
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART IV

CONDUCT OF REGISTERED CLUBS

Miscellaneous

Notification of alteration of rules, etc., of registered clubs

41.—(1) Where any alteration is made in the rules or to the committee of management or the governing body of a registered club, the secretary of the club shall, within 14 days of the alteration, serve a notice giving particulars of the alteration upon—

- (a) the clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district in which the premises of the registered club are situated; and
- (b) the sub-divisional commander of the police sub-division in which the premises of the registered club are situated.

(2) If paragraph (1) is contravened the secretary of the registered club shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in Article 19(1)(a) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (time limit for summary proceedings), summary proceedings for an offence under this Article may be brought at any time within 6 months from the date on which evidence, sufficient in the opinion of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland to justify the proceedings, comes to his knowledge; but no such proceedings shall be brought by virtue of this paragraph more than 3 years after the commission of the offence.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a certificate of the Director of Public Prosecutions as to the date on which such evidence as is referred to in paragraph (3) came to his knowledge is conclusive evidence.