

Transmittal email to the EFL 2/6/20:

I am submitting with this e mail a proposal to be put to Clubs with regard to the method of ending the season in the event that there is a decision to terminate the season early, as an alternative to the EFL's PPG proposal, and a resolution proposing an amendment to the Regulations (the "Amendment Resolution") which implements that proposal.

Whilst I remain of the view that there should be no relegations in an incomplete season, I accept - given the circumstances we are now in and having talked to Clubs and taken into account the views of the EFL Board - that there is no realistic prospect of a proposal for no relegations achieving the 90% voting threshold required to expand the League.

The proposal formulated responds to Rick Parry's request for a compromise solution, and takes into account feedback from both the EFL Board and as many Clubs as we were able to consult with, in the limited time available. We have tried to make the minimum number of changes required to the EFL's own proposal, whilst enabling the outcomes which L2 indicated they desired to achieve through their indicative vote. Our proposal should also allay any fears that the Championship may have that it may open the door to the Premier League not relegating in the event that they are unable to complete their season.

Our proposal recognises that there are different dynamics in different divisions, and whilst the overall framework for resolution is the same across all divisions, it does enable a degree of tailoring to suit each. It is also a proposal which maximises TV revenues and income to Clubs, at a time when finances are hugely strained.

Most importantly, we think this proposal delivers something which "football people" would regard as inherently fair. Those who had established commanding promotion positions are promoted, and those who were in or about the playoffs get the opportunity to play on and win promotion. Those who were a long way adrift at the bottom of the tables are relegated, but those who had a reasonable likelihood of avoiding relegation, are not relegated, given that they are denied the opportunity to achieve that outcome on the pitch.

Our conversations with Clubs lead us to believe that there would be strong support for this as a pragmatic approach to achieve what Clubs perceive as fair in an unprecedented situation.

Please confirm by return that the Amendment Resolution will be included as a resolution for voting on by all Clubs at the meeting on 8 June 2020.

There has been very limited time for the preparation of the proposal and the Amendment Resolution, and it is possible that Clubs will approve it in principle but require changes to be made to the detail before it is formally approved. Your letter of yesterday confirms that this approach will be possible.