

BOUNDARY SCHOOLS

On the reorganisation of local government in 1974 the majority of local and county schools' football associations adapted their boundaries, where necessary, to coincide with local education authority boundaries. This was done to facilitate local needs and at the request of the ESFA Council.

Council accepts that, in a very few cases, this may not be desirable because of geographical considerations.

Normally this would result in a school affiliating to its own local association and through them to its own county association but, with the approval of the associations concerned, having associate membership or similar to allow it to play in the football competitions organised by a different association.

Council would then rule that a boy is eligible to play only for his school's own local or county association teams and that the school could only represent the county in which it is based should it qualify for progress in national competitions.

Notwithstanding the above, with the approval of all appropriate associations and that of the ESFA Council, a school may affiliate to the local association of another county and through them to another county association and take part in its football as full members. In this case a pupil may play for another county and the school may represent that county should it qualify for progress in national competitions. Such an agreement must be binding for at least two seasons and any moves to alter the status quo should give two seasons notice.

In all cases referred to above membership is strongly advised to ensure that neither grant aid nor insurance connected with both authorities is invalidated either by catering for such pupils or teams and in the case of association officials that they have suitable insurance cover to enable them to look after pupils from another education authority.