

# Football Governance Bill [HL]

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## FOURTH MARSHALLED

## LIST OF AMENDMENTS

## TO BE MOVED

## IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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*The amendments have been marshalled in accordance with the Instruction of 13th November 2024, as follows –*

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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

**Amendment  
No.**

**Clause 6**

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

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

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

**52** 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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the IFR's objectives to include promoting the sustainability (as well as resilience) of English football.*

LORD BLUNKETT  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

- 54 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.”

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

- 55 Clause 6, page 5, line 14, at end insert –

“(d) to monitor and promote the reduction of English football's climate and environmental impacts (referred to in this Act as “the environmental objective”).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would add climate and environment impact reduction to the IFR's objectives.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 56 Clause 6, page 5, line 14, at end insert –

- (d) to promote the growth of English football (referred to in this Act as “the growth objective”);  
(e) to promote and protect financial investment in English football (referred to in this Act as “the financial investment objective”).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment creates two new objectives the IFR must promote.*

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

- 57 Clause 6, page 5, line 14, at end insert –

“(2) Notwithstanding the IFR's objectives in subsection (1), the IFR may not intervene in the internal financial affairs of any regulated club.”

**After Clause 6**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

58 After Clause 6, insert the following new Clause –

**“Interpretation of section 6**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act –
- (a) the “financial soundness of regulated clubs” means a measure of a club’s expected ability to continue meeting its liabilities and debts in the future, even in the face of changing circumstances;
  - (b) the “financial resilience of English football” means the aggregate financial sustainability and resilience of regulated clubs and relevant competitions;
  - (c) the “heritage of English football” means the tangible and intangible elements which define the unique historical identity of English football and its clubs;
  - (d) the “growth of English football” means the continued growth and expansion of all aspects of regulated clubs and specified competitions, which includes, but is not limited to –
    - (i) TV viewership;
    - (ii) match-day attendance;
    - (iii) fan engagement and participation;
    - (iv) the number of clubs, and
    - (v) the number of fans;
  - (e) “financial investment in English football” means money that is committed to regulated clubs or specified competitions with the intent to grow that club or competition.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment creates a more detailed definition of the IFR’s objectives.*

**Clause 7**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

59 Clause 7, page 5, line 16, leave out “, so far as reasonably practicable,”

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

60 Clause 7, page 5, line 19, at end insert –

- “(c) is compatible with the Climate Change Act 2008 and secures the long term environmental sustainability of English football.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the IFR to act in accordance with the Climate Change Act 2008 and the long term environmental sustainability of English football.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 61 Clause 7, page 5, line 19, at end insert –  
“(c) always advances the growth objective.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

- 61A Clause 7, page 5, line 19, at end insert –  
“(c) works through and supports existing competition structures where they are effective.”

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

- 62 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

- 63 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to regulate in a way which avoids adverse effects on the financial position, soundness or sustainability of clubs, or of a particular group of clubs.*

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

- 64 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

- 65 Clause 7, page 5, line 26, at end insert –  
“(d) adverse impact on women’s football.”

## BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

- 66 Clause 7, page 5, line 26, at end insert –  
“(d) negative impact on the climate and environment.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the IFR to avoid exercising its functions in a way that negatively impacts the climate and environment.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 67 Clause 7, page 5, line 26, at end insert –  
“(d) adverse effects on the competitiveness of relevant competitions.”

## LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

- 68 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 MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 69 Clause 7, page 5, line 28, at end insert –  
“(za) its objectives (see section 6);”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to have regard for its objectives as established in section 6.*

## LORD ADDINGTON

- 70 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.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

71 Clause 7, page 5, line 36, at end insert—

“(5) The IFR may not redistribute revenue, income or any monies from one regulated club to another regulated club.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment prevents the IFR from redistributing any funds from one club to another.*

**After Clause 7**

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

72 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.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment requires the IFR to provide financial support, training and support staff to clubs to assist those clubs to obtain (and comply with the terms of) a provisional licence or a full club licence (as applicable), and to assist unregulated clubs which are reasonably likely to become regulated clubs in the next season.*

**Clause 8**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

73 Clause 8, page 6, line 3, leave out “should” and insert “must”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to use its resources in the most efficient, expedient and economic way.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

74 Clause 8, page 6, line 3, leave out “, expedient”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

75 Clause 8, page 6, line 5, leave out “should” and insert “must”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to co-operate and engage with relevant parties.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

76 Clause 8, page 6, line 5, leave out “, so far as reasonably practicable,”

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

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to cooperate and engage with football organisations representing minority groups and communities.*

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE  
LORD ADDINGTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 78 Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –  
“(iv) professional football players and their representatives.”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
LORD ADDINGTON  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 79 Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –  
“(iv) fans.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to cooperate and engage with fans.*

LORD SHAMASH  
LORD ADDINGTON

- 80 Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –  
“(iv) supporters' trusts.”

