



# HEADS UP

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## FREE DISABILITY TRAINING FOR CLUBS - JOURNEY TO INCLUSION

England Football is on a mission to improve football for disabled people, with an aim to create and sustain a culture across the game, where disabled people have access to all opportunities and feel they truly belong on and off the pitch. Disability Training for Clubs: Journey to Inclusion has been created to encourage more grassroots clubs to open their doors to disabled people, providing them with the opportunity to play and get involved with football in their local community. For further information, click on the link below

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

## ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION

Are you an accredited club? If you are, then do you know that the renewal window is now open? Do you want to become an England Football Accredited Club? Then look no further. Guidance and support is available for all clubs whether you are renewing or brand new to the accreditation world. Click on the link below to find out more...

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**ARE YOU ACCREDITATION READY?!**

## OPENING SCHOOLS FACILITIES (OSF)

OSF is a funding programme to meet the goals of the Government's School Sport and Activity Action Plan (SSAAP). The aim is to help schools to open their existing sport facilities for a broader range of young people and to support the wider community by partnering with sporting organisations, who can help deliver activities in these settings. There are currently 86 schools in our county accessing the funding with a new application window for schools to apply opening April 2024 through Yorkshire Sport Foundation (YSF). If your club would be interested in accessing school facilities please complete the form below

[Click here for more information](#)

**OPENING DOORS, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**

## IN-SEASON GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

We are excited to announce details of an upcoming workshop: 'Grass Pitch Maintenance (In-Season)' taking place on **Tuesday 28th November 2023**. The workshop will be held at West Riding County Football Association, Fleet Lane, Woodlesford, LS26 8NX.

This free-to-attend workshop will be delivered in partnership with the Grounds Management Association (GMA). It is the second workshop of the current season that will be facilitated by the County FA aimed at helping clubs and other organisations to improve their grass pitches. The workshop will focus on in-season maintenance, helping to prevent cancellations of games and maintain good pitches throughout the season. For further details and booking information, click on the link below

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**MAINTENANCE IS KEY**

## ENGLAND PARA TEAMS - OPEN TRIALS

Do you think you have what it takes to become a Para Football player? The FA have open trials for the below adult squads (16+) coming soon.

Partially sighted men and Deaf Women - Saturday 9th December at SGP

Cerebral Palsy Men and Deaf Men - Sunday 14th January at SGP

To register for the trials please complete the form below.

If you or any of your players have any further questions / need more information, please reach out to

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Liam Drake ([Liam.Drake@thefa.com](mailto:Liam.Drake@thefa.com)).

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**GOT WHAT IT TAKES?**

## WEST RIDING CLUB MENTOR PROGRAMME

West Riding FA is committed to ensuring that coaches have as many different opportunities to learn and develop as possible. One of the opportunities that we have created is for clubs to have practical sessions delivered to their own coaches by one of our Club Mentors. The two-hour session is delivered at your own venue and can either consist of 2 hours of practical delivery, or a split of practical and classroom-based sessions, depending on coaches need. The cost of the 2-hour delivery is £100.00

So far this season, 4 clubs and over 100 coaches have benefited from this offer with 5 further clubs already scheduled for later this month. To sign up to this opportunity and take your coaches development to the next step, please click on the link below

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**DEVELOPING COACHES ON YOUR DOORSTEP!**