



HEADS UP

ISSUE 6

Safeguarding our players

The new affiliation model is here

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CLUB AFFILIATION 2023/24

The Football Association (FA) have remodelled the Club Affiliation Process to provide a simpler, more consistent model for football clubs across England. These changes are effective from 5th June 2023. Affiliation is a national requirement for all football clubs. Clubs affiliate to their local County FA. Affiliation is an annual **validation** of your club, teams, and officials, ensuring everyone playing affiliated football is meeting a minimum set of requirements to ensure all participants are playing in a safe environment. To participate in a FA or County FA sanctioned league and/or competition your teams must be affiliated. To find out what these changes are, how it will impact on you as a club and what you can do to ensure it is a smooth process once affiliation opens, please click on the link below

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MINIMUM SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW SEASON

To affiliate, all Youth Teams Coaches (Lead and Assistant) must possess the Safeguarding Children Workshop Qualification. To assist coaches in meeting this requirement, The FA have reduced the cost of the course by 50% to £15 between 1st May -31st July 2023. Coaches can enrol on the course via England Football Learning Site.

To obtain the discount, follow these steps:

1. Obtain a voucher code from your Club Welfare Officer
2. Log into the site
3. Click 'sign in to start the course'
4. Enter the voucher code
5. Take the course

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POST SEASON DATA CLEANSE IN THE CLUB PORTAL 3

As the season comes to a close, it is time to reflect on what you have achieved over the past 8/9 months and what's to come once the new season starts to ramp up. There are lots of self-help articles / short videos that can be found on the FA Grassroots Technology pages that will help you to ensure that your club information is all up to date – be that the teams you are running, the officials that are involved, the players that are registered with you and loads of other great stuff. We would really encourage you to ensure that your data is all up to date prior to the new affiliation window opening in June.

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Make sure your data is correct

LEEDS PARKS FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATIONS 4

From season 23/24, all allocations and collection of tenancy fees will be made by the West Riding County FA, in agreement with Leeds City Council. Clubs/Teams are invited to apply for the seasonal hire of a Leeds City Council football pitch and where applicable changing room facilities for the forthcoming season. For further information, including an online application form and a request sheet (both of which must be completed by Friday 16th June), please click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

Do you use a Leeds Park Football Pitch?

Staying in Contact.

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HOWDENS' GAME CHANGER PROGRAMME

The FA have partnered with Howdens Kitchens, who have launched a £3m partnership through England Football to improve clubhouse facilities across grassroots football clubs up and down the country. Howdens' Game Changer Programme will see the kitchen company aim to fund £3m worth of kitchens over three years for England Football Accredited grassroots clubs. The Programme will look to provide better kitchen facilities to help clubs make their matchday experience more enjoyable and increase revenue opportunities.

To find out if your grassroots club is eligible, click on the link below

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

They say the kitchen is the heart of the home!!!!

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CLUB SECRETARY WHATSAPP GROUP HAS LAUNCHED

We have created a Whats App group that will be used to provide Club Secretaries with key information / updates relating to club business and opportunities that can also be shared with other club members and officials. We currently already have 150 Secretaries in the group so this a great way to keep up to date with relevant information. If you wish to join this group, click on the link below.

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