LORD MANN  
LORD ADDINGTON

- 81 Clause 8, page 6, line 9, at end insert –  
“(iv) elected representatives of football club supporters groups.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

- 82 Clause 8, page 6, line 13, leave out “should” and insert “must”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to acknowledge the unique sporting context of football and the competition rules by which clubs must abide.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 83 Clause 8, page 6, line 18, leave out “should” and insert “must”



***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to act consistently towards all regulated clubs.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

84 Clause 8, page 6, line 21, leave out “should” and insert “must”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator, where appropriate, to hold the officers of a club responsible for the actions of the club.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

85 Clause 8, page 6, line 24, leave out “should” and insert “must”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to act transparently.*

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

86 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

87 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.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

- 88 Clause 8, page 6, line 24, at end insert –
- “(2) The IFR is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Equality Act 2010.”

**After Clause 8**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 89 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to publish a report (six months after the Act is passed and annually thereafter) on how it has achieved its objectives, discharged its duties and complied with the regulatory principles.*

**After Clause 9**

LORD ADDINGTON

- 90 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  
LORD ADDINGTON

91 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  
LORD ADDINGTON

92 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.*

LORD EVANS OF RAINOW

93 After Clause 9, insert the following new Clause –

**“Requirements on Football Agents**

- (1) The IFR must use its powers under this part to ensure that any person who is licenced by the Football Association to provide football agent services (“a football agent”) must –
  - (a) always act in the best interests of their client Players, Coaches or Clubs and in accordance with their fiduciary duties;
  - (b) abide by article 16 of the FIFA Football Agent Regulations relating to their conduct;

- (c) respect and adhere to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of the competent bodies of FIFA, the IFR and the Football Association;
  - (d) avoid conflicts of interest while providing their Football Agent Services;
  - (e) ensure that their name, FIFA licence number, FA registration number, signature, the name of their client Player, Coach or Club and any other information as may be required by The Association from time to time appear in any contracts resulting from the provision of their Football Agent Service.
- (2) Any football agent must, upon request, cooperate with the relevant body of the Football Association, or with the IFR, with respect to any type of information.
  - (3) A football agent must submit to the Football Association and the IFR any agreement with a Player, Coach or Club other than a Representation Agreement, including but not limited to agreements relating to Other Services within 14 days of execution.
  - (4) Within 14 days of payment of a fee related to any agreement entered into with a Player, Coach or Club other than a Representation Agreement, a football agent must submit confirmation of receipt and proof of receipt of such payment to the Football Association and the IFR.
  - (5) For the purposes of this section, a person is a football agent if they provide football agents services.
  - (6) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (5), “football agent services” means football-related services performed for or on behalf of a Client, including any negotiation, communication relating or preparatory to the same, or other related activity, with the purpose, objective or intention of concluding a Transaction.”

#### Clause 10

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include, in its overview of issues affecting English football, factors related to the community and social impact of regulated clubs.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 95 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment and measure of how well each club is operated and managed, considering the threshold requirements, the mandatory licence conditions, and other facts determined by the IFR.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

96 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).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment of existing and effective financial distribution agreement against the relevant principles.*

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

97 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment of the state of women’s football in England.*

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

98 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment and examination of the financial consequences and impact on the integrity of specified competitions of multi-club ownership models.*

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

99 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment of player welfare, taking into account the number of games played and other issues determined relevant by the IFR.*

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

100 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the State of the Game report to include an assessment of the efficacy of the enforcement by each competition organiser of the enforcement of its rules regarding profit, sustainability and fair play, and an assessment of the progress of each club and English football as a whole against EDI, sustainability, social impact and ethical metrics.*

BARONESS BRADY

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

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

102 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.*

## BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

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

“(d) an assessment of the climate and environmental sustainability of English football, including its resilience against climate change.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the IFR’s “state of the game report” to include assessment of the climate and environmental sustainability of English football.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

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

“(d) an assessment of the overall financial health of English football, including that of specified competitions,  
(e) an assessment of the current state of fan engagement, and  
(f) an overview of current regulatory functions carried out by established bodies such as the FA and competition organisers, and”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment adds three more statutory requirements for the state of the game report.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the first State of the Game report to be published no later than 12 (rather than 18) months after regulations under section 2(3) come into force.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

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

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires a State of the Game report to be published every three (rather than five) years.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

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

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

109 Clause 10, page 7, line 17, at end insert –

“(d) fans;”

**Clause 11**

BARONESS BRADY

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

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

111 Clause 11, page 7, line 28, leave out paragraph (b)

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

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

BARONESS BRADY

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

BARONESS BRADY

- 114** Clause 12, page 8, line 2, at end insert “, and  
 (b) a statement of the outcomes that IFR expects the clubs to achieve for them to meet the threshold requirements (see section 18) and the systemic financial resilience objective (see section 6).”

