



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

London FA League Webinar

Monday 20th May 2024

Housekeeping



- Please put your microphone on mute.
- Please have your camera on if you feel comfortable to do so.
- If you would like to ask a question, please comment in the chat function or wait till the end of the presentation.
- The recording will be uploaded onto the London FA website under Webinars of the Clubs & Leagues section.
- We want your voices to be heard, however please be considerate of others when speaking.

Agenda



- **CEO Update from Paul Bickerton**
- **League Sanctioning**
- **Affiliation Overview**
- **Player Registration**
- **England Football Accreditation - Leagues**
- **Racial Equality Training**
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A man with dark skin and dreadlocks is shown from the chest up, wearing a blue t-shirt and a blue lanyard with a badge that says "WO Sports". He is looking intently at someone off-camera to his right, with his hands clasped in front of him. The background is blurred, showing other people in a social setting. White geometric lines are overlaid on the image, framing the text.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT OUR GAME.

METHOD FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS



	Date	Location
Week 1	12-Jun	Southampton
	13-Jun	Eastbourne
	14-Jun	Cambridge
	15-Jun	London
Week 2	20-Jun	Middlesbrough
	21-Jun	Newcastle
Week 3	26-Jun	Burnley
	27-Jun	Manchester
	28-Jun	Bradford
Week 4	03-Jul	Hull
	04-Jul	Boston
	05-Jul	Norwich
Week 5	10-Jul	Exeter
	11-Jul	Bath
	12-Jul	Worcester
	13-Jul	Burton

Attendees were asked: 'Did the event meet your expectations?'



Attendees that rated the following as 'Good' or 'Excellent'

The length of the event	88%
The atmosphere of the event	92%
The quality of the facilitators	94%
The quality of the hosts	94%
The organisation of the event	95%
The topics chosen to discuss	94%
The quality of the venue	93%
The information received prior	90%

METHOD

Online survey fielded May-July 2023.

Promoted via emails from The FA, through social media channels, and at the in-person events.

Respondents chose which modules and questions to answer from the following list of topics:

- *Playing the game*
- *Referees & match officials*
- *Coaching*
- *Volunteering*
- *Technology & communication*
- *Behaviours*
- *Cost of living*
- *The future of youth football*

21,339
responses

ranging from 2,849 (Referees & match officials) to 14,084 (Playing the game) per module



London FA Consultation



Phase 1: Four stakeholder consultation sessions:

- 3 in-person / 1 online
- 153 people engaged
- Questions focused on London FA & FA strategic priorities, London landscape and challenges, possible solutions, and brand and identity

Phase 2: E-survey out to all consultation attendees

- 50 responses
- Questions focused on three areas – creating thriving communities, connecting and serving participants, progressing the games governance

Phase 3: Board Strategy Away Day

- Did an exercise to prioritise the actions and ideas accumulated from consultations – must, should, could, won't

London FA Strategic Framework



OUR VISION: *to **serve** London's grassroots football family, supporting them to grow and develop the game across the capital*

OUR MISSION: *Inspiring positive change through football **for all** – by uniting communities, tackling inequalities and improving the health of the nation.*

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Improve Playing Choice & Experience



Deliver Equal Opportunities For Women & Girls To Play



Build More & Improve Existing Facilities



Tackle Poor Behaviour



Develop A Valued Network Of Volunteers, Coaches & Referees

STRATEGIC DRIVERS

Create Thriving Community Clubs and Leagues

Connect & Serve Participants

Progress The Game's Governance

Best in class safeguarding standards and equality, diversity & inclusion practices

Next steps



- **24th May 2024:** **Submission to The FA**
- **17th June 2024:** **Approval by London FA Board**
- **15th July 2024:** **Strategy presented to London FA members (London FA AGM)
London FA rebrand launched**



League Sanctioning

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Affiliation 2024-2025

- *League Sanctioning*
- *Team Fees*
- *Affiliation overview*
- *Timeline*
- *Requirements*



