



FMUpdates.com EEE -England, Enhanced, Expanded FM2013 Rule Book for:

- **Isthmian (Ryman) Football League (Premier and Division One North & South)**
- **Northern (EvoStik) Premier Football League (Premier and First Divisions North & South)**
- **Southern (EvoStik) Football League (Premier and Division One Central & Division One South and West)**
- **Cup Competitions for Isthmian, Southern and Northern Premier Leagues**

Football Manager (2013) Editor is limited and doesn't allow detailed league and cup competition rules to be prescribed. There are several real life rules for the Isthmian, Southern and Northern Leagues that can be easily complied with by the game player to provide a (much more) realistic game experience if they wish.

These rules have been taken from the Isthmian, Northern and Southern League Handbooks for the 2012-13 season.

General

1. No club which is a 'nursery' club or a reserve side of a football club shall be eligible for membership of the leagues. Therefore no parent club 'first option' affiliation relationships are permitted.

Contracts

2. Players must be contract, non-contract or scholars.
3. The registration (contract) given to a player shall be for one playing season only.
4. Each club must have at least eleven players registered (contracted) seven days prior to the commencement of each playing season (i.e. the first league match of the season).

Transfers and Loans

5. A player released from his contract cannot resign for the club until a minimum of 4 weeks has passed.

6. A club may not sign a player from another club unless at least 14 days have expired from the date of registration of the previous contract.
7. No transfers are permitted after the 31st March of each season.
8. **Short term loans** (i.e. between 1 and 3 months) are only allowed from clubs that are members of:
 - FA Premier League (1)
 - Football League (2-4)
 - Football Conference (5-6)
 - Isthmian, Southern and Northern Football Leagues (7-8)
 - Level 9 Football Leagues (9)
9. Only a maximum of TWO short term loan transfers to or from any one club are allowed at any one time.
10. A club can have up to a MAXIMUM of 12 players on a short term loans during the season.
11. No more than 4 players on short term loans may join one club from another club in any playing season.
12. Short term loans may be extended but such extensions count towards the maximum loan quota.
13. Short term loans can last for a period of 3 months.
14. Outfield players may not be recalled from a short term loan during the first 28 days of the loan.
15. **Long term loans** are only allowed from clubs that are members of:
 - FA Premier League (1)
 - Football League (2-4)
 - Football Conference (5-6)
 - Isthmian, Southern and Northern Football Leagues (7-8)
 - Level 9 Football Leagues (9)
16. Loan term loans shall only be for a playing season or from the commencement of the playing season to the 31st December, or from the 1st January to the end of the playing season.
17. Outfield players on a long term loan may not be recalled at any time during the loan period.
18. The MAXIMUM number of long term loans will be 4 per season.
19. No more than 2 players on long term loans may join one club from another club in any playing season.
20. A club may name a MAXIMUM of 5 players on a team sheet who are either long term loans and short term loans, with no more than 3 from any one category