

WORCESTERSHIRE FA ACCREDITED ORGANISATIONS



WHO ARE WORCESTERSHIRE FA?

We are responsible for the development, administration and governance of grassroots football in Worcestershire. We are fully committed to making football a game **FOR ALL**.

We are the governing body for football across Worcestershire. Based at County Sports Ground in Worcester, each season we support and develop a number of competitions, over 1,000 teams, more than 15,000 players and around 450 match officials. We work alongside a host of volunteers in the community to provide safe, inclusive football provision.

Our team of staff strive to make football accessible to everyone, regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, race, religion and socio-economic status. Participation in grassroots, non-professional football continues to thrive across our county.

Our [2024 Impact Report](#) highlights some of the work that we do.

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WHY BECOME ACCREDITED?

ACCESS TO OVER 200 CLUBS, 15,000 PARTICIPANTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE ACROSS THE COUNTY

Worcestershire FA aims to inspire positive change through football. We want to ensure that suitable opportunities are available for everyone who wants to participate in the game and one of the ways we achieve this is by working with local organisations.

Accredited organisations offer community football programmes such as holiday courses, school provision, player development centres and out of club sessions within Worcestershire.

Benefits to becoming an Accredited Organisation:

- Dedicated section on Worcestershire FA website to promote your organisation
- Press release announcing the accreditation
- Regular promotion of your organisation via social media channels
- Priority for WFA coach education workshops
- Only our Accredited Organisations are recommended to participants
- Opportunity to promote upcoming sessions at our events
- Use of Worcestershire FA badge on promotional material
- Showcase your commitment to safe and inclusive practices
- Sustainable exit route support for participants
- Discounts on kit/equipment via WFA partners

The cost to become a Worcestershire FA Accredited Organisation is currently £50.00 per season.

Questions? [Click here](#) to email us!



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ACCREDITATION LEVELS

ONE STAR

Criteria to achieve One Star Accreditation:

- ✓ Lead workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
 3. FA Introduction to Coaching Football/Level 1 qualification
 4. FA Introduction to First Aid in Football and First Aid equipment at every session
- ✓ Support workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
- ✓ Appointed Designated Safeguarding Officer (also known as Welfare Officer) must have all of the following:
 1. FA Welfare Officer qualification
 2. Commitment to attend WFA Welfare Officer networking sessions
- ✓ Organisation must provide inclusive provision to participants linked to the current Player Pathway
- ✓ Formal link to a minimum of **one** WFA grassroots club
- ✓ Open communication with WFA including:
 1. Minimum of one review meeting per season
 2. Regular updates on participants directed to agreed exit routes
 3. Evidence of insurance, risk assessments and wider infrastructure policies to be discussed at review meetings

ACCREDITATION LEVELS

TWO STAR

Criteria to achieve Two Star Accreditation:

- ✓ Lead workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
 3. FA Introduction to Coaching Football/Level 1 qualification
 4. FA Introduction to First Aid in Football and First Aid equipment at every session
- ✓ Support workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
- ✓ Appointed Designated Safeguarding Officer (also known as Welfare Officer) must have all of the following:
 1. FA Welfare Officer qualification
 2. Commitment to attend WFA Welfare Officer networking sessions
- ✓ Organisation must provide inclusive provision to participants across **two areas** of the current Player Pathway (Male/Female/Disability)
- ✓ Formal link to a minimum of **three** WFA grassroots clubs
- ✓ Open communication with WFA including:
 1. Minimum of one review meeting per season
 2. Regular updates on participants directed to agreed exit routes
 3. Evidence of insurance, risk assessments and wider infrastructure policies to be discussed at review meetings

ACCREDITATION LEVELS

THREE STAR

Criteria to achieve Two Star Accreditation:

- ✓ Lead workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
 3. FA Level 2/UEFA C qualification
 4. FA Introduction to First Aid in Football and First Aid equipment at every session
- ✓ Support workforce roles must have all of the following:
 1. In-date FA DBS Check
 2. In-date FA Safeguarding Children qualification
- ✓ Appointed Designated Safeguarding Officer (also known as Welfare Officer) must have all of the following:
 1. FA Welfare Officer qualification
 2. Commitment to attend WFA Welfare Officer networking sessions
- ✓ Organisation must provide inclusive provision to participants across **all areas** of the current Player Pathway (Male/Female/Disability)
- ✓ Formal link to a minimum of **five** WFA grassroots clubs
- ✓ Open communication with WFA including:
 1. Minimum of one review meeting per season
 2. Regular updates on participants directed to agreed exit routes
 3. Evidence of insurance, risk assessments and wider infrastructure policies to be discussed at review meetings



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