



English Schools' Football Association

Membership Matters

Reminders

National Competition Entries 2019/20

Entries for all National Competitions for the 2019/20 season are now open for Schools and Associations. Login to your account to register your entries before Friday 19 July 2019

Affiliations 2019/20

Affiliation prompts have now been sent to all County Schools' FA Secretaries. Please make sure your Association information is up to date and that you have registered to affiliate to the ESFA for the coming season

Chairman's Report to Council

John Martin, Chairman, opened the Council meeting and welcomed back Dave Woollaston, member for the SE, re-elected to Council for a further three years, and Mark Warren, Mids, also re-elected, for one year.

The appointment of Tony James to one of the elected vacancies in the north, and of Matt Dimbylow, Co-opted Council member for disability football, each for a three year term of office, was announced. Mark Hignett (Mids) was nominated as Vice Chairman for the 19/20 season, to serve alongside Phil Harding, ESFA Chairman for that season.

Council considered the remaining vacancies on Council (1 in each of the North, Midlands and SW) and agreed to bring forward proposals for filling such vacancies to future meetings. Council also debated whether it should propose any rules to further regulate on the eligibility of pupils to play representative football: Council concluded that the ESFA would not propose any national controls on the eligibility of academy players, leaving their inclusion to the discretion of member Associations. Further guidance was to be produced.

Competitions Committee reported back on another successful season of national competitions, and were particularly pleased to note that competition sponsors such as PlayStation and DANONE had been delighted with the season. Both had renewed their sponsorship. Members were disappointed to report that levels of poor behaviour had been more prevalent than usual, and reiterated the need for respect: notwithstanding this, the season was considered to be a tremendous success and staff were thanked for their hard work.

The Committee wished to remind colleagues and members that they should not be taking part in unaffiliated football without the express sanctioning of the national body, and for representative football, that so doing meant that insurance cover was not in place.

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Chairman's Report to Council

Representative Committee shared their reflections on the international season, having reviewed it for operational improvements. International fixture dates were to be considered by SAFIB at its June meeting, and would be published in due course. Applications for the international management team vacancies would be considered after the closing date of 16th June. Members wished to thank David Ebberson for his support of the Rep Committee and the international programme in his final meeting prior to leaving the ESFA. Tribute was also paid to the skill and diligence with which Owen Aiston had fulfilled his office as Chair of SAFIB.

Association Development Committee reported that 24 entries had been received to the inaugural ESFA national pan-disability football festivals, with 5 taking place in June. It was noted that the guest speakers at the events, capped disability international players, had delivered interesting and motivational talks to the players, which had been welcomed. Council heard that the development fund this season had resulted in the creation of 2409 teams, enabling 21380 new players to take part.

Trustees updated Council on the outcomes of the CSFA data capture exercise, with all but 2 CSFAs being entitled to funding as a result. Trustees also reported on the release of funding to the four ESFA regions. On behalf of the Honorary Auditors, who had conducted their annual visit, Trustees reminded members that they could contact the HAs in the event that they wished to raise issues of concern (or celebration) for exploration. Trustees thanked the outgoing interns, as well as staff members leaving this summer, for their hard work.

The Vice Chairman commended John Martin, the 2018/19 Chairman, for his excellent work for the Association and on behalf of Council, thanked him for his leadership.

The Chairman closed the meeting by congratulating to Gerry Smith (SW) for his 22 years of service to the Association. Tribute was paid to Gerry's contribution locally, as an ESFA Chairman and, most recently, for his contribution to this season's Competitions Committee. Council members and staff joined the Chairman in thanking Gerry for his tireless service.



Sponsors and Partners

We are delighted to confirm that both PlayStation and Danone will be continuing as sponsors of ESFA Schools' Cup competitions for the 2019/20 season and UCFB will continue as the Association's Higher Education Foundation Partner.

Danone Nations Cup



Danone will continue to sponsor the ESFA's U11 Schools' Cup competitions (Schools, Small Schools, Girls & District). October this year will see four winning teams (2018 and 2019 Girls' Cup and District Cup champions) travel to Salou and Barcelona to represent England in the Danone Nations World Cup. The teams will experience four days of tournaments, trips, training and the World Finals event, which will take place in Espanyol RCDE Stadium.