BARONESS BRADY

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

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

- 116** Clause 12, page 8, line 3, leave out subsections (3) to (6) and insert—
- “(3) The IFR must prepare and issue a code of practice for competition organisers and licensed clubs.
- (4) The code of practice in subsection (3) must set out the measures recommended for the purpose of compliance with the other functions set out under this Act.
- (5) In preparing the code of practice the IFR must consult—
- (a) the Football Association;
- (b) each specified competition organiser;
- (c) each regulated club;
- (d) such other persons as the IFR considers appropriate.
- (6) The code of practice must be published within six months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (7) The IFR must publish any codes of practice or other guidance prepared under this section.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to prepare and publish a code of practice to establish how it will use its powers under this Act.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

117 Clause 12, page 8, line 3, leave out “may” and insert “must”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires the IFR to prepare guidance about its functions.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

118 Clause 12, page 8, line 8, leave out subsection (6) and insert –

- “(6) Before publishing first or revised guidance about any of its functions the IFR must consult –
- (a) the Football Association,
  - (b) competition organisers, and
  - (c) regulated clubs.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires the Regulator to consult the FA, the competition organisers, and regulated clubs before publishing any guidance.*

**Clause 13**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

119 Clause 13, page 8, line 18, leave out “three” and insert “five”

**Clause 14**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

120 Clause 14, page 9, line 2, at end insert –

- “(c) the extent of compliance by regulated clubs with the rules and regulations set out by the IFR,
- (d) a statement of the IFR’s finances for that year,
  - (e) a summary of any enforcement action undertaken by the IFR during that year,
  - (f) performance against its objectives,
  - (g) the amount of time taken to grant provisional and full operating licences, and
  - (h) a list of IFR employees with salaries of over £100,000.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment expands the content of the annual report the IFR is required to submit.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

**121** Clause 14, page 9, line 3, leave out subsection (3) and insert –

“(3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of every report under this section before Parliament.”

**After Clause 14**

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

**122** 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.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to carry out a review (no later than 18 months after the Act is passed) to determine whether women’s football should be within the IFR’s scope.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

**123** After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause –

**“Accountability of the IFR**

- (1) The IFR is accountable to the relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees.
- (2) The relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees are any Committee or Committees of the House of Commons, or House of Lords, or of both Houses,

which notify the Secretary of State, in writing, that they have assumed the function of scrutiny of football regulation.

- (3) The IFR must cooperate with the relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees to enable it or them to—
  - (a) question and approve the appointments to the Board of the IFR;
  - (b) question the Chief Executive Officer of the IFR on the exercise of the functions of the IFR;
  - (c) report on the exercise of the functions of the IFR;
  - (d) interrogate and report on whether the IFR exercises its functions with regard to its objectives under section 6 of this Act;
  - (e) interrogate and report on whether the IFR exercises its functions with regard to its objectives under section 7 of this Act;
  - (f) interrogate and report on whether the IFR exercises its functions with regard to its objectives under section 8 of this Act.
- (4) Members of the Board and the Expert Panel must, when invited, appear before the Committee or Committees (separately or jointly) for examination, and the Chief Executive Officer must agree to appear before the Committee or Committees (separately or jointly) at least once per calendar year.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to subject itself to the oversight of any relevant Parliamentary Committee, such as a Joint Committee on Football Regulation.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

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After Clause 14, insert the following new Clause—

**“Delegation of regulatory powers to competition organisers**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations direct the IFR to delegate some of its functions under this Act to specified competition organisers.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the IFR may only delegate a function to a specified competition organiser if it is satisfied that the competition organiser—
  - (a) would discharge the function delegated under subsection (1) with the same degree of stringency as the IFR;
  - (b) would discharge the function delegated under subsection (1) with regard to the IFR’s objectives under section 6;
  - (c) would discharge the function delegated under subsection (1) with regard to section 7(2);
  - (d) would not alter or disregard its obligations under this section.
- (3) If the IFR is satisfied that the specified competition organiser meets the conditions set out in subsection (2), and the Secretary of State has directed the IFR to delegate a function under this Act, the IFR must abide by the Secretary of State’s direction.

- (4) If the Secretary of State is not satisfied that the IFR has taken all reasonable steps to comply with the direction to delegate a function under subsection (1), then the Secretary of State may take such action as is deemed necessary to ensure the IFR does comply.”

### Clause 15

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill.*

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This and the italic notices to Clauses 16-25 have been tabled to explore what happens if clubs choose to leave the licensing regime en masse.*

### Clause 16

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 125 Clause 16, page 9, line 35, after “rules” insert “which must be made no later than the period of one month beginning with the day this Act is passed”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Regulator to set out its rules regarding licences no later than one month after passage of the Act.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 126 Clause 16, page 10, line 6, leave out paragraph (c)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment prevents the Regulator from requiring information from clubs that is not specified by the Act.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

- 127 Clause 16, page 10, line 7, at end insert –

“(d) a climate and environment management plan (see subsection (5A)).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a club to include a climate and environment management plan in their application for a provisional operating licence.*

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires a personnel statement to identify both a club's ultimate owner, and that owner's source of funds.*

LORD MANN

129 Clause 16, page 10, line 14, at end insert –

“(e) setting out all financial arrangements with external agents or other intermediaries involved in contacts or recruitment, or both.”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