League Sanctioning Overview

- *Opening on 10th June 2024, with rules submitted via the Whole Game System*
- *Competition structure is completed in the Competitions Portal (competitions.thefa.com)*
- *Fees same as last season (£50 league sanctioning fee, £20 Public Liability Insurance).*
- *Fees same as last season with £12 per league cup run by the league, will be added to your invoice*
- *Reviewing of the rules will be split between both staff and committee members.*

Timeline

Item	Key Dates	Lead
<i>SCOR/Y sent to leagues</i>	<i>12th April 2024</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>League webinar</i>	<i>20th May 2024</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>Club affiliation and player registration opens (Club Portal)</i>	<i>W/C 5th June 2024</i>	<i>Clubs/Leagues</i>
<i>League sanctioning opens</i>	<i>10th June 2024</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>League rules submitted via Whole Game System</i>	<i>10th June– 10th July 2024</i>	<i>Leagues</i>
<i>Rules to be reviewed and approved</i>	<i>10th July– 10th August 2024</i>	<i>London FA Staff</i>
<i>League sanctioning completed</i>	<i>18th August 2024</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>League season starts</i>	<i>From August /September 2024</i>	<i>Leagues</i>

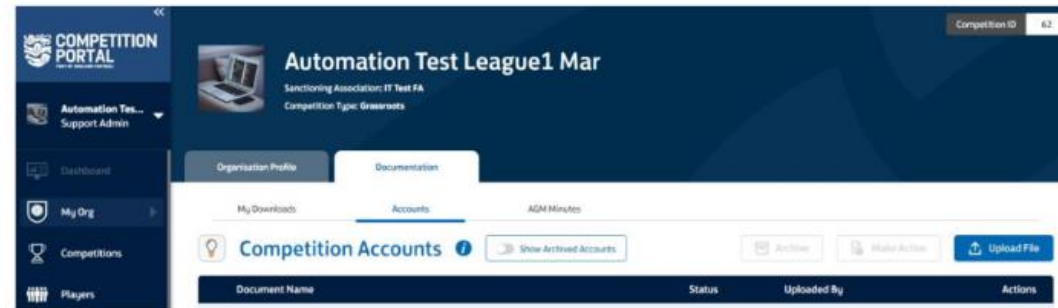
SCOR & SCORY changes for 2024/2025 Summary

	Rule No	Brief Detail
Cosmetic	1.A	Club Portal Definition added
	2.G	Delete reference to club affiliation (links to change in 4.E as duplicated)
	4.E	Change from affiliation number to affiliation status as part of the affiliation change on the club portal
	15.B	Updating expenditure to include modern payment methods
	SCORY 18.B.i	Update to be consistent with SCOR – include Tiers 1-4 of the Women's Pyramid System
	SCOR 20.D	To add " Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff" to cross reference with the current fine tariff table
	SCOR 20.E.1 SCORY 20.E.i	Reformatting of the rule to make it clearer
	Fine Tariff	Changes to the fine tariff – updating the rule numbers
Competition Management	2.K	Clubs to Inform the competitions of external cup fixtures that they are involved in
	20.C	Including team kit colours in the match arrangement details
	20.I	NEW - Gives a clear timeline for when a competition can postpone a fixture due to an active club suspension.
	SCOR 22.A	Opportunity for non Regional NLS Feeder Leagues to determine if they use goal-difference as a determining factor.
Additional Clarity	8.H	Clarity on clubs applying to join a competition – the process required
	SCOR 18.E.2 SCORY 18.E.ii	Clarity on priority of a players registration to the competition if in dispute between two clubs
	18.G	Updated wording to make it clear it's the leagues decision to remove a participation for undesirable conduct
	SCOR: 18.L SCORY 18.M	To add "clear days"
	19. A & 19.B	To clarify position if changing kit colours before or during the season



Competition Portal Updates

- Safeguarding qualifications are now included on the "qualifications" filter in League, team & club officials tabs.
- Easily view Key Officials, All Officials and any required missing key officials on one page.
- View up-to-date contact information for all league officials.
- Send qualification reminders to league officials who are required to complete outstanding courses.
- Club officials, Team Officials and League officials now all monitored within the same portal.
- League officials can now be added via Competition portal. Thus the League officials tab removed from WGS Portal.
- Sanctioning Association & Competition Type is displayed in the competition header.
- Users can now upload copies of their competition rules to the new "Competition Rules" sub tab and also upload AGM Minutes & League Accounts.
- Season added in header on Competitions/Players tab pages.
- The name of the season is added to aid users through the "Season rollover" period.



