



HEADS UP

Let's celebrate everyone that makes the game so special!

watch out for your discount code arriving in late April!

1 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN!

The Grassroots Football Awards is our opportunity to celebrate the people who make grassroots football great for everyone! They're for the people who make a positive difference, and it's our way to recognise the fantastic people who put their heart and soul into football across our County FA and England. Most of all, they're a time for us to say a huge thank you to those amazing people who inspire us all with a prestigious national awards ceremony where we can all come together. This season, our volunteers have worked hard to show the true power of football in connecting people, in building communities and enabling more players to enjoy playing our beautiful game. Let's show them how much we appreciate their effort, commitment and impact.

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2 SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH TEAMS ARE CHANGING

Ensuring children have a fun, safe and inclusive football experience should be the priority for everyone working with U18s – especially coaches and managers (including assistants), who are in a position of trust. For teams to affiliate for the 2023/24 season, all managers and coaches of youth teams (U18) are now required to complete The FAs online Safeguarding Children Course (SCC) and ensure this qualification remains in-date by doing the re-certification course two years after. To support this 'new' mandatory requirement, a discount code will be generated for clubs with youth teams to provide a 50% reduction for a youth team official taking the SCC to £15 during the months of May, June, and July - the discount code will be applied from May onwards. To access the Safeguarding Children Course, click on the link below.

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4 WEST RIDING FA ONLINE GROUNDSKEEPING COMMUNITY

The Football Foundation Groundskeeping Community is a free platform that helps connect you to expert grass pitch knowledge and support. The West Riding FA Groundskeeping Community is an open group for those who have an interest in groundskeeping, or are involved in grass pitch maintenance at any level, such as grassroots football grounds staff/volunteers, professional groundskeepers or grassroots club officials. This is a place to share best practice, seek support/advice and connect with other groundskeepers across various levels of the game. We are now encouraging as many clubs and volunteers involved in West Riding Football to join the group! You can do so by following the link below, and logging in or creating a new account.

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3 FINISHING & SHOOTING DRILLS MASTERCLASS

Here at West Riding, we are looking forward to the special CPD coaching master class event on finishing and shooting drills later this month that will be delivered by Martin Hunter, former England U15, U16 and U19 Coach and Southampton FC Technical Director. To avoid missing out on this opportunity, please click on the link below

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A chance to develop coaching skills for the art of finishing

Time for a spring clean!

Connect with those in the know!

5 HOW TO FOLD A TEAM WITHIN THE CLUB PORTAL

The Club Portal allows you to do lots of updates throughout the season to ensure that the details for your club are all current and up to date. We are aware that clubs will affiliate teams at the start of the season, but some may need to be folded due to a lack of players, lack of volunteers or other issues. If you click on the link below it will take you through a step by step process of how to do this.

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6 COMMUNITY CPD SESSIONS

We have a series of events across West Riding that will bring the Introduction to Coaching Football to life, giving coaches practical ideas that they can adapt to any of their age groups within their clubs. These sessions will be accredited and added to your FAN number. The 8 events will all be the same (just held across different parts of the County) and therefore you only need to attend one!! All events are 6.30-8.30pm. As an added incentive to attend, if you are a coach of a team and the EE Playmaker is your highest qualification, there will be a draw after each event where 10 coaches will be offered a voucher towards the Introduction to Coaching Football Course. To book on to one of the sessions, please click the link below.

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Bringing your online learning to life!