130 Clause 16, page 10, line 21, leave out paragraph (b)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment prevents the IFR from requiring information in the strategic business plan not specified by the Act.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

131 Clause 16, page 10, line 21, at end insert –

“(5A) A “climate and environment management plan” is a document containing information, in respect of the relevant period, about –

- (a) the carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases resulting from the club's operations,
- (b) the environmental impact of the club's operations,
- (c) the impact of climate change and other environmental factors on the club's operations,
- (d) how those climate and environmental impacts will be reduced, mitigated and improved.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a club to include a climate and environment management plan in their application for a provisional operating licence.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 17**

LORD MANN

- 132** 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”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 133** Clause 17, page 10, line 37, leave out “three” and insert “four”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 134** Clause 17, page 11, line 10, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 135** Clause 17, page 11, line 22, leave out subsection (9) and insert—
- “(9) The IFR must make the decision whether to grant a regulated club a provisional operating licence within the period of one month.
  - (10) The IFR may extend the period in subsection (9) by no more than two weeks if it requires more time to consider the application due to—
    - (a) unusual staffing pressures, or
    - (b) discrepancies or abnormalities with the application.
  - (11) If the IFR extends the period in accordance with subsection (10), it must give a notice to the relevant club stating—
    - (a) that the period has been extended,
    - (b) the length of the extension, and
    - (c) the reasons for the extension.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 18**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**136** Clause 18, page 12, line 19, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill.*

**Schedule 4**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**137** Schedule 4, page 96, line 13, at end insert “, and  
(d) the home ground threshold requirement (see paragraph 6).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes it a threshold requirement (which a club must comply with to obtain a full licence) to meet certain requirements (as inserted by amendment 147) relating to the club's home ground.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment alters the fan engagement threshold requirement by requiring a club to have structures and processes for effective engagement with its fans.*

LORD WATSON OF INVERGOWRIE

**138A★** Schedule 4, page 97, line 16, leave out “consults” and insert “meets regularly with”



## LORD MANN

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

## LORD ADDINGTON

- 140 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

- 141 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

- 142 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment inserts a number of “relevant matters” for the purposes of the fan engagement threshold requirement: match ticket prices, kick-off times, playing in prohibited competitions, playing at another home ground, and other matters determined by the IFR.*

LORD FOSTER OF BATH  
LORD ADDINGTON

- 143 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.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

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

“(f) the club’s plans relating to climate and environmental issues.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require a club to consult with its fans about climate and environmental issues facing the club.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

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

(f) the club’s political statements and positions.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

146 Schedule 4, page 97, line 27, leave out “crest” and insert “badge”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

147 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).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment inserts the home ground threshold requirement, which will be satisfied if the club has security of tenure over its ground for a minimum period, and that ground is suitable for the club's use for footballing purposes.*

**Clause 19**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**148** Clause 19, page 13, line 14, at end insert –

- “(c) inviting the club to make representations about the proposed revocation, and
- (d) specifying the means by which, and the period within which, such representations must be made.”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**149** Clause 19, page 13, line 14, at end insert –

- “(3A) The period specified by subsection (3)(d) must be a period of not less than one month beginning with the day on which the notice under subsection (3) is given.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 19 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 20**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill.*

### Schedule 5

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

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes it a threshold requirement (which a club must comply with to obtain a full licence) to meet certain requirements (as inserted by amendment 164) relating to the treatment of the club's home ground as an Asset of Community Value.*

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

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

“(e) a corporate responsibility condition.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes compliance with corporate responsibility requirements a condition of a club's operating licence.*

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

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

“(e) an enforcement condition.”

LORD MANN

153 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 JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

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

“(e) a climate and environment management plan condition.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the IFR to include a climate and environment management plan condition as a mandatory licence condition for clubs.*

BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY  
LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH  
LORD MOYNIHAN OF CHELSEA

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

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

156 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”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the corporate governance statement to explain the club's actions to improve the diversity of season ticket holders, staff and Senior Managers.*

LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

157 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

158 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)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment amends the definition of “corporate governance” to include the process by which decisions are made.*

## LORD BLUNKETT

159 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

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

“(a) the club’s fans”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for the fan consultation condition to require consultation with the club’s fans, rather than with persons elected by the club’s fans to represent their views.*

LORD SHAMASH  
LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH

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

## LORD MANN

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

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

163 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to 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

**164** 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.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment inserts the Asset of Community Value threshold condition.*

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

**165** 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).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment brings concerns around environmental sustainability into the remit of the regulator.*

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

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

*“Climate and environment management*

- 11A(1) A climate and environment management condition is a condition requiring a club to –
- (a) submit a climate and environment management plan containing specified information to the IFR before a specified date,
  - (b) update the climate and environment management plan annually and submit the updated plan to the IFR, and
  - (c) act in accordance with the latest climate and environment management plan submitted to the IFR.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a), the IFR –
- (a) must specify –
    - (i) information about the club’s climate and environmental impact,
    - (ii) information about steps taken to measure, reduce and mitigate the club’s climate and environmental impact,
    - (iii) information about the impact of climate change and other environmental factors on the club’s operations,
    - (iv) climate and environment risk assessments and plans for managing climate and environment risks, and
  - (b) may specify such other information as the IFR considers necessary for the purpose of exercising its functions under this Act.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the IFR to include a climate and environment management plan condition as a mandatory licence condition for clubs.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

167 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)."