Name	Role	Qualification	Actions
FA Test Automation League EXPIRED QUALIFICATION	Secretary	✗ Safeguarding For Committee Members Not Held	🔔 ⚙️
LEAGUE Chairman EXPIRED QUALIFICATION	Chairperson	✗ Safeguarding For Committee Members Not Held	🔔 ⚙️
LEAGUE Treasurer EXPIRED QUALIFICATION	Treasurer	✗ Safeguarding For Committee Members Not Held	🔔 ⚙️
LEAGUE YF Welfare Officer COMPLIANT	Competition Welfare Officer (Youth)	✓ All Qualifications In-Date	🔔 ⚙️

Affiliation- What's Changed?



Prices

Club Type	Team Affiliation Fee (Per Team) Season 23-24	Team Affiliation Fee (Per Team) Season 24-25
Adult Clubs, Women (Tiers 3-6) Saturday, Sunday, Midweek, Veterans)	£35.00	£36.00
Youth (U5 - U18)	£12.50	£12.90
Adult Small Sided	£5.00	£5.00
Walking Football	£0.00	£0.00
Disability	£0.00	£0.00

Examples

Club Type	Team Affiliation Fee (Per Team) Season 23-24	Team Affiliation Fee (Per Team) Season 24-25
<i>Youth Club, 1 team</i>	<i>£12.50</i>	<i>£12.90</i>
<i>Youth Club, 2 teams</i>	<i>£25.00</i>	<i>£25.80</i>
<i>Youth Club, 10 teams</i>	<i>£125.00</i>	<i>£129.00</i>
<i>Youth Club, 15 teams</i>	<i>£187.50</i>	<i>£193.50</i>
<i>Youth Club, 20 teams</i>	<i>£250.00</i>	<i>£258.00</i>
<i>Youth Club, 30 teams</i>	<i>£375.00</i>	<i>£387.00</i>
<i>Adult Club, 1 team</i>	<i>£35.00</i>	<i>£36.00</i>
<i>Adult Club, 2 teams</i>	<i>£70.00</i>	<i>£72.00</i>
<i>Adult Club, 5 teams</i>	<i>£175.00</i>	<i>£180.00</i>

Club Affiliation Overview

- *Opening from 5th June 2024.*
- *Clubs will have a designated affiliation lead to support them through the journey.*
- *Club affiliation guide, videos and checklist to help guide clubs through the process.*
- *Affiliation is now completed through the Club Portal ([Clubs.thefa.com](https://clubs.thefa.com))*

Club Affiliations Timeline

Item	Key Dates	Lead
<i>Clubs Webinar (Teams)</i>	<i>13th May 2024 (6:30 - 8pm)</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>Get Ready for Affiliation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fold Teams ○ Online Consent ○ Safeguarding Declarations ○ Club/Team Grounds ○ Qualifications for coaches and key officials ○ Pay any outstanding debts 	<i>13th May – 5th June 2024</i>	<i>Clubs</i>
<i>London FA Club affiliation opens</i>	<i>From 5th June 2024</i>	<i>Clubs</i> <i>*Clubs will have a dedicated member of staff to help with their affiliation</i>
<i>Club Portal Training (FA Lead)</i>	<i>11th June 2024</i>	<i>The FA</i>
<i>Affiliation drop-in support with affiliation lead</i>	<i>5th June - August 2024</i>	<i>London FA</i>
<i>Support with player registration via the Club Portal</i>	<i>From 5th June 2024</i>	<i>Support from the playerreg@londonfa.com email</i>

