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Dear Club Representative

Welcome to the EBU's information pack on Pay to Play. It contains details of the club affiliation agreement, the Pay to Play guidelines and the benefits that affiliation and membership of the EBU can bring for individuals and clubs alike.

The purpose of our universal membership initiative is to develop bridge in England so that many more people can take part in our wonderful game. This new era will also be supported by a streamlined EBU which continues to address its own management through efficiencies, modernisation and reform.

I would like to assure our clubs that the information technology programme which supports our new universal membership system will be rigorously tested and reviewed. This will involve several clubs which have kindly volunteered to help the EBU ensure that the system is simple and can be easily used by all. Further to this, all our clubs will have the facility to register their membership information, run through scoring and uploading their results before Pay to Play is implemented.

Help is at hand for those clubs that would like assistance with the technology involved with the new system. There are over 25 individuals, from around the country, who have volunteered to help clubs in their region with these issues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them, for giving so freely of their time, and also to thank the National Club Committee representatives who have helped us identify these volunteers.

Contact details for advice and guidance can be found in the introduction of the Pay to Play Guidance Notes. This documentation is also available on our website just click on the Pay to Play section in the right hand menu of our home page.

All aspects of the Pay to Play system will be reviewed after the first year and certain processes may be adapted or changed to meet the needs of clubs, leagues and individual members.

Please, please ensure that you pass this information on to all those responsible for your club's management.

I hope that you now have enough information to be able to make an informed decision on the future that your club wants to make for itself and its members. And that future involves being part of the EBU and its vibrant and developing community of clubs and players.

Yours faithfully

Sally Bugden, Chairman

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