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires clubs to incorporate into their Articles of Association provisions which would facilitate the sale of a club by an owner against whom an order by the IFR has been made.*

**Clause 21**

LORD WOOD OF ANFIELD

168 Clause 21, page 13, line 35, after “condition” insert “or the outcome it is intended to achieve”

LORD WOOD OF ANFIELD

169 Clause 21, page 14, line 6, at end insert –

- “(d) in the case of a provisional or full operating licence, not be met by the club complying with all rules, requirements and restrictions which are or will be imposed by a competition organiser by virtue of teams operated by the club being entered into, being members of, or participating in a competition organised by that organiser.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 22**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

- 170 Clause 22, page 14, line 33, after “conduct” insert “or conduct which it reasonably suspects to be harmful to the interests of the United Kingdom.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment permits the Regulator to restrict funding for clubs which may be linked to conduct harmful to the interests of the United Kingdom.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 171 Clause 22, page 14, line 36, after “internal” insert “financial”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment restricts discretionary licence conditions to include only internal financial controls.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 172 Clause 22, page 15, line 3, leave out paragraph (c)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the ability of the IFR to restrict a club's overall expenditure.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 173 Clause 22, page 15, line 7, leave out subsection (5)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the power of the Secretary of State to amend the discretionary licence conditions by regulations.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 23**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

**174** Clause 23, page 15, line 39, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 24**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**175** Clause 24, page 17, line 17, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 25**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**176** Clause 25, page 18, line 13, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 26**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**177** Clause 26, page 19, line 15, at end insert –

“(aa) has the requisite competence, and”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires owners to have the requisite competence in the same way that officers must.*

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

178 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*)).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires an individual to respect and promote the protection of human rights and prevent modern slavery in order to meet the individual ownership fitness criteria.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

179 Clause 26, page 19, line 20, leave out paragraph (c)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment omits the requirement for an officer of a club to be financially sound.*

**Clause 27**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

180 Clause 27, page 20, line 18, leave out subsection (7)

**Clause 28**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

181 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

- 182 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

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 184 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

- 185 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment inserts a new list of human rights and modern slavery considerations which the IFR shall have regard to when considering whether an individual meets the individual ownership fitness criteria.*

**Clause 32**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 186** Clause 32, page 24, line 16, leave out from “is” to the end of line 20 and insert “one month beginning with the day on which the application under section 28 or 29 is made.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 187** 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 33**

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

187A Clause 33, page 25, line 11, at end insert –

- “(2A) The following individuals or groups associated with a regulated club must notify the IFR where they consider there has been, or may have been, a material change in circumstances which is relevant to whether the individual who is an owner or officer of the club is suitable to be an owner or officer of the club (as the case may be) –
- (a) owners,
  - (b) officers,
  - (c) other club employees,
  - (d) competition organisers,
  - (e) the Football Supporters’ Association,
  - (f) supporters’ trusts, or
  - (g) supporters.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment aims to provide a route to the IFR for other individuals and groups of people, who may have more inside knowledge than the average fan, to act as whistleblowers and raise any concerns they have about the suitability of an owner or officer.*

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

187B Clause 33, page 25, line 18, leave out “or (2)” and insert “, (2) or (2A)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on another amendment in Baroness Grey-Thompson’s name to Clause 33.*

**Clause 34**LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

188 Clause 34, page 25, line 22, after “criteria” insert “only”

**Clause 35**LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

189 Clause 35, page 26, line 36, after “criteria” insert “only”

**Clause 37**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

190 Clause 37, page 28, line 9, at end insert –

“(1A) In making a determination under section 28 or 34, the IFR must also have regard to the foreign and trade policy objectives of His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

191 Clause 37, page 28, line 20, after “to” insert “relevant”

LORD ADDINGTON

192 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

193 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.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

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

“(fa) whether the individual is a member of a proscribed organisation in accordance with section 3 (proscription) and Schedule 2 (proscribed organisations) of the Terrorism Act 2000;”



**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment is intended to prohibit a member of a proscribed organisation under the Terrorism Act 2000 from becoming an officer or owner of a regulated club.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

195 Clause 37, page 28, line 29, leave out paragraph (g)

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

196 Clause 37, page 29, line 2, at end insert –

- “(3A) In making a determination under this Part, the IFR must consult –
- (a) the National Crime Agency;
  - (b) the Security Service;
  - (c) the Secret Intelligence Service;
  - (d) the Serious Fraud Office;
  - (e) His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs;
  - (f) the Sports Grounds Safety Authority.”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

197 Clause 37, page 29, line 4, leave out “must” and insert “may”

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

198 Clause 37, page 29, line 9, leave out subsection (6)

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

199 Clause 37, page 29, line 12, at end insert –

- “(6A) The IFR will ban potential future owners who live, do business or store money in certain jurisdictions of risk that either –
- (a) put or are likely to put limits on funds that can be transferred to the United Kingdom, or
  - (b) prevent, either intentionally or unintentionally, the possibility of IFR and competitions from doing proper and effective due diligence in their nation.”

