**THE FA PEOPLE’ S CUP, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BBC GET INSPIRED**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The following Terms and Conditions apply to The FA People’s Cup 2015 Competition (the “Competition”). The promoter of the Competition is The Football Association Limited (“The FA”), Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS. The Competition is also being run in conjunction with the BBC and the following Small Sided Football Providers (“SSPs”): Goals, PlayFootball and Powerleague.

By entering the Competition, entrants (including all Team Members (as defined below) agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions and any and all other associated promotional materials published by the The FA, the BBC and/or the SSPs.

1. Entry to the Competition opens on 14th January 2015 (the “Opening Date”) and will close at 23.59 on 14th February 2015 (the “Closing Date”). Entries received before the Opening Date or after the Closing Date will not be accepted.
2. The Competition is free to enter and is only open to male and female residents of the United Kingdom who are aged twelve (12) or above on the Closing Date. Under the The FA’s Guidelines, players participating in a match, who are over the age of sixteen (16), must be of the same gender. The FA reserves the right to request an entrant’s proof of age and residency at their stated address for verification purposes before accepting their entry. The Competition is specifically closed to employees of (i) The FA and their families and (ii) the BBC.
3. Each team entered into the Competition must be made up of at least five (5) and no more than seven (7) team players (the “Team Members”) and must nominate a captain (the “Team Captain”).
4. Entries are on a first come, first served basis.
5. Entries not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions are invalid.
6. In order to enter the Competition as a team, one Team Member must register the Team by:
   * visiting BBC.co.uk/getinspired (the “Website”); and
   * completing the entry form (including your team name, your preferred centre for the local heats, and the name, contact postcode, email and phone number of your Team Captain).

An entry will not be valid until all of the mandatory fields have been completed.

1. The Team Captain will act as the primary point of contact with The FA and/or the SSPs (together the “Organising Parties”) throughout the duration of the Competition, unless otherwise specified by the Team Members and agreed to by one of the Organising Parties.
2. Individual entrants (“Individual Players”) can also sign up to take part in Competition and will be treated as Team Members for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions. To enter as an Individual Player you will register in the same way as a team via the Website and follow the instructions. You will be allocated to a team and will be contacted by your SSP before the Competition local heat date to confirm that you are part of a ‘wild card’ team. The Captain for each wild card team will be drawn randomly on the day of the local heat.
3. The Organising Parties reserves the right to expel any team or Team Member from the Competition if either of them deems that team or Team Member to be acting:

* In an unsportsmanlike fashion;
* Outside the principles of fair play; or
* In a way that damages the image of the Competition.

1. The Organising Parties hold sole and absolute discretion in this regard and their decision will be final.
2. Any team that fails or refuses to comply with these Terms and Conditions may be disqualified from the Competition by the Organising Parties. Any such decision will be at the sole and absolute discretion of either of the Organising Parties and will be final.

**Teams**

1. Teams will be made up of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) Team Members, including the Team Captain, and will be registered by The FA under a team name of the team’s choice (subject to clause 15 below).
2. Upon attendance at the Local Heats, all Team Members will be asked to give their full name, date of birth, and valid email address as will also be asked to confirm that they have read, understand and agree to these Terms and Conditions.
3. Team Members registered for the Local Heats cannot be changed for the duration of the Competition, except in exceptional circumstances (including but not limited to debilitating injury, illness or bereavement) under which, at their sole and absolute discretion, either of the Organising Parties may permit Team Members to be replaced. The Organising Parties’ decision will be final. If a team qualify for a Semi-Final, no Team Members from that team are permitted to go on and play for any other team.
4. A team name must be chosen by each team at the start of the Competition. At their sole and absolute discretion the Organising Parties reserve the right to reject team names that they consider to be unsuitable, inappropriate, obscene, derogatory; that reference trade marks, or known personalities; or that are derogatory towards the Organising Parties or any entities associated with them.

**Player Eligibility**

1. All Team Members must be of full amateur status. No Professional or Semi-Professional football player(s) are permitted to enter the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, any player(s) that have played in the top 8 levels (as set out below) of English Football in the last 6 months leading up to 20 February 2015 (the “Tournament Opening Date”) are not permitted to play in the Competition.

