page 48, line 22, leave out “respondent” and insert “respondent(s)”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 58, page 48, line 23, at end insert –

“(6) Neither a notification under subsection (1) nor any application under section 57 may be made if any specified competition organiser has received a notice under section 59(5).”

Clause 59

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 59, page 48, line 40, leave out “either of the” and insert “one or more of the relevant”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 59, page 49, line 3, leave out “two”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 59, page 49, line 10, leave out “two”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 59, page 49, line 15, leave out “special” and insert “compelling”

After Clause 59

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 59, insert the following new Clause—

“Independent notification for resolution process to be triggered by the IFR

- (1) The IFR may decide that the resolution process should be triggered in relation to a qualifying football season if the IFR is satisfied that issues with a current distribution agreement or financial distribution order are identified in the latest state of the game report and at least one of the conditions in section 57 applies.
- (2) In deciding whether the resolution process should be triggered under section 57(1)(a), the IFR may have regard to the purposes for which the distributed revenue would be used.
- (3) In deciding whether the resolution process should be triggered in reliance on the condition in section 57(3), the IFR may have regard to whether the situation described in section 57(3) has arisen as a result of bad faith on the part of any specified competition organiser.
- (4) If the IFR decides that the resolution process should be triggered, the IFR must notify every relevant specified competition organiser and give reasons for its decision, and set out in the notice—
 - (a) the qualifying football season or seasons to which the resolution process relates, and
 - (b) the question or issues for resolution.
- (5) Where the IFR is deciding whether to exercise a function mentioned in section 57(1)(a), the IFR must notify the Chief Executive Officer.
- (6) No notification under subsection (4) may be made if the IFR has received a notification under section 57 and it remains under consideration.”

Clause 60

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 60, page 49, line 18, after “59(5)” insert “or section 60(4)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 60, page 49, line 19, leave out “two”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 60, page 49, line 26, leave out “special” and insert “compelling”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 60, page 50, line 5, leave out “either” and insert “any”

Clause 61

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 61, page 50, line 14, leave out “the two” and insert “all relevant”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 61, page 50, line 19, leave out “each of the two” and insert “all relevant”

Clause 62

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 5, leave out “both”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 7, leave out “both final proposals are” and insert “more than one final proposal is”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

★ Clause 62, page 51, line 8, leave out “must” and insert “may”

BARONESS BRADY

- ★ Clause 62, page 51, line 9, leave out from “with” to end of line 11 and insert “the proposal made by the specified competition organiser whose relevant revenue would be distributed under the proposal unless there are compelling reasons not to do so;”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Clause 62, page 51, line 11, at end insert, “or
- (ii) which contains elements of each proposal where it considers that this will result in an order which is most consistent with the principles in subsection (2).”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 13, leave out “the other is” and insert “all others are”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 16, leave out “neither” and insert “no”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 23, leave out “either specified competition organiser” and insert “any regulated club”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 62, page 51, line 28, at end insert –

- “(d) should seek to close the financial gaps between divisions,
(e) should provide adequate compensation for player development, ring-fenced for academy development and the welfare of former players,
(f) should incentivise clubs to be well run,
(g) should provide training for volunteers at grassroots clubs, and
(h) should address to the satisfaction of the IFR any issues identified by the relevant state of the game report.”

BARONESS BRADY

- ★ Clause 62, page 51, line 35, leave out “one year” and insert “three years”

BARONESS BRADY

- ★ Clause 62, page 51, line 35, leave out “final” and insert “first”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 62, page 52, line 6, leave out “either” and insert “any”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 62, page 52, line 14, leave out “special” and insert “compelling”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 62, page 52, line 23, at end insert –

- “(8A) Where subsection (1)(c), (4)(b), or (5) applies, the committee must make an order requiring the relevant revenue to be distributed in accordance with a proposal of its own that is consistent with the principles in subsection (2) on or before the last day of the period of 28 days beginning with the final proposal deadline.”

Clause 63

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 63, page 53, line 8, leave out “two”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Clause 63, page 53, line 11, after “relates” insert “provided that the distribution agreement complies with section 62(1)(a) or (b) or section 62(4)(a), and the principles set out in section 62(2)”

Clause 64

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 64, page 53, line 28, leave out subsection (3)

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

Clause 64, page 53, line 34, leave out “62(7)(b)” and insert “62(8)(b)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment corrects an erroneous cross-reference.

Clause 84

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Clause 84, page 68, line 15, at end insert –
“(ea) any decision made under sections 62 and 63;”

Clause 85

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Clause 85, page 69, line 2, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Clause 85, page 69, line 2, at end insert –
“(za) a decision under section 62 or 63,”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Clause 85, page 69, line 8, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

After Clause 85

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

- ★ After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause –

“Review: cost of compliance

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a review of the financial impact on regulated clubs of complying with the provisions in this Act.”

Clause 91

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

Clause 91, page 74, line 1, leave out “56(2)(a)(ii)” and insert “56(2)(b)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment corrects an erroneous cross-reference.

Clause 92LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

Clause 92, page 74, line 24, at end insert “or give rise to the perception that the person’s functions have been prejudicially affected, including (but not limited to) a situation in which a person is –

- (a) employed by or engaged as a consultant by any specified competition organiser or any group undertaking of a specified competition organiser,
- (b) connected in any capacity with an organisation which has, in the last year, received at least half of its income from a specified competition organiser,
- (c) connected with a group undertaking of an organisation within the scope of paragraph (b),
- (d) connected in any capacity with an organisation which has, in the last year, received at least half of its income from any of the organisations listed in paragraphs (b) or (c), or
- (e) connected (as defined in section 252 of the Companies Act 2006) with an individual within the scope of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this definition;”

Schedule 12BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Schedule 12, page 124, line 22, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Schedule 12, page 124, line 24, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

- ★ Schedule 12, page 125, line 3, at end insert—
“(c) a decision under section 62 or 63 of the 2024 Act.”

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