County Cup Fees

County Cup Competition	Cost Per Team
London Senior Cup (for Clubs Step 1-5)	£30
London Senior Trophy (for Clubs Steps 6 -7)	£25
London Saturday Junior Cup	£25
London Sunday Challenge Cup	£25
London Sunday Trophy	£25
London Sunday Junior Cup	£25
Capital Women's Cup* Subject to approval	£20
London Veterans Cup	£25
London Girls Youth Cup – Saturday/Sunday (U12-U18) *We do have girls cups at each age group	£20
London Boys Youth Cup – Saturday (U12 – U18)	£20
London Boys Youth Cup – Sunday (U12 – U18)	£20

<https://grassrootstechnology.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/48001238475-affiliation-key-points-for-clubs>

*Before Affiliation Window Opens
(75% of work)*

- 1) Check officials and qualifications
- 2) Add club and team grounds
- 3) Read and accept Safeguarding declarations (once per season)
- 4) Tidy up folded teams
- 5) Assign teams to correct leagues

From 5th June

- 6) Create new teams
- 7) Affiliate teams as required
- 8) Add County Cups

By Role

Key Officials

All roles must be filled

Secretary

Safeguarding for Committee Members

Chair

Safeguarding for Committee Members

Treasurer

Safeguarding for Committee Members

Welfare Officer (Youth)

Safeguarding for Committee Members

DBS

Welfare Officer Course

Welfare Officer (Adult)

Player Welfare Course

&

Safeguarding Adults

*Clubs with Disability Teams

Youth Team Officials

All officials must be named

Manager

DBS

Safeguarding Children Course

Coach

DBS

Safeguarding Children Course

Assistant Manager/Coach

DBS

Safeguarding Children Course

Open Age Team Officials

All officials must be named

Manager (inc Assistant)

Player Welfare Course

DBS

*If any U18s

Coach(s) (inc Assistant)

Player Welfare Course

DBS

*If any U18s

First Aider/Physio

Player Welfare Course

DBS

*If any U18s

Safeguarding Compliance Process

- *Receive an email at various time-frames throughout compliance for DBS.*

3 Months

1 Month

2 Weeks

1 Week

Expired

21 Days Post Expiry
SUSPENDED

- *Safeguarding Children Certificates and Player Welfare Notifications can only be issued upon Expiry.*
- *All courses can be found on <https://learn.Englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding>*
- *21 Day Countdown Post-Expiry begins immediately following adding an U18 to the team/club.*

(For Player Welfare in Open-Age Football)

Utilising Safeguarding at London FA

London FA Safeguarding Team are here to support with concerns but also to educate and upskill.

If you have concerns about:

- **Parents/spectators behaviours;**
- **Coaching Staff;**
- **Participant Welfare or;**
- **Any other relevant Safeguarding/Welfare Education – Please get in contact.**

Please contact Safeguarding@LondonFA.com to explore the possible advice and/or services the team can provide.

Email: Safeguarding@LondonFA.com

Phone: Harry Woodley – Football Safeguarding & Welfare Manager – 07525 237 348



Mandatory Qualifications (Open Age)



<https://learn.Englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/player-welfare-in-open-age-football>

Free – No Expiry.

Mandatory for ALL Open-Age coaching staff (inc. Assistants, GK Coach, Fitness Coach etc), Club Welfare Officer, Physios/First Aiders.

45 Minutes

BE READY FOR AFFILIATION (2024-2025)

The latest advice to ensure you are ready for when the affiliation window opens for 2024-2025.

🔗 Shares

WITH THE AFFILIATION PERIOD SOON TO BE UPON US, GET AFFILIATION READY SO YOUR CLUB IS PREPARED TO CLICK SUBMIT ONCE THE AFFILIATION WINDOW OPENS!

There are some new requirements which are important for our clubs to start preparing for now so you can be ready for the upcoming season.

Opening from Wednesday 5th June 2024, club affiliation will again be available in [Club Portal](#) instead of through the Whole Game System.