*English Pyramid System*

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| **Level** | **Step** | **League / Division** | | | | | |
| 1 |  | Premier League  *(Barclays Premier League)* | | | | | |
| 2 |  | Football League Championship  *(Skybet Championship)* | | | | | |
| 3 |  | League One  *(Skybet Division One)* | | | | | |
| 4 |  | League Two  *(Skybet Division Two)* | | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | Conference National  *(The Skrill Premier)* | | | | | |
| 6 | 2 | Conference North  *(The Skrill North)* | | | Conference South  *(The Skrill South)* | | |
| 7 | 3 | Northern Premier League  *(Evo-Stik Northern League)*  Premier Division | | Southern League  *(Calor League)*  *Premier Division* | | Isthmian League  *(Ryman League)*  *Premier Division* | |
| 8 | 4 | Northern Premier League  *(Evo-Stik N League)*  *Div 1 North* | Northern Premier League  *(Evo-Stik N League)*  *Div 1 South* | Southern Football League  *(Calor League)*  *Div 1 Central* | Southern Football League  *(Calor League)*  *Div 1 South & West* | Isthmian League  *(Ryman League)*  *Div 1 North* | Isthmian League  *(Ryman League)*  *Div 1 South* |

1. Any team(s) found to be fielding ineligible players will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and removed. This applies to all levels of the tournament; local heats, semi-finals and the national final.
2. The FA shall have the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to withdraw the Prize if winning teams are found to be fielding ineligible players.
3. Teams should arrive at their allocated centre no later than twenty (20) minutes before the start time of their local heat and semi-final (as notified on registration). Teams without at least five (5) players available and ready to play at fifteen (15) minutes past the scheduled kickoff time will forfeit their first match and may be disqualified / removed by either of the Organising Parties. The Organising Parties hold sole and absolute discretion in this regard and their decision is final.
4. Teams will be expected to provide themselves, for each of their Team Members, the following (including but not limited to):

* Football kits; shirts, shorts, socks; shin pads and football boots with moulded or astro turf trainers. Team Members will not be permitted to wear football boots with blades or non-moulded studs (wet or dry weather);
* Team Members will be liable for all travel and costs associated with their participation in the Local Heats, the Semi Finals and the National Final. For the avoidance of doubt the Organising Parties will not contribute to these costs in any way; and
* Individual Players will be provided with bibs for their wild card team on the day of their local heat.

**Competition Format**

1. The Competition will be subject to the SSP’s rules and regulations which will be available prior to the Opening Date. Rights of access to individual centres are reserved to venue management. Rules and regulations will be available to view on the website of the relevant SSP.
2. Local heats will consist of a group stage, followed by a knockout stage (the “Local Heats”). One (1) Team from each Local Heat will progress to one (1) of four (4) semi-finals that will be organised on a regional basis (the “Semi-Finals”).
3. The Semi-Finals will take place at the following centres on the dates across the weekend of 24th – 26th April 2015:

* Goals Tolworth
* Goals Dudley
* Goals Bristol South
* Powerleague Manchester South
* PlayFootball Romford
* Powerleague Leeds
* PlayFootball Nottingham
* Goals Portsmouth

1. Teams may **not** enter into more than one (1) Local Heat. Any team that is found to have entered into more than one Local Heat will have any subsequent entries cancelled and will be removed from the Competition.
2. The Semi-Finals will consist of a group stage, followed by a knockout stage. The winning team from each Semi-Final shall progress to a national final (the “National Final”).
3. In the event of a draw in the knockout stages of each round in the Semi-Finals, the match will be decided by penalties. The penalties will consist of three (3) rounds followed by ‘sudden death’ penalties if necessary.

**National Final**

1. The National Final will be held on 25th May 2015 (the “National Final Date”) at a location to be confirmed at the first round weekend (Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd February).
2. If any team is unable to attend the National Final, The FA reserves the right to select a replacement team to take their place.
3. Teams for the National Final will be limited to seven (7) players. These must be the same seven (7) players as originally registered for the Local Heat.
4. The FA reserves the right to move the location of the National Final at any time prior to the National Final Date.

**The Prize**

1. The winning teams from each category will each receive one ticket per Team Member to attend The FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 30th May 2015 (the “Prize”). The maximum number of tickets that a team will receive will be seven (7).
2. The Prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and not redeemable for cash or other prizes (in whole or in part). In the event of unforeseen circumstances or circumstances outside The FA’s control, The FA reserves the right to offer an alternative prize of equal or greater value. Travel and accommodation are not included in the Prize and The FA accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with the Prize which are not specifically included including, without limitation, meals, personal expenses and insurance in connection with the Prize. Winners are strictly prohibited from selling or giving away the Prize to any other person.