**After Clause 37**

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
 BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
 LORD ADDINGTON

200 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment prohibits state-controlled clubs (which are defined in the proposed amendment) being granted an operating licence.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
 LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

201 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

202 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.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

203 Clause 38, page 29, line 35, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

**After Clause 44**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

204 After Clause 44, insert the following new Clause –

**“Ownership of multiple clubs**

The IFR may not prevent one person from owning, or becoming the owner of, more than one club, providing that the owner or prospective owner satisfies the conditions set out in this Part.”

**Clause 45**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

205 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment prohibits clubs prioritising certain “restricted competitions” over relevant competitions, i.e. it is designed to prevent clubs prioritising (for example) the Club World Cup (or similar) over the league/FA Cup etc.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

206 Clause 45, page 37, line 10, at end insert “, unless it has ceased to be a regulated club by virtue of being relegated from competitions specified by the Secretary of State under section 2(3) of this Act.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

207 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

208 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment defines a “restricted competition” as a competition which the IFR has specified as such.*

LORD HAYWARD

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD ADDINGTON

210 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment sets out factors which the IFR must consider when determining whether to specify a competition as a restricted competition.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 213** Clause 45, page 37, line 38, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 205.*

**Clause 46**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the duty to notify the IFR of a potential disposal of a home ground to include a potential disposal of any specified properties.*

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the duty to notify the IFR of a potential disposal of a home ground to include a potential disposal of any specified properties.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the duty to notify the IFR of the use of a home ground as security for a loan to include the use of any specified properties as such security.*

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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the duty to notify the IFR of the use of a home ground as security for a loan to include the use of any specified properties as such security.*

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

**223** 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the IFR to be notified where there is a reasonable prospect of changes being made to the specified properties or site on which the home ground is situated.*

LORD MANN

**224** 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

**225** 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

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

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

227 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;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment inserts additional conditions to the granting of approval to dispose of an interest in a specified property or use it as security.*

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

228 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment inserts additional conditions to the granting of approval to dispose of an interest in a specified property or use it as security.*

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

229 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.”



**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment requires the IFR to consult the relevant supporters, competition organisers and local community, and have regard to their views, before granting approval to dispose of an interest in a specified property or use it as security.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**230** 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.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment defines “specified properties”.*

**Clause 48**

LORD HAYWARD

**231** Clause 48, page 40, line 10, after “financial”, insert “success and”

LORD MANN

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

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

**233** 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment adds a condition which must be met before the IFR grants approval for a club to move home ground.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**234** 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment specifies how the IFR would determine that a club moving home ground would not cause significant harm to the heritage of the club, namely by establishing that a majority of the club’s fans in England and Wales do not consider that the move would do this.*

LORD WOOD OF ANFIELD

**235** Leave out Clause 48 and insert the following new Clause –

**“48 Duty on competition organiser not to arrange matches away from home grounds**

- (1) A specified competition organiser must notify the IFR where the organiser considers that there is a reasonable prospect of the organiser entering into arrangements whereby a match between two teams operated by regulated clubs might be played at a ground that is not the home ground of either team.
- (2) A notification under subsection (1) must be given as soon as reasonably practicable after the organiser considers the duty under that subsection to have arisen.
- (3) The organiser must obtain the approval of the IFR before it enters into the arrangements mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The IFR must grant approval for the organiser entering into those arrangements if the IFR is satisfied that the arrangements –
  - (a) would not harm the financial sustainability of the competition or of English football,
  - (b) would not cause significant harm to the heritage of the competition or of English football, and
  - (c) have the approval of UK-based supporters including those of the clubs involved.
- (5) The IFR may not grant approval in any other circumstances.
- (6) The IFR must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the organiser has sought approval, decide whether to grant approval under subsection (4).

- (7) The IFR must notify the organiser of its decision to grant, or not to grant, that approval and give reasons for its decision.
- (8) In this section “home ground”, in relation to a regulated club, has the meaning given by section 46(10)(a).”

**After Clause 48**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

**236** After Clause 48, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to consult the Office for Place**

Before making a decision regarding a home ground or the building of a new home ground, a regulated club must consult the Office for Place.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires that a regulated club must consult the Office for Place before making any decision regarding their home ground.*

**Clause 49**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD ADDINGTON

**237** 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 MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**238** Clause 49, page 40, line 28, after “colours” insert “, home shirt design”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires a club to consult its fans on any changes to the home shirt design.*

LORD MANN

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

LORD MANN

- 240 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.”

