

Football Governance Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Tabled up to and including

22 November 2024

The amendments are listed in accordance with the following Instruction –

Clauses 1 to 3	Schedule 7
Schedule 1	Clause 68
Clauses 4 and 5	Schedule 8
Schedule 2	Clauses 69 to 75
Clauses 6 to 9	Schedule 9
Schedule 3	Clauses 76 to 81
Clauses 10 to 18	Schedule 10
Schedule 4	Clauses 82 to 93
Clauses 19 and 20	Schedule 11
Schedule 5	Clauses 94 to 97
Clauses 21 to 24	Schedule 12
Schedule 6	Clauses 98 to 100
Clauses 25 to 67	Title

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Clause 1

LORD HAYWARD

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

LORD MOYNIHAN

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

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

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

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert “within the rules laid down by FIFA, UEFA and the International Olympic Committee, relating to the autonomy of sport from government influence and control.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert –

“(1A) Nothing in this Act or the operation of the IFR should compromise the ability of football clubs, competition organisers or national teams to comply with their obligations to, or participate in competitions of, international governing bodies including UEFA and FIFA.”

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).”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

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

“(c) continues to be globally competitive in relation to audience and quality,
(d) continues to attract significant domestic and foreign investment,
(e) continues to grow economically in terms of commercial revenues, domestic and international broadcasting agreements, and asset and enterprise values;
and
(f) continues to produce industry-led agreements on the distribution of revenues.”

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

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 2, page 2, line 28, after “a” insert “men’s”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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.”

LORD BEITH
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- ★ Clause 2, page 2, line 36, at end insert “unless it customarily plays in competitions of which the members or participants are exclusively or predominantly teams whose home ground is not in England”

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 2, page 2, line 37 at end insert –

- (za) must have regard to the effect that the regulation may have on the ability of teams to participate in international competitions,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that in making regulations, the Secretary of State has regard to whether they will prevent teams from participating in international competitions, given rules laid down by FIFA, UEFA and the IOC regarding the autonomy of sport from government influence and control.

After Clause 2

LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 2, insert the following new Clause—

“Definition of fan group

- (1) The IFR must produce a framework which defines what constitutes a legitimate body of fans.
- (2) This framework must include provisions regarding the length of time the fan body has existed and the circumstances under which the fan body has been created.
- (3) This framework must be subject to consultation.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to produce a framework which defines what constitutes a legitimate body of fans given the provisions in the Bill that reference fan interests and engagement.

Clause 3

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 3, page 3, line 15, leave out “influence or”

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 3, page 3, line 18, leave out “influence or”

LORD MOYNIHAN

Clause 3, page 3, line 20, leave out “influence or”

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 MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 6, page 5, line 9, leave out “protect and promote” and insert “monitor and where necessary intervene to safeguard”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 6, page 5, line 11, leave out “protect and promote the financial resilience of English football” and insert “monitor the financial resilience of English football, and where it is substantially threatened, intervene to safeguard it”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

LORD BLUNKETT

★ Clause 6, page 5, line 14, at end insert –

“(d) to ensure regulated clubs have a clear, appropriate governance structure with a board consisting of executive and non-executive directors enabling decisions to be taken collectively.”

Clause 7

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 7, page 5, line 20, leave out from “must” to “any” in line 21 and insert “exercise its functions in a manner that avoids or minimises”

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.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

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

- “(d) adverse impacts on the ability of competition organisers to successfully manage their competitions;
- (e) adverse impacts on clubs' ability or incentives to take calculated sporting and commercial risks;
- (f) conflict with existing rules made by specified competition organisers.”

LORD MANN

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

- “(d) adverse impact on women's football.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

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

- “(2A) The IFR must publish an annual statement to report on how it has considered, measured and performed in relation to its general duties under 7(2).”

LORD ADDINGTON

★ Clause 7, page 5, line 34, at end insert –

- “(3A) The IFR must engage with English football to create a package of financial support for women's football clubs and competitions.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the regulator to work with regulated clubs and competitions to support money flows from men's football to women's football.

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

“(iv) fans.”

