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### **FEEDER CLUBS POLICY**

<b>Date of Review</b>	<b>Reason for review</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
13/02/2014	Policy Approved	N/A
13/04/2016	Periodic Review	New paras. 5 and 6
12/04/2018	Periodic Review	None
09/04/2020	Periodic Review	Correction to para. 6
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#### **1. Introduction**

1.1. This document is drafted in accordance with the Rules of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited and sets out the Feeder Clubs Policy adopted pursuant to a resolution at a Board Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

#### **2. Definitions**

Definitions of the terms used in this policy are laid out in a separate Definition of Terms document which should be read in conjunction with this policy.

3. STAR opposes the notion of 'feeder clubs' within the structure of English professional football. Our understanding of 'feeder clubs' is of a parent club dictating policies of a more junior club, in terms of player recruitment, finance, branding, use of stadium etc.
4. STAR believes football will have more integrity and be more attractive to supporters if all clubs are independently owned and managed entities in charge of their destinies. STAR sees no problem in clubs at different levels of the English game coming to *temporary* and mutually beneficial arrangements regarding the use of stadiums and loan players, but this should always be at the discretion of both clubs and no form of exclusivity should be presumed.

5. There is also an international dimension to consider in which arrangements might be portrayed as strategic alliances, partnerships, feeder clubs or wholly owned subsidiaries. Here STAR would need to take a view on a case by case basis.
6. However STAR would oppose any arrangement in which Reading FC no longer retained its independence vis a vis other clubs in terms of management, finances or transfer policy.

This policy will be reviewed by STAR's Board biennially but members can call for it to be reviewed at any time by contacting the Secretary.