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Changes to promotion & relegation

Two recent developments have resulted in some changes being made to promotion and relegation at the end of the 2026 season.

Firstly, Upper Haugh CC have requested that their first and second teams be demoted from their 2026 divisions to reflect a significant change in personnel policy at the club. After discussions with the club, the League Executive Board has agreed their demotions to Divisions 2 and 6 respectively. The club's third team will continue to operate in Division 8.

Secondly, a League investigation into three games played by Sheffield Caribbean CC has resulted in sanctions being imposed on the club for fielding an ineligible player, who was registered to another Premier League. One of the sanctions was the overturning of the result of the game between Sheffield Caribbean and Stocksbridge in Division 4.

As a consequence of the above, there will be some knock-on effects on promotion and relegation in several divisions, as shown in the table below. The principle that will govern these will be consistent with Competition Rule 29.ii, as follows:

- where the third-placed team in the division below are within 12 points of the second-placed team, they will be promoted
- where the third-placed team in the division below are not within 12 points of the second-placed team, the highest-placed team in the relegation zone in the division above will be saved from relegation.

The net effect of this will be as follows:

Promotion & relegation between	*Change*
Championship and Division 1	Only one team will be relegated from the championship (the third-placed team in Division 1 are not within 12 points of the second)
Division 1 & Division 2	Only one team will be relegated from the Division 1 (the third-placed team in Division 2 are not within 12 points of the second)
Division 3 & Division 4	Three teams will be promoted from Division 4
Division 4 & Division 5	Only three teams will be relegated from Division 4 (the third-placed team in Division 5 are not within 12 points of the second)
Division 5 & Division 6	Only four teams will be relegated from Division 5 (the third-placed team in Division 6 are not within 12 points of the second)

These changes are now reflected in the final league tables for 2026.

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