LORD SHAMASH

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

“(iv) supporters’ trusts.”

LORD MANN

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

“(iv) elected representatives of football club supporters groups.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 8, page 6, line 24, at end insert –

- “(h) it must intervene only where action will address a clearly identified harm, using the least intrusive measure possible, and taking steps to monitor the impact of the intervention;
- (i) in the interests of fans, it should preserve competitive tension and enable ambitious ownership and investment;
- (j) it should maintain incentives for sporting achievement and jeopardy, pyramid mobility and managed financial risk-taking;
- (k) it should preserve regulated clubs’ commercial autonomy, maintain incentives for investment and growth, and enable innovation in clubs’ and competitions’ commercial models;
- (l) it should protect legitimate business confidentiality;
- (m) it should act to safeguard financial resilience only where competition organiser mechanisms prove demonstrably inadequate, intervention cannot be effectively achieved through existing structures, and action has been consulted on and considered with competition organisers.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

Clause 8, page 6, line 24, at end insert –

- “(2) To incentivise regulatory cooperation with competition organisers and a proportionate regulatory approach, the IFR should ensure that its overall number of staff does not exceed 40 full-time equivalents.”

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.”

After Clause 9

LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to facilitate football training

- (1) The IFR must ensure the facilitation of football training at an amateur and community level.
- (2) This must include facilitation for both sexes and separate development pathways.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to facilitate football training at an amateur and community level.

LORD MCNALLY

★ After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

“Televising of football matches of national interest

- (1) The Communications Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After Section 299 (categorisation of listed events) (2)(d) insert –
 - “(e) the Independent Football Regulator, established by the Football Governance Act 2024, in relation to televising of football matches between licensed football clubs.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adds the IFR as a statutory consultee on the listing of sporting events for free-to-air coverage.

LORD MCNALLY

★ After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

“Considerations as consultee on listed events

As a statutory consultee on the listing of sporting and other events under section 299(2) (categorisation of listed events) of the Communications Act 2003, the IFR must, in pursuance of its heritage objective, take account of the desirability of more domestic football matches becoming listed events.”

Member's explanatory statement

This Amendment is linked to another in the name of Lord McNally and places a requirement on the IFR to take into account the desirability of promoting more football matches becoming listed events in response to the Secretary of State's consultation on the listing of sporting events for free-to-air coverage.

Clause 10

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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 ADDINGTON

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

- “(d) an assessment of the development of the women’s game with reference to its future regulation.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires that the first and subsequent state of the game report includes an assessment of the development of the women’s game to ensure that the women’s game undergoes a proper form of regulation.

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”

LORD WATSON OF WYRE FOREST

Lord Watson of Wyre Forest gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill.

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
 BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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”

Clause 17

LORD MANN

- ★ Clause 17, page 10, line 34, after “clubs)” insert “,
 or would temporarily maintain the running of a club whose licence has been suspended or revoked due to insolvency or other financial or ownership irregularities”

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”

LORD MANN

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 16, after “fans” insert “and elected representatives of club supporters groups”

LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 23, at end insert –
“(da) the club's name;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment includes a club's name in the relevant matters to be included in the consultation of fan views.

LORD MANN

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 24, leave out “fan engagement” and insert “engagement with fans and democratically structured club fan supporter groups”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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 FOSTER OF BATH
LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 24, at end insert –
“(f) gambling advertising and sponsorship.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires clubs to consult fans on gambling advertising and sponsorship.

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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

“(e) a corporate responsibility condition.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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

“(e) an enforcement condition.”

LORD MANN

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

“(e) a condition requiring the club to produce a report on modern slavery in relation to its academy and professional footballers, including pre-recruitment contact and third party linked potential footballer and academy recruitment.”

BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY
LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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”

LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH

★ Schedule 5, page 99, line 12, at end insert—

“(iii) how the club is meeting the standards of the UK Corporate Governance Code in respect of the appointment of independent non-executive directors, and”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to embed a role for independent NEDs in bringing independent scrutiny and accountability, and would give them a key role to play in upholding the principles of sustainability and overseeing effective engagement with stakeholders.