Affiliation Requirements for the 24-25 season

All Clubs

- **Public Liability Insurance** – All clubs are required to have Public Liability Insurance covering the club for the upcoming year. This must be a minimum of £10million pounds.
- **Club Ground** – It is a requirement for clubs to state their main home ground. You can do this ahead of affiliation through the 'My Club' tab. You can find guidance on how to complete this [here](#).

<https://www.londonfa.com/news/2024/may/10/be-ready-for-affiliation-2024-2025>



Player Registration Updates

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Player Registration Overview

Clubs

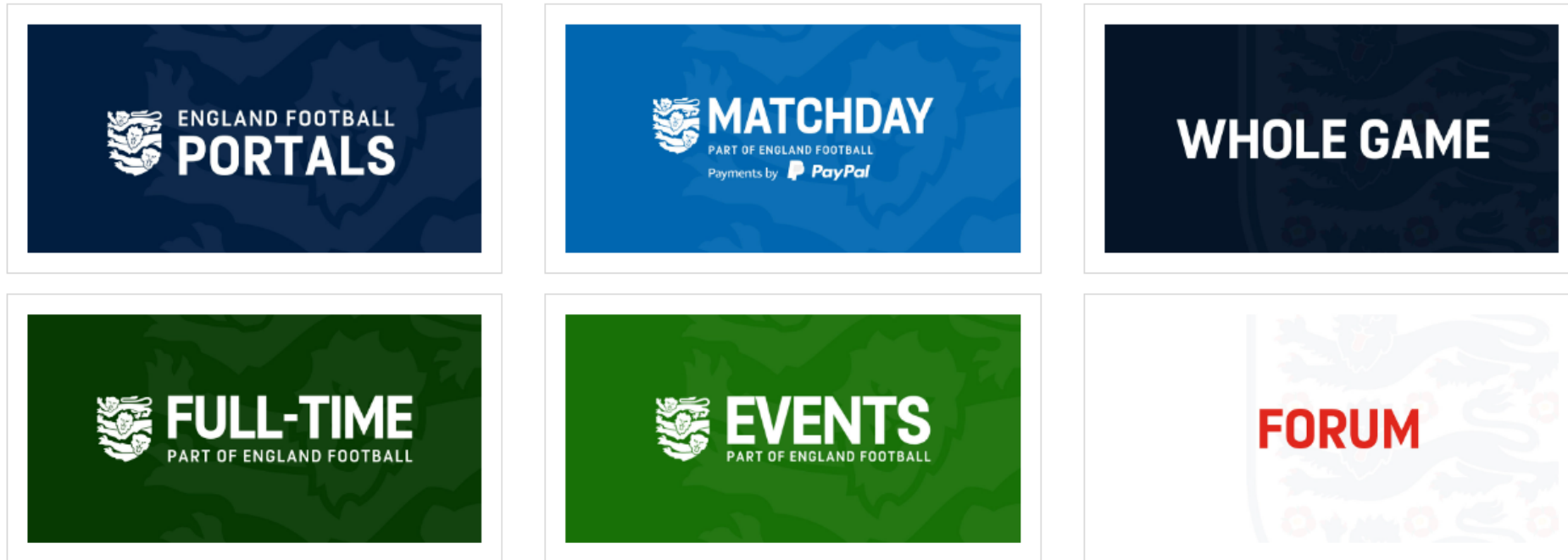
The screenshot shows the 'CLUB PORTAL' interface for 'London FA Dream Team (IT Test)'. The header includes the club name and 'ACCREDITATION Non Accredited'. The left sidebar lists navigation options: London FA Dream Team County Admin, Dashboard, My Club, Players, and Teams. The main content area has tabs for Organisation Profile, Documentation, and Grounds. Under 'Organisation Profile', there are sub-tabs for Contact Details, Sponsors, and Linked Organisations. A notification banner states: 'One of the main Club Contacts (Secretary) has been changed. Please review the Club Contact Details and Postal Address and make updates if necessary'. Below this, a 'Club Secretary' section is visible.

