

As stated in the Agreement Document that was circulated to all clubs before the amalgamation of the CCL and the OCA, we wanted to offer the opportunity to speedily redress any clubs who were placed in a division that did not best reflect their ability. Early indications are there that there are no glaring errors. We are also conscious however that a lot can change for a club in one close season and we have had two since we last ranked the teams in each League.

The promotion template will be exactly as described in the Agreement Document but I will replicate below for ease.

Division 1 The winners of division 1 will be invited to join the Home Counties Premier League division 2, subject to meeting their entry criteria.

Division 2 The top 2 teams will be promoted to division 1

Division 3 The top 2 teams will be promoted to division 2

Divs 4A & 4B The top 2 teams in each division will be promoted to division 3

Divs 5A, B & C The top side in each division and the team finishing in second place with the highest number of points, will be promoted to Tier 4.

All other divisions The top 3 sides in each division will be promoted to the tier above.

All promotions will be subject to the team meeting appropriate ground and facilities requirements.

It is not possible at this time to establish a definitive guide to relegation. A number of factors may come into play, predominantly the promotion/relegation from the HCPCL, and the election of any new clubs into the League.

The positions for promotion are guaranteed as above unless there are exceptional circumstances and the number of relegations will be tailored to make this possible. If the number of teams required to be relegated is divisible by the number of divisions in the tier (e.g, 9 to be relegated from Tier 5), then an equal number of teams in each division will be relegated (in this example, 3). If the number is not divisible by the number of divisions in the tier, (e.g. 10 to come down from Tier 5), then an equal number of teams will come down from each division and the lowest point scoring team(s) across all divisions in the tier (in this example, 3 from each division and then the lowest point scoring club remaining) will be relegated.

All decisions on promotion and relegation lie with the League Management Committee and their decision will be final and unappealable.

The committee will review this policy for 2022 and announce the result before the start of the 2022 season.