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 BLUNKETT

★ Schedule 5, page 100, line 6, at end insert –

“(4A) A code of practice published under this paragraph must include guidance on the balance between executive and non-executive directors (officers) of regulated clubs, and how many directors or officers of such clubs are required in order to comply with company law.

(4B) A code of practice must also provide guidance for regulated clubs to ensure they have a clear, appropriate governance structure with a board that makes decisions collectively.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 100, line 14, leave out sub-sub-paragraph (a) and insert –

“(a) the club’s fans”

LORD SHAMASH
LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH

Schedule 5, page 100, line 14, after “views” insert “including supporters’ trusts”.

LORD MANN

★ Schedule 5, page 100, line 17, leave out sub-paragraph (2)

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

Schedule 5, page 100, line 34, at end insert –

“(3) The IFR must set up an appeal mechanism to adjudicate complaints about the carrying out of a fan consultation.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

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
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON
LORD SCRIVEN

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.”

Clause 37

LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ Clause 37, page 28, line 28, at end insert –

“(fa) whether the individual has committed actions or demonstrated behaviors that conflict or obstruct intentions and development of equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) responsibilities;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require, as part of its propriety test, the IFR to include considerations surrounding EDI.

LORD MCNALLY
LORD SCRIVEN

- ★ Clause 37, page 28, line 28, at end insert –

“(fa) whether the individual, or an entity controlled by or connected to the individual, is convicted, accused, or reasonably suspected of engaging in human rights abuses;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to consider human rights abuses in the process of its suitability determinations of a potential owner.

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 38

LORD MCNALLY

★ Clause 38, page 29, line 21, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to disqualify a person from being an officer of a regulated club if it determines that person is not suitable.

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 MANN

★ Clause 46, page 38, line 39, at end insert –

“(5A) The IFR may not grant approval for the taking of any step mentioned in subsection (1) unless a majority of fans and a majority of democratically constituted club supporters groups have agreed the decision.”

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”

LORD MANN

- ★ Clause 48, page 40, line 14, after “fans” insert “and democratically constituted club supporters groups”

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.

LORD MANN

- ★ Clause 49, page 40, line 30, at end insert “and a majority of the club’s democratically constituted club supporters groups”

LORD MANN

- ★ Clause 49, page 40, line 32, at end insert “, and
- (b) the club has taken reasonable steps to establish that the changes are supported by a majority of the club’s fans in England and Wales and by a majority of the club’s democratically constituted club supporters groups.”

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 51

LORD MANN

- ★ Clause 51, page 41, line 6, after “fans” insert “and democratically constituted club fan supporters groups”

After Clause 51

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to consult fans on political statements

- (1) A regulated club may not publish any political statements, engage in political activity, or issue any items or clothing with political connotations unless it has taken reasonable steps to establish that such statements, activity or items are supported by the majority of the club’s fans in England and Wales.
- (2) A regulated club may not permit any officers, employees or players of the club, when acting in an official capacity, to engage in political activities, publish political statements or wear any item with political connotations unless it has taken reasonable steps to establish that such activities, statements or items are supported by the majority of the club’s fans in England and Wales.”

LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

“Social responsibility duty

- (1) A regulated club must ensure it establishes training schemes in local communities.
- (2) The training schemes must provide opportunities for individuals in local communities to develop knowledge and skills congruent with becoming –
 - (a) a sports club, charity, or voluntary group treasurer;
 - (b) a sports club, charity, or voluntary group secretary;
 - (c) a sports club, charity, or voluntary chairperson.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the IFR to ensure that regulated clubs and competitions provide training to local communities which develop competencies consistent with officers of an organisation.

LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

“Environmental sustainability duty

- (1) A regulated club has an environmental sustainability duty.
- (2) This duty is fulfilled if a regulated club employs an environmental sustainability officer who is responsible for evaluating the club’s environmental impact.
- (3) This individual must develop policies and initiatives which seek to reduce that impact.
- (4) This individual may hold other positions at the club and does not need to be engaged in the work of the environmental sustainability officer full time.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires regulated clubs to employ an environmental sustainability officer tasked with evaluating and seeking to reduce the club's environmental impact, however, this individual may be employed by the club in some other capacity and is not expected to carry out the duties of an ESO full time.

LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to facilitate football training for young women and girls

A regulated club must facilitate football training for young women and girls in local communities.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would place a duty on regulated clubs to facilitate football training for young women and girls.

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.”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH
LORD ADDINGTON

★ After Clause 53, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to prevent gambling advertising and sponsorship in football

English football must not promote or engage in advertising or sponsorship related to gambling.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment prevents regulated clubs and competitions from promoting or engaging in gambling advertising or sponsorship.

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”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

★ Clause 56, page 45, line 38, at end insert –

“(2A) The reference in subsection (2)(a) to the sale or acquisition of rights to exploit the broadcasting of football matches includes the sale or acquisition of rights to exploit on-demand coverage of such matches, for example audiovisual content consisting of coverage of, or excerpts from, such matches where the content is selected by users from a range of such content made available to members of the public and is received by the user by means of the internet.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment expands the definition of “relevant revenue” to include revenue from full coverage or clips and highlights of football matches provided on demand via the internet.

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”

After Clause 56

BARONESS BRADY
LORD BIRT

After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause—

“Principles of the resolution process

- (1) For the purpose of this Part, the IFR must—
 - (a) pay due regard to the contractual or other property rights of—
 - (i) regulated clubs, and
 - (ii) a specific competition organiser;
 - (b) ensure that neither the process nor final decision place an undue burden on the commercial interests of the parties;
 - (c) have regard to whether the parties negotiated in good faith;
 - (d) consider whether there are less intrusive measures available that could be used without unacceptably compromising the achievement of the objectives set out in this Act;
 - (e) have regard to the fact that the process and final decision should not result in any regulated club being at risk of breaching its obligations under rules of the relevant specified competition organiser or other applicable financial rules.”

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”

BARONESS BRADY
LORD BIRT

Clause 62, page 51, line 21, leave out “should advance the IFR’s objectives” and insert “be necessary to advance the IFR’s objectives, consistent with the duties and regulatory principles as specified in sections 7, 8 and 9, and in particular those set out in section 7(2)”

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

BARONESS BRADY

Clause 63, page 53, line 2, at end insert “but no sooner than the beginning of the first football season following the football season in which a distribution order is made, and provided that the distribution order coming into force does not adversely affect any club’s ability to adhere to –

- (a) mandatory licence conditions,
- (b) threshold requirements, and
- (c) obligations under rules of the relevant specified competition organiser or other applicable financial rules.”

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
LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

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.”

LORD RANGER OF NORTHWOOD
LORD HAYWARD

After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause—

“Report: operation of the Premier League

Within six months of the establishment of the IFR, the Secretary of State must publish a report on the effect of this Act on the operation of the Premier League and lay it before Parliament.”

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 92

LORD 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 12

BARONESS 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.”

After Clause 99

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE

★ After Clause 99, insert the following new Clause –

“Duration and review

- (1) This Act expires at the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which section 5 comes into force (“the initial period”), subject to the provisions of this section and section (*Renewal and dissolution provisions*).
- (2) The Secretary of State must establish an independent review panel (“the Panel”) no later than 15 months before the end of the initial period.
- (3) The Panel must –
 - (a) carry out a review of –
 - (i) the effectiveness of this Act,