Leagues

The screenshot shows the 'COMPETITION PORTAL' interface for 'Islington Midweek Football League'. The header includes the league name and 'Sanctioning Association: London FA'. The left sidebar lists navigation options: Islington Midweek County Admin, Dashboard, My Org, Competitions, Players, Teams, and Officials. The main content area has tabs for Divisions, Cups, and Registration Requirements. Under 'Registration Requirements', there is a section titled 'What are Registration Requirements?' with a lightbulb icon. Below this, a table titled 'Registration Requirements' is shown with columns for Requirement Name and Divisions.

Opens 5th June 2024

Grassroots Technology Hub



<https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/home>

To raise a ticket through the FA Grassroots Service Desk, please use the following

<https://grassrootstechnology.freshdesk.com/support/tickets/new>

**Best to contact London FA first, who can look to help resolve your query much quicker.*

ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION (Leagues)

League Accreditation

Criteria

- *Must have 60% of Teams with the Club Accreditation award when first applying, then have 3 years to reach a minimum of 85% of Teams.*
- *A sanctioned League.*
- *The League has its own bank account.*
- *The League has Accreditation on its League agenda and minutes.*
- *The League has signed up to The Football Leadership Diversity Code.*
- *Links to another League if not offering a full player pathway.*
- *Completed Delivery Plan agreed by the League and County FA.*

League Delivery Plan

- 1) *League Details*
- 2) *Review of last season's initiatives*
- 3) *S.W.O.T Analysis*
- 4) *Upcoming season initiatives (minimum 5) – Safeguarding, Respect, Equality & Diversity, Technology, Attracting/Retaining/Engaging Players, Volunteer Workforce, Supporting League Officials, Refereeing (Recruitment, Retention, Support), Comms & Marketing, Coaching.*
- 5) *County FA support*
- 6) *Declaration*

<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/participate/leagues-and-clubs/England-football-accreditation?tab=LEAGUES>

League Accreditation

Rewards and Recognition

- *EFA Benefits: Kit vouchers, banners, digital assets, Nike Footballs.*
- *Access to the League Programme and professional services.*
- *League Consultant support.*
- *Invitations to webinars, events and conferences.*
- *County Recognition.*
- *Opportunity to win National Awards.*
- *Opportunity to win County FA Awards.*
- *Ongoing tailored support from your County FA.*
- *Prioritised for further investment.*





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LONDON FA RACIAL EQUALITY TRAINING

London FA Racial Equality Training

Training Aims

- *Understand the impact of Racism within Football.*
- *Importance of promoting Race Equality and tackling Racism.*
- *Consider the power and impact of language on peoples feeling of safety and belonging.*
- *Explore the line between banter and harassment.*
- *How to effectively challenge racist attitudes and behaviours.*
- *Understand the steps to take if you are a target of Racism.*

London FA Racial Equality Training

Who is the training for?

- *Club & League Committee Members*
- *Member Clubs*
- *Managers / Coaches*
- *Volunteers*
- *Open-Age Players*
- *Parents*



To register your interest, please complete the following form:
[London FA Racial Equality Training \(Clubs & Leagues\) Expression of Interest Form.](#)



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England Football Training Webinars



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**CLUB
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Leagues - Setting Up Your Season

Event details

- 📅 12/06/2024, 18:30 - 12/06/2024, 19:30
Time zone: (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London
- 📍 Microsoft Teams meeting
- ☰ In this season we will be looking at competition sanction and league structure.

The session will last approx. 1 hour and will be recorded for those unable to attend.

Wednesday 12th June 2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Clubs - Setting Up Your Season

Event details

- 📅 11/06/2024, 18:30 - 11/06/2024, 19:30
Time zone: (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London
- 📍 Microsoft Teams meeting
- ☰ We will be covering player registration and affiliation during this session.

The session will last approx. 1 hour and will be recorded

Tuesday 11th June 2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

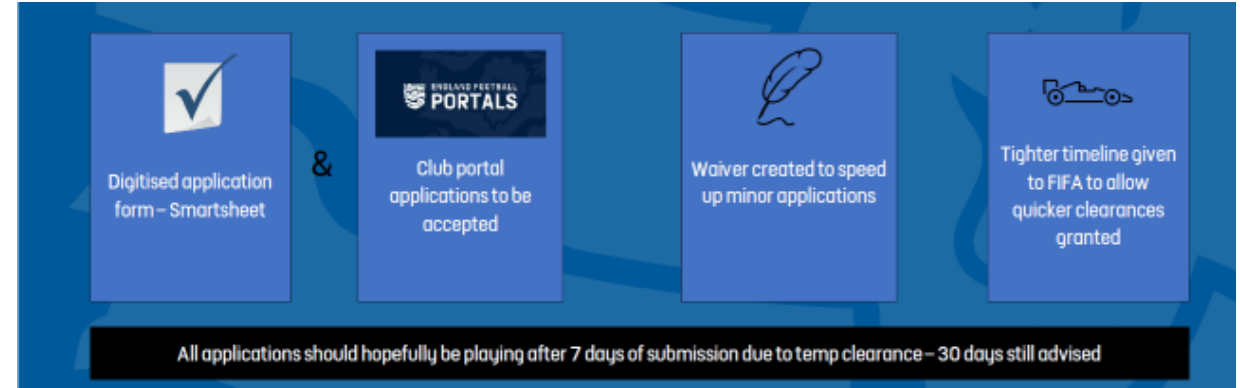


To register visit [Key Dates 2024: Grassroots Technology \(thefa.com\)](https://thefa.com/key-dates-2024)

Dispensation and International Clearance



<https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/solutions/articles/48001235147-dispensation-faqs>



<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0a518a31084e49b89fa61d2a6a936b8f>

Systems Downtime

DOWNTIME | SEASON ROLLOVER 2024

1st June – 5th June (maximum)

Portals Unavailable



Portals Remaining Online



Referee
Registration



1st July – 3rd July

Portals Unavailable



Portals Remaining Online

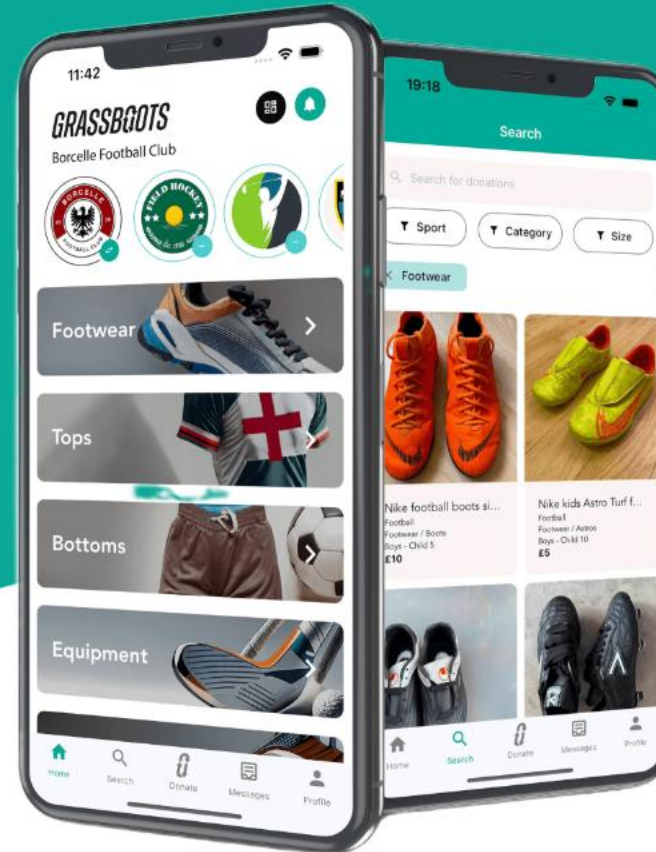


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Registration



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- 🏑 Empower your sports community to promote sustainability and reuse



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