1. The FA will provide the winners with further details of how to claim their Prize on or around the date of the National Final.
2. The winners’ names and counties will be made available after the end of the Competition to those who send a self-addressed envelope to ‘FA People’s Cup 2015 Competition’ to The FA’s address set out at the top of these Terms and Conditions.
3. As the prize involves attendance at the 2015 FA Cup Final none of the winners can be subject to any Football Banning Order or equivalent court order and/or criminal conviction which restricts their ability to attend matches and/or makes them unsuitable to accept the prize. Any winner subject to such an order or conviction will not be able to receive the prize and will be treated as having been disqualified from the Competition. Such decision shall be at the sole discretion of The FA and will be final.
4. Winners must also comply with all of The FA or Wembley Stadium’s conditions for entry and any applicable ground or health and safety regulations (including those available on the [Wembley Stadium website](http://www.wembleystadium.com/TheStadium/StadiumGuide/RulesnRegulations)). Winners who are rude, abusive, or deemed otherwise unsuitable to by The FA may be required to leave Wembley Stadium. Such decision shall be at the sole discretion of The FA.

**General**

1. Team Members hereby consent to participate in any reasonable publicity accompanying and resulting from the Competition required on behalf of The FA and/or any other broadcast or media partners if so requested with no further recompense.
2. Each Team Member hereby agrees that the Organising Parties (and third parties authorised by The FA) may now and in the future use, exploit and make available the names, details, and images of all Team Members in any medium whatsoever including (but not limited to) a website (include the Organising Parties and broadcast partners main websites, and any social media sites), television, mobile media platforms and/or radio and any other media, whether now known or in the future, for the purposes of advertising and publicity of the Competition and/or The FA People’s Cup brand without restriction as to manner, frequency or duration of usage or any other purpose whatsoever in connection with the sale and marketing of The FA People’s Cup brand.
3. Neither of the Organising Parties will accept any responsibility for lost, delayed, incomplete, misdirected, mislaid, damaged or corrupted Entries (due to whatever reason, including but not limited to malfunction of the Website), or Entries that do not comply with these Terms and Conditions in any way.
4. The FA accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities (including direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damage) injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Competition, not being able to enter into the Competition or accepting any prize. The FA further disclaims liability for any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer or IT systems relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading of any materials in connection with the Competition. Nothing shall exclude the liability of The FA for fraud or for death or personal injury as a result of that party's negligence.
5. In no event shall The FA or any of its Group Company’s total liability for all damages, losses, or causes of action exceed the price of the Prize. Without limiting the foregoing, this Competition and the Prize are provided "as is” without warranty of any kind, either express or implied, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or non-infringement.
6. The FA reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this Competition with or without prior notice due to reasons outside their control or to amend or modify these terms and conditions at any time.
7. Team Members agree that their personal information will be collected, stored and processed in a database for the purposes of administering the Competition and in connection with any advertising mentioned in these Terms and Conditions. Such information will not be used for any other purpose other than as stated in these Terms and Conditions or as separately accepted by Team Members. If Team Members have separately agreed to receive communications from either of the Organising Parties then their personal data may be used for such purposes, including direct marketing. Please note that in processing the information in this way, The Organising Parties may disclose the information to other companies in its group or to third parties employed by the Promoter and/or the Sponsor. The Organising Parties shall at all times comply with applicable Data Protection regulations currently in force in the UK.
8. If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of the Terms and Conditions, or incorrect, illegible, fraudulent or other invalid or improper information has been provided, either of the Organising Parties may, at their discretion, refuse to process an entry or provide the Prize.
9. The Organising Parties reserve the right to verify all Team Members.
10. A decision of either of the Organising Parties will be final in all Competition circumstances and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. The FA reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time by publishing an updated version on the Website. Any amendments will have immediate effect on publication unless otherwise specified.
12. If any of these Clauses should be determined to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable then it shall be severed and deleted from these terms and conditions and the remaining Clauses shall survive, remain in full force and effect.
13. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Any disputes arising under or in connection with them shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England.