- (ii) whether the IFR has remained within its statutory purposes, and
 - (iii) whether the objectives of the Act could be achieved through less interventionist means,
 - (b) prepare a report of the review, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before Parliament, no later than 12 months before the end of the initial period.
- (4) The Panel must consist of—
 - (a) at least one person with expertise in competition law,
 - (b) at least one person with expertise in regulatory policy,
 - (c) at least one person with expertise in football administration, and
 - (d) at least one person with expertise in business regulation.
- (5) Where there is a change in the person holding the office of Secretary of State after the establishment of the Panel but before the report is laid before Parliament—
 - (a) the new Secretary of State may by written notice dissolve the existing Panel,
 - (b) where the Panel is dissolved under paragraph (a), the new Secretary of State must—
 - (i) establish a new Panel within 28 days,
 - (ii) ensure the new Panel meets the requirements of subsection (4), and
 - (iii) extend the period for the laying of the report by up to three months if necessary to allow the new Panel to complete its work,
 - (c) the new Panel may—
 - (i) consider any work undertaken by the previous Panel,
 - (ii) adopt any findings of the previous Panel that it considers appropriate, or
 - (iii) conduct an entirely new review.
- (6) The new Secretary of State may only exercise the power under subsection (5) once in relation to the review required by subsection (3).
- (7) The report under subsection (3) must include—
 - (a) an assessment of whether the IFR has—
 - (i) achieved its objectives under section 6,
 - (ii) remained within the scope of its original purposes as set out in section 1,
 - (iii) avoided expanding its regulatory reach beyond its core functions,
 - (iv) maintained proportionate intervention in the football industry,
 - (b) an assessment of—
 - (i) the regulatory burden imposed by the Act,
 - (ii) the costs of compliance for regulated entities,
 - (iii) whether the objectives could be achieved through less intrusive means,
 - (c) an analysis of any instance where the IFR has—
 - (i) exceeded its statutory powers,

- (ii) created additional regulatory requirements beyond those explicitly authorised by the Act,
- (iii) expanded its interpretation of its objectives beyond their original scope,
- (d) a specific assessment of whether market conditions still justify statutory regulation, and
- (e) a recommendation as to whether the Act should be –
 - (i) allowed to expire,
 - (ii) renewed for a further period with specific restrictions, or
 - (iii) renewed without modification.”

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE

★ After Clause 99, insert the following new Clause –

“Renewal and dissolution provisions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument provide that this Act continues in force beyond the initial period only if –
 - (a) the report of the Panel under section (*Duration and review*) demonstrates that –
 - (i) the IFR has not materially exceeded its original statutory purposes,
 - (ii) statutory regulation remains necessary and proportionate,
 - (iii) the objectives cannot be achieved through less interventionist means, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent future expansion of the IFR’s powers beyond those necessary for its core functions.
- (2) Any extension of the Act’s provisions under subsection (1) –
 - (a) may not exceed a period of five years,
 - (b) must include specific limitations on the IFR’s ability to expand its regulatory scope, and
 - (c) must require annual reporting to Parliament on measures taken to prevent unnecessary expansion of powers.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless –
 - (a) a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State has published a response to each recommendation made by the Panel.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State, instead of extending the Act’s provisions under subsection (1), initiates an expedited dissolution process –
 - (a) the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement of intent to dissolve the IFR;
 - (b) the statement must include –

- (i) reasons for the proposed dissolution;
 - (ii) an outline of proposed alternative arrangements for football regulation;
 - (iii) a timeline for dissolution not exceeding 12 months;
 - (c) a motion on the statement must be moved in both Houses of Parliament;
 - (d) if both Houses approve the statement by resolution, the Secretary of State must establish a dissolution committee within 28 days.
- (5) The dissolution committee must –
- (a) consist of persons independent from the IFR,
 - (b) complete the wind-down within the specified timeline, and
 - (c) report quarterly to Parliament on the progress of dissolution.
- (6) During any dissolution process –
- (a) the IFR must not –
 - (i) commence any new regulatory initiatives,
 - (ii) impose any new financial penalties exceeding £10,000, or
 - (iii) make any material changes to existing licenses,
 - (b) any ongoing enforcement actions must be reviewed by the dissolution committee to determine whether they should continue, and
 - (c) the dissolution committee may suspend any IFR action it considers non-essential to the immediate stability of football.
- (7) This section does not affect –
- (a) any liability incurred before the Act expires,
 - (b) the previous operation of the Act, or
 - (c) the continuation of any legal proceedings or enforcement action which began before the Act expires.
- (8) The Secretary of State must by regulations make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with the expiry of any provision of this Act.”

Football Governance Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Tabled up to and including

22 November 2024

22 November 2024

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS