

Football Governance Bill [HL]

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
4 March 2025*

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Schedule 2

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

★ Schedule 2, page 85, line 37, at end insert –

“Declaration and registration of interests of members of the Board

- 6A (1) The IFR must establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of relevant interests of members of the Board.
- (2) In this paragraph “relevant interest”, in relation to a member of the Board, means a financial or other interest that may be relevant to the IFR’s exercise of its functions under this Act.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of relevant interests of members of the Board.

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Schedule 2, page 91, line 3, at end insert—

“Declaration and registration of interests of members of the Expert Panel

- 23A(1) The IFR must establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of relevant interests of members of the Expert Panel.
- (2) In this paragraph “relevant interest”, in relation to a member of the Expert Panel, means a financial or other interest that may be relevant to the IFR’s exercise of its functions under this Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of relevant interests of members of the Expert Panel.

Clause 6

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB
THE LORD BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD

- 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.

Clause 7

BARONESS JONES OF MOULSECOOMB
LORD GASCOIGNE
THE LORD BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD

- 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.”

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Clause 7, page 5, line 26, leave out “financial investment in” and insert “the financial growth of, or financial investment in,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to have regard to the desirability of exercising its functions in a way that avoids any adverse effects on the financial growth of English football.

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY
LORD MARKHAM

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

“(d) adverse effects on the growth of English football.”

Clause 8

BARONESS TWYCROSS

★ Clause 8, page 6, line 6, leave out sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii) and insert –

- “(i) persons on whom it may impose requirements or restrictions, namely clubs, owners, senior managers and other officers of clubs, and competition organisers, and
- (ii) other persons who may be affected by its decisions, including players and fans;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment amends the regulatory principle in clause 8(b) so that the IFR should co-operate, and proactively and constructively engage, with persons who may be affected by its decisions.

BARONESS TWYCROSS

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

- “(ba) it should, before it imposes any requirement or restriction on a person, have regard to whether the requirement or restriction is necessary and whether a similar outcome could be achieved by less burdensome means;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment includes a regulatory principle that the IFR should, before it imposes any requirement or restriction on a person, have regard to whether it is necessary and whether a similar outcome could be achieved by less burdensome means.

BARONESS TWYCROSS

★ Clause 8, page 6, line 13, leave out “recognises” and insert “has regard to”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment makes a minor drafting change to the regulatory principle in clause 8(d).

Clause 11

BARONESS TWYCROSS

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

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment changes the minimum frequency of revised football governance statements from every three years to every five years.

Schedule 4

LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 24, at end insert –

“(f) the club’s use of advertising and sponsorship by gambling companies, their affiliates, and partner organisations.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires clubs to consult fans regarding the club’s use of advertising and sponsorship by gambling companies, their affiliates, and partner organisations.

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Schedule 4, page 97, line 27, leave out paragraph (b) and insert –

“(b) any emblem or crest of a relevant team operated by the club;
(ba) the predominant home shirt colours of a relevant team operated by the club;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adds a reference to a team’s “emblem” alongside “crest”, to avoid confusion with the heraldic use of the term “crest”.

Schedule 5

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Schedule 5, page 99, line 36, at end insert –

“(ca) how the club contributes to the economic and social well-being of the local community with which it is associated,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment makes a club’s contribution to the economic and social well-being of its local community part of its corporate governance.

Clause 22

BARONESS TWYCCROSS

- ★ Clause 22, page 15, line 14, leave out “such persons as the IFR considers appropriate” and insert “–
- (a) all regulated clubs,
 - (b) each specified competition organiser, and
 - (c) such other persons as the IFR considers appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to consult clubs and competition organisers, in addition to other persons it considers appropriate, before making a request to the Secretary of State to make regulations amending the types of discretionary licence condition set out in clause 22(1), (2) and (3).

Clause 46

BARONESS TWYCCROSS

- ★ Clause 46, page 38, line 39, leave out “carries on an activity” and insert “takes any step”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment corrects a drafting inconsistency in clause 46.

Clause 49

BARONESS TWYCCROSS

- ★ Clause 49, page 40, line 27, leave out from “to” to end of line 28 and insert –
- “(a) any emblem or crest of a relevant team operated by the club, or
 - (b) the predominant home shirt colours of such a team,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment adds a reference to a team's “emblem” alongside “crest”, to avoid confusion with the heraldic use of the term “crest”.

Clause 53

BARONESS TWYCCROSS

- ★ Clause 53, page 43, line 19, at end insert –
- “(8A) If levy rules make the provision mentioned in subsection (8)(b), they must provide –
- (a) for the rate at which interest is charged not to exceed an annual percentage rate of 5% plus the Bank of England base rate,

- (b) that the IFR may charge interest at a rate determined by the IFR that is lower than the rate that would otherwise be applicable under the rules, where the IFR considers that appropriate, and
- (c) that the IFR may disapply a requirement for interest to be charged, where the IFR considers that appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment caps the rate of interest on late levy payments that the IFR may provide for in the levy rules at an annual percentage rate of 5% plus Bank of England base rate and gives the IFR discretion to charge a lower rate of interest or no interest in particular cases.

After Clause 54

LORD ADDINGTON

- ★ After Clause 54, 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 59

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Clause 59, page 48, line 34, at end insert “, and
 - (c) considers that the question or questions for resolution could not be resolved within a reasonable period of time by the IFR exercising any of its other functions under this Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to consider whether the question or questions for resolution could be resolved by the IFR exercising any of its other functions before deciding to trigger the resolution process.

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- ★ Clause 59, page 49, line 8, at end insert “, and
 - (iii) any findings in the IFR’s most recent state of the game report that the IFR considers relevant to the question or questions for resolution.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to include in the notice under clause 59(5) the findings in its most recent state of the game report that it considers relevant to the question or questions for resolution.

Clause 60

BARONESS TWYCROSS

- ★ Clause 60, page 50, line 6, at end insert –

“(6A) The IFR must extend the period in subsection (6)(b) –

(a) if requested in writing to do so by the mediator, and

(b) by such period as is set out in the request, which may be up to a further 28 days.

(6B) The period in subsection (6)(b) may only be extended once.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the IFR to extend the mediation period by up to a further 28 days if requested to do so by the mediator.

Clause 61

BARONESS TWYCROSS

- ★ Clause 61, page 50, line 27, leave out from beginning to “require” in line 28 and insert “Where a notice under subsection (3) sets out a question for resolution that relates to relegation revenue (within the meaning given by section 62(3)), the notice must”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires specified competition organisers to include in their final proposal the explanation described in clause 61(5) where there is a question for resolution that relates to relegation revenue.

Schedule 9

BARONESS TWYCROSS

- ★ Schedule 9, page 116, line 13, leave out sub-paragraph (3)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment removes the definition of “Bank of England base rate” in order for it to be moved to the definitions clause.

- (4) In carrying out the review, the Secretary of State must have regard to—
 - (a) the purpose of the Act (see section 1);
 - (b) the IFR’s objectives (see section 6);
 - (c) the IFR’s general duties (see section 7);
 - (d) the IFR’s regulatory principles (see section 8);
 - (e) any state of the game report published by the IFR (see section 10);
 - (f) any annual report submitted to the Secretary of State by the IFR (see section 14).

- (5) Before publishing the report, the Secretary of State must prepare a draft report and consult the following about the draft report—
 - (a) the IFR,
 - (b) the Football Association,
 - (c) each specified competition organiser, and
 - (d) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

The amendment requires the Secretary of State to carry out a review of the Act and publish and lay before Parliament a report setting out the conclusions of that review.

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