

GLOUCESTERSHIRE FA

Accreditation Renewal Support November 2023 – March 2024

Access the Club Portal to start your Accreditation renewal [here](#)



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KEY CHANGES FOR 2023 - 24

TYPE	CHANGE
Accessibility	Portals have been improved to enhance accessibility and simplification. You will notice the 'Accreditation Tab' now sits under 'My Club' on the Club Portal.
Open/Close Dates	The renewal window opens on the 1st of November and will close slightly earlier than previous years, on the 10th of March
Club Affiliation Rule	Following the new affiliation process, the affiliated rule has shifted to 'has at least one team affiliated'
Youth Teams with qualified coaches	Unlike last season, Auto-renewals will not be allowed if the criteria isn't met when a club submits their renewal application for this season. Instead, it will come to the GFA to review
Disability Pathway	Following CFA feedback and an analysis of competition offers, The FA have removed the requirement for disability teams to be playing within a sanctioned competition. If a club has a disability team affiliated, then it will be recognised in the pathway and contribute to the star rating
Star Ratings	As we are now on the final year of transition, star rating of clubs can change if the criteria isn't met. Clubs however will be given the opportunity to commit to developing provisions and outline any support needed from the GFA.

2023 – 2024 REWARDS FOR EXISTING CLUBS



4x Nike Strike Footballs

£30 Kit & Equipment Voucher

England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack

England Football Accredited Digital Certificate



7 x Nike Strike Footballs

£100 Kit & Equipment Voucher

England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack

England Football Accredited Digital Certificate



16 x Nike Strike Footballs

£200 Kit & Equipment Voucher

England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack

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You will be able to access other opportunities such as the Club Programme, Club House and be prioritised for other investments.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- Having a strong Club Development Plan will help you be more sustainable, resilient and built to last
- If possible, please use the [Club Development Plan templates](#) provided by England Football. This ensures that you cover all the points that you need to complete your Accreditation renewal
- These templates are available on the England Football website, or alternatively contact Support@GloucestershireFA.com and we can send you the relevant template.
- If you need any support completing your plan, please feel free to get contact the GFA using the email address above

SUPPORT LINKS

- The League & Club Hub YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@TheLeagueandClubHub/videos>
- Accreditation walkthroughs
<https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/solutions/folders/48000681178>
- England Football Accredited
<https://www.englishfootball.com/participate/leagues-and-clubs/england-football-accreditation>
- Introduction to First Aid in Football course
<https://learn.englishfootball.com/courses/medical/introduction-to-first-aid-in-football>
- Safeguarding Children course
<https://learn.englishfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-children-course>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

■ Who is England Football Accreditation for?

England Football Accreditation is for all non-professional leagues and clubs. For clubs, this is those that have teams playing within grassroots, the National League System steps 1-6 or the Women's pyramid Tier 3 and below.

■ How can my club become Accredited?

Clubs can apply to be Accredited through the dashboard section of the Club Portal. There are a number of on-pitch (e.g. coaching qualifications) and off-pitch (e.g. club policies and plans) criteria that clubs need to meet before they can apply. Within the dashboard, you will be able to see your progress against each of these criteria, and any actions that need to be completed.

■ Do I get rewarded for being Accredited?

Yes, you will receive Nike footballs when you become Accredited. Clubs who Stay Accredited will receive footballs and vouchers each season after renewal has been completed. The vouchers can be used towards new kit and equipment through our Accredited Kit Store. You will be able to access other opportunities such as the Club Programme, Club House and be prioritised for other investments.

