

# Football Governance Bill [HL]

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## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including*

*5 March 2025*

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*The amendments are listed in accordance with the following Instruction –*

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

### **Clause 3**

LORD MOYNIHAN

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

## Schedule 2

BARONESS TWYCROSS  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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 TWYCROSS  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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 TWYCROSS

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  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

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

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

**Clause 8**

BARONESS TWYCROSS  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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.*

LORD PANNICK

*As an amendment to the above amendment in the name of Baroness Twycross to Clause 8, page 6, line 9*

- ★ At end insert, “and it should seek to exercise its functions with a light-touch, conferring a broad margin of discretion on such persons”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to state as a regulatory principle that the IFR must regulate with a light-touch.*

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.*

**Clause 16**

LORD MOYNIHAN

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

“(4A) A club is not required to provide the information specified in subsections (4)(a) or (b) until the definition of “significant influence” has been consulted on and established by the Secretary of State under Schedule 1, paragraph 15(1).”

**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  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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**

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

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

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with the other amendment in the name of Lord Jackson of Peterborough to Schedule 5, is intended to remove the equality, diversity and inclusion provisions of the Bill.*

BARONESS TWYCROSS  
 BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
 LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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.*

LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH

★ Schedule 5, page 99, line 37, leave out sub-sub-paragraph (d)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with the other amendment in the name of Lord Jackson of Peterborough to Schedule 5, is intended to remove the equality, diversity and inclusion provisions of the Bill.*

**Clause 22**

BARONESS TWYCROSS  
 LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
 BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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 TWYCROSS

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 TWYXCROSS  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

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 TWYXCROSS

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  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

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 TWYXCROSS

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 TWYXCROSS

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 TWYXCROSS

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.*

**Schedule 10**

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

Schedule 10, page 117, line 36, column 1, leave out from “the” to “mentioned” in line 37 and insert “taking of any step”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on the amendment to clause 46 at line 39.*

**Clause 92**

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

Clause 92, page 74, line 19, at end insert –

““Bank of England base rate” means –

- (a) the percentage rate announced from time to time by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England as the official dealing rate, being the rate at which the Bank is willing to enter into transactions for providing short term liquidity in the money markets, or
- (b) where an order under section 19 of the Bank of England Act 1998 is in force, any equivalent percentage rate determined by the Treasury under that section;”



- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report,
  - (c) publish the report, and
  - (d) lay a copy of the report before Parliament.
- (2) The report must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which section 15 comes fully into force.
- (3) The report must, in particular –
- (a) assess the extent to which the objectives intended to be achieved by this Act have been achieved,
  - (b) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved more effectively in any other way (for example if the IFR could delegate its functions to persons other than those listed in paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2),
  - (c) assess the impact of this Act and the IFR’s actions on football in England and Wales,
  - (d) assess the interaction between this Act and the rules, requirements and restrictions imposed by competition organisers and whether that interaction is appropriate, and
  - (e) assess whether the appropriate competitions are specified under section 2(3), including whether a competition that is not specified should be specified.
- (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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