Girls' Cup Winners 2018: Ponteland Academy (Northumberland CSFA)
District Cup Winners 2018: Newham Schools' FA

Girls' Cup Winners 2019: Easington Colliery (Durham CSFA)
District Cup Winners 2019: Nottingham Schools' FA

PlayStation Schools' Cup

PlayStation will be sponsoring all U12 - U15 Schools' Cup competitions for the seventh season. Once again, this will include roadshows at schools across England throughout the season, as well as another showcase PlayStation Schools' Cup Festival for National Finals in 2020.



UCFB

The ESFA will be once again working with UCFB as our Higher Education Foundation Partner to help enrich their employability programme but also to support the ESFA with additional activity, including potential fixtures for the U18 England squad. We are looking forward to working with the university for another season and seeing how we are able to progress and improve the work we do together.

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New Partners for 2019/20

The ESFA are delighted to be working with some new Sponsors and Partners on various initiatives for the coming season -

Panini

To celebrate Panini becoming the official providers of the Premier League Adrenalyn XL™ trading cards, the ESFA and Panini are bringing back the Classroom Challenge to Primary Schools across England. In order to be in with the chance of securing Panini freebies plus the opportunity to enter the competition, putting schools in the running to win £2,000 cash for their school plus further prizes for pupils, they simply need to register using the link below.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/esfapaninipl>

If you haven't already shared this with all your primary contacts in your area, please make sure you do, so as they don't miss out.

Grief Encounter

From next season, the ESFA's Associate Charity will be Grief Encounter, a fantastic charity who are one of the UK's leading bereaved child charities. They provide free, pioneering services to support bereaved children, young people and their families and want to reach out beyond their current operational area in London to pupils all over England over time. We are looking forward to sharing with you the work that Grief Encounter do and how it can support children through the ESFA network.

Catapult Sports

In another exciting new partnership for 2019/20, the ESFA will be working with Catapult Sports, the global leader in performance technology. Through the partnership, ESFA affiliated schools and Associations will benefit from a discounted rate on Catapult's award winning PlayerTek devices plus their new PLAYR technology with built-in sports science advice. The ESFA England Squads trialed the technology earlier in the season - with great reviews.





Membership Affiliation - 2019/20 Season

To remind you, your Membership Affiliation will be accepted subject to the following compliance:

WELFARE OFFICER

If your Association is running representative team(s) then the Association must have a fully compliant Welfare Officer in place. Associations must ensure that all information is accurate and up-to-date - PLEASE check all your Welfare Officer and staff details carefully.

Your Welfare Officer must have:

- An in-date FA Criminal Record Check (CRC) - for the 2019-20 season all FA CRCs must be dated 30 September 2016 or later
- Attended the FA Safeguarding Workshop within the last 3 years (or updated online)
- Have attended the FA Welfare Officer Workshop

Your affiliation will be refused until you have an FA compliant Welfare Officer for your Rep teams.

REGISTRATION OF TEAM STAFF

It is very important that we know who is coaching and managing teams for your Association and that they are FA CRC checked and have had appropriate safeguarding training.

Therefore, ALL staff MUST be registered with us on our database.

- For each representative team you are running, you must enter details of **ALL** the management and coaching staff against that team under the STAFF tab on the portal.
- All Staff working with representative teams must have an accepted FA CRC (within the last 3 years) and have attended FA Safeguarding (or, for practising teachers, LEA training within the last 3 years)
- Failing this the registration of an individual representative TEAM will be **SUSPENDED** i.e. the team will not be able to play representative fixtures or train until the suspension is lifted
- If you are unable to designate staff for a particular age group team then you will be unable to complete the affiliation process
- An individual member of staff may only have designated overall control of a maximum of two (2) teams
- We will check the FA CRC status and inform you by email if a CRC needs to be updated
- The affiliation will not be accepted until the CRC is accepted
- Please review the information on the database and check it is accurate for each team.
- We will check the FA database and update the dates of CRC and Safeguarding Workshops if required.
- **Please REMOVE any staff NO LONGER involved with your Association representative teams - Failure to do so represents a serious breach of GDPR (data protection) legislation**
- Remember you only need to list your staff if you are running representative teams with your Association and a Welfare Officer is only required if you have rep teams.