LORD MARKHAM  
 LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 241 Clause 49, page 40, line 32, after “Association” insert “and its fans”

**After Clause 49**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
 LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 242 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires clubs to incorporate into their Articles of Association the heritage restrictions in sections 48(4A) and 49(1).*

**Clause 51**

LORD MANN

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

**After Clause 51**

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

244 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

245 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

246 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  
BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB

**247** 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.*

LORD MANN

**248** After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to register all contracts**

A regulated club must register all player contracts, transfer and other fees including loan transactions with the IFR by 31 May for the preceding 12 months.”

BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

**248A** After Clause 51, insert the following new Clause –

**“Ticket pricing**

- (1) Regulated clubs must adhere to the following rules in relation to ticket pricing –
  - (a) dynamic pricing strategies for tickets are prohibited,
  - (b) concessionary ticket pricing categories are mandatory, and
  - (c) ticket prices for away fans must be capped at the level set in regulations by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, by regulations, establish the categories and caps for concessionary ticket pricing under subsection (1)(c), including categorisation based on age and income.”

**After Clause 52**

LORD MANN

249 After Clause 52, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to report on equal opportunities**

A licensed club must publish an annual report detailing its diversity and inclusion strategy, including a breakdown of diversity in its workforce.”

**Clause 53**LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

250 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*).

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment adds another factor which must be considered (namely the amount required to fund the Central Fund - see amendment 254) when determining the amount of the levy.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

251 Clause 53, page 43, line 19, at end insert –

- “(c) any interest charged under paragraph (b) may not exceed the rate of inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index, plus 2 per cent.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment limits the rate of interest the Regulator may charge on unpaid levies.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

252 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”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for the levy to be calculated by reference to the annual revenue of a club.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

253 Clause 53, page 43, line 24, at end insert –

- “(9A) Once the IFR has established a levy under subsection (1) and made the required payments under section 96, the IFR may only fund its functions under this Act through its own revenue streams.
- (9B) For the purposes of subsection (9A) the IFR’s ‘own revenue streams’ are any amounts payable to the IFR from regulated clubs under subsection (1).
- (9C) The IFR may not borrow any amount from any third party.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment requires the Regulator to be self-funding through the industry levy, but after it has paid its initial costs and the Secretary of State’s establishment costs to HM Treasury.*

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  
BARONESS GREY-THOMPSON

254 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.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment provides for the IFR to establish and fund a Central Fund.*



LORD FOSTER OF BATH  
LORD ADDINGTON

255 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 54**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

256 Clause 54, page 43, line 35, leave out “Treasury” and insert “Chancellor of the Exchequer”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment specifies that the Regulator must consult the Chancellor of the Exchequer and not anyone else at HM Treasury.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

257 Clause 54, page 43, line 38, leave out subsection (2)

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment removes the provision allowing the Regulator not to consult if it considers the changes to the levy rules to be minor.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

258 Clause 54, page 44, line 1, leave out “As soon as is reasonably practicable” and insert “Six months”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*The amendment requires the Regulator to publish levy rules six months before the chargeable period.*

**Clause 55**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

259 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires a competition organiser to demonstrate that it had consulted with clubs involved in that competition, when consulting the IFR about additions to/removals from/changes to a competition's rules.*

**Clause 56**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is one of a series of amendments which mean that it is not only a specified competition organiser which can trigger the mediation process regarding the distribution of revenue.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

261 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),”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for competition organisers to obtain consent before determining the distribution of revenue, and requires the IFR to be satisfied that the distribution proposal complies with the principles in s.62(2).*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 262 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)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment permits the IFR to make an order regarding revenue distribution if it is not satisfied that the proposal made by the competition organiser(s) complies with the principles in s.62(2).*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

- 263 Clause 56, page 45, line 32, leave out subsection (2) and insert—
- “(2) In this Part, revenue received by a specified competition organiser is “relevant revenue” if—
- (a) it is revenue received as a result of the sale or acquisition of rights to exploit the broadcasting of football matches included in a competition organised by the specified competition organiser, and
  - (b) it is not revenue that the specified competition organiser distributes to a club by virtue of a team operated by the club being relegated from a competition organised by the specified competition organiser.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*The amendment prohibits parachute payments from being included in the distributions of revenue resolution procedure.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for this section to refer to multiple, rather than a single, competition organiser.*

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 265 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

**266** Clause 56, page 46, line 5, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

“(c) the relevant specified competition organisers.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**267** 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to consult people who represent the views of regulated clubs, and the views of fans of regulated clubs, before making regulations which specify the source or description of “relevant revenue”.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**268** 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;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment amends the definition of “distribution agreement”.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 269 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)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is one of a series of which mean that it is not only a specified competition organiser which can trigger the mediation process regarding the distribution of revenue.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 270 Clause 56, page 46, line 29, leave out “60” and insert “(Independent notification for resolution process to be triggered by the IFR)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on amendment 293.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 56 stand part of the Bill.*

