

John Woodrow is appointed to the Board of the Football Licensing Authority

Richard Caborn, Minister for Sport, has appointed John Woodrow to the Board of the Football Licensing Authority (FLA). The appointment is for four years and runs from 1 June 2004.

Biographical notes

Mr Woodrow retired in 2003 as Finance Director of Ascot Racecourse Ltd where he oversaw an annual turnover of just over £30m. He was instrumental in building a favourable financial platform from which to seek funding for a £200m redevelopment of the Racecourse. He has an accountancy and finance background and has worked for a number of engineering and construction companies. From 1977-1989 he was a Financial Controller at Instron Ltd, an award winning £30m subsidiary of a US quoted materials testing equipment manufacturer.

He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years and holds no other public appointments.

Notes to editors

The FLA's role is to license league and international football grounds in England and Wales and oversee the control of safety at these grounds by local authorities. It is the Governments intention, when Parliamentary time permits, to legislate and to widen the remit of the FLA into a Sports Grounds Safety Authority. This new authority will also be able to offer local authorities ground management and other specific advice on sports ground safety, in England and elsewhere.

FLA Board Members receive a fee of £250 per day worked, together with reasonable expenses.