**After Clause 56**

BARONESS BRADY  
LORD BIRT

- 271 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

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**276** 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)”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment provides that a competition organiser can apply to the IFR to trigger the resolution process if there has been a change (rather than only a reduction) to the revenue received by a competition organiser in a particular season as compared to the previous season.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS BRADY

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

BARONESS BRADY

281 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.”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 57 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 58**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**284** 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,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires any notification which a competition organiser gives to trigger the resolution process regarding distribution to explain why issues highlighted in the most recent state of the game report are not resolved by the distribution agreement in relation to that season/those seasons.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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



**Member's explanatory statement**

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

286 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,”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment requires an application to trigger the resolution process regarding distribution to explain why issues highlighted in the most recent state of the game report are not resolved by the distribution agreement in relation to that season/those seasons.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

288 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).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment prevents a competition organiser triggering the mediation/resolution process if a notice has been given under s.59(5) (triggering of the process by the IFR).*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 58 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 59**

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM

**288A** Clause 59, page 48, line 34, at end insert –

“(c) has exhausted its other regulatory options, including the financial regulation of regulated clubs.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**289** Clause 59, page 48, line 40, leave out “either of the” and insert “one or more of the relevant”***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**290** Clause 59, page 49, line 3, leave out “two”***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**291** Clause 59, page 49, line 10, leave out “two”***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 59 stand part of the Bill.*

### Before Clause 60

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

293 Before Clause 60, 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment inserts a mechanism for the IFR to trigger the resolution process.*

### Clause 60

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

294 Clause 60, page 49, line 18, after “59(5)” insert “or section (Independent notification for resolution process to be triggered by the IFR)(4)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment relating to Amendment 293.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 60 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 61**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 61 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 62**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

BARONESS BRADY

**303** 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

**304** 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

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

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS BRADY  
LORD BIRT

307 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

308 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

309 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.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures that any distribution deal must pass parameters set by the regulator, and that these parameters could include closing the growing financial gap between divisions, rewarding well-run clubs and providing adequate compensation for the development of players.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

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

“(2A) When making a determination under this section, the committee of the Expert Panel must have regard for section 7(2).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the committee of the Expert Panel to consider the impact on competitiveness and sporting outcomes in its decision on which final proposal to accept.*

BARONESS BRADY

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

BARONESS BRADY

**312** Clause 62, page 51, line 35, leave out “final” and insert “first”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires there to be compelling (rather than special) reasons for extending the deadline for making a distribution order.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

315 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.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment gives the committee the power to make a distribution in accordance with its own proposal, rather than having to adopt one of the proposals presented to it.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 62 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 63**

BARONESS BRADY

316 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

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

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*



BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 318** 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)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment narrows the circumstances in which the IFR must revoke a distribution order where the competition organisers have agreed a distribution agreement to circumstances where that distribution order complies with section 62(1)(a) or (b) or section 62(4)(a), and the principles set out in section 62(2).*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 63 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 64**

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment deletes the provision which permitted the competition organisers to agree how to distribute revenue, regardless of the IFR's powers of oversight/review.*

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- 320** 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.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 64 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 76**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

321 Clause 76, page 61, line 23, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

**Clause 84**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

323 Clause 84, page 68, line 15, at end insert –  
“(ea) the making of a distribution order requiring one competition organiser to distribute revenue to another competition organiser under section 62;”

**Clause 85**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

**After Clause 85**

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM  
LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH  
LORD HAYWARD

327 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

328 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**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

329 Clause 91, page 73, line 39, at end insert –

“(ia) section 2(3A);”

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

330 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

**331** 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;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the nature of a conflict of interest to include an interest which could give rise to the perception that a person’s functions have been prejudicially affected. The amendment also inserts some non-exhaustive examples of a conflict of interest.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**332** Clause 92, page 75, line 15, leave out paragraph (a)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the ability of the Secretary of State to amend the definition of a football season.*

**Schedule 12**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

**333** Schedule 12, page 124, line 22, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

**334** Schedule 12, page 124, line 24, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

335 Schedule 12, page 125, line 3, at end insert –

“(c) a decision under section 62 or 63 of the 2024 Act.”

**Clause 99**

LORD MARKHAM

336 Clause 99, page 77, line 33, after “to” insert “subsections (1A), (1B) and”

LORD MARKHAM

337 Clause 99, page 77, line 34, at end insert –

“(1A) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(1B) The other sections of this Act do not come into force until the Secretary of State has consulted UEFA on the provisions and impacts of this Act, and has confirmed to Parliament that he or she has done so.”

LORD MARKHAM

338 Clause 99, page 77, line 35, leave out “This section and” and insert “Subject to subsection (1B);”

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LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

339 Clause 99, page 78, line 1, at end insert –

“(ba) section 16(2);”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

340 Clause 99, page 78, line 13, at end insert –

“(2A) The Secretary of State may only make regulations for Part 3 to come into effect at the end of a relevant football season.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures the operating licensing regime does not come into effect during a football season.*

**After Clause 99**

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE  
LORD HAYWARD

**341** 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  
LORD HAYWARD

342 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 a 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.”

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