

**BIRMINGHAM COUNTY  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

# **GIRLS COUNTY CUP**

# **FINAL**

**2022** **2023**



**COVENTRY SPHINX U16**  
**VS**  
**ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16**



**SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023 | KICK OFF 11AM | BCFA EXCELLENCE ARENA**

**ADULTS £3 | CONCESSIONS £1**

**OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME**



# COUNTY CUP FIXTURES 2022/23

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE #MORETHANACUP JOURNEY BY ATTENDING OUR 14 COUNTY CUP FINALS DURING APRIL AND MAY 2023.

**SUNDAY AMATEUR CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 2 APRIL, 11AM

**GIRLS COUNTY CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SATURDAY 15 APRIL, 11AM

**SATURDAY MINOR CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SATURDAY 22 APRIL, 11AM

**SUNDAY VASE**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 23 APRIL, 11AM

**ROGER WOOD MEMORIAL CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 30 APRIL, 11AM

**WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP**  
MOLINEUX STADIUM  
TUESDAY 9 MAY, 7.45PM

**MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP**  
WALSALL FC  
THURSDAY 11 MAY, 7.45PM

**SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SATURDAY 13 MAY, 2PM

**MINOR CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 14 MAY, 11AM

**JOEL RICHARDS MEMORIAL CUP**  
WALSALL FC  
MONDAY 15 MAY, 7.45PM

**SATURDAY VASE**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SATURDAY 20 MAY, 2PM

**VETERANS CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 21 MAY, 11AM

**SUNDAY YOUTH CUP**  
EXCELLENCE ARENA  
BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FA  
SUNDAY 28 MAY, 11AM

**SENIOR CUP**  
TBC

# WELCOME

## WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO TODAY'S COUNTY CUP FINAL

A warm welcome to all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters of both competing teams and also the match officials for this prestigious County Cup Final.

With 1,100 clubs with a combined total of 5,200 teams and nearly 79,000 players playing all formats of the game within our County boundary, every team that makes it to one of our 14 Cup Finals should be rightly proud of their achievements.

We have again received over 500 Cup entries across all of our competitions so the winners of this and each Final can proudly carry the mantle of County 'Champions' which also brings with it the kudos but added responsibility of playing and behaving in the manner that befits the title of Champions at their respective levels of the game for the next 12 months.

It is also a big day for our match officials who have dedicated hours and in some cases many years 'in the middle' and on the side-lines at all levels of the game to have been selected to represent our 1,300 Birmingham County FA officials at their chosen Final which is part of their own development and reward for their own performances during the current and previous seasons.

I'd also like to take the opportunity of thanking the thousands of volunteers for all the work they do throughout the season to simply help and administer and improve their clubs and teams – more often than not unpaid and into the early hours across many evenings. Without the range of volunteers at every level of the game and at every club and league, then the game as we know it would not exist, especially at grassroots level. As part of the post-match celebrations, we will be presenting a volunteer award which each finalist has nominated as a thank you from those at each club.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues at Birmingham County FA for all the work they do and the support they offer participants in order to promote, govern and develop the game and deliver 14 fantastic Finals and create memories for those who play, coach, officiate and watch their friends, family and loved ones compete.

Enjoy the game and celebrate your achievements before and after the game whilst, at the same time, recognising and respecting the achievements of the opposition and their efforts in making the Final along with those of the match officials on their special day as well.

Play well and play fair and enjoy the memories and friendships that the fixture brings.

Kevin Shoemake  
CEO – Birmingham County FA



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**KEVIN SHOEMAKE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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90% OF PLAYERS PERFORM  
BETTER WHEN YOU'RE

**POSITIVE  
POSITIVE  
POSITIVE**



## GIRLS COUNTY CUP

# MEET THE OFFICIALS



### REFEREE

#### SOPHIE PERRY

At 14 years old I became a qualified referee. I completed my first 2 seasons focusing on junior football and I am now in my first season of adult football. There have been many challenges I have had to face as a young referee but this has not stopped me from turning up each weekend and using my setbacks to improve my skills even further. Recently, I was selected for the Women's Emerging Talent Programme, which has provided me with a huge support network ready to fulfil my ambitions. I have thoroughly enjoyed my refereeing journey so far and I am honoured to have been selected to referee the Girls County Cup Final.

### ASSISTANT REFEREE

#### ELLIE POWERS

After playing football for many years, I sustained an injury in 2019 which meant I could no longer play. Therefore, I took up refereeing to still be involved in the sport. My refereeing career has accelerated quite quickly with me taking part in an international friendly in my first season, and coming onto the women's pathway at the beginning of my second season. My confidence has grown massively over the last two seasons and I look forward to progressing further in the coming years.

### ASSISTANT REFEREE

#### MOLLY KAVANAGH

I am a referee on the West Midlands Regional League and the Women's National League. I also officiate in the Central Warwickshire Girls League and Central Warwickshire Youth League. I thoroughly enjoy refereeing as it means I can participate in the sport that I love in a way other than playing or coaching. On the other hand, the other reason why I love refereeing is because I get to watch good quality football live! I am also the Early Engagement Officer on the National Young Referee Development Team. This means that I work with newly qualified referees aged 14-25 on a national scale and help them become involved and feel welcomed into the refereeing world. My advice to anyone thinking of picking up the whistle, is to just do it. Give it a go! You'll never know if you like something if you don't try it. There are support networks out there who can help you develop, and support you within the refereeing world.

### FOURTH OFFICIAL

#### GEORGIA DERRICK

I began refereeing in early 2019 when I was given the opportunity to take the course by Birmingham FA and my school. I had always loved and played football but I found the transition into officiating a breath of fresh air. I began refereeing boys grassroots football but after 2 years I switched to girls football and have begun to work my way up the women's pathway where I'm currently an AR in the Women's National league.



GIRLS COUNTY CUP

# COVENTRY SPHINX U16

## THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

### FIRST ROUND

COVENTRY SPHINX U16

vs

BYE

### SECOND ROUND

LEAFIELD ATHLETIC U16 1 (2)

vs

COVENTRY SPHINX U16 1 (4)

### QUARTER-FINAL

COVENTRY UNITED GREENS U16 1

vs

COVENTRY SPHINX U16 4

### SEMI-FINAL

COVENTRY SPHINX U16 2

vs

BOURNVILLE U16 1



**Birmingham &  
Black Country**  
Wildlife Trust

**CHARITY PARTNER  
2022/23**



Birmingham County Football Association and their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme is pleased to share that they have partnered with Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust as their Charity of the Year for the 22/23 season.

The vision for the Trust is for A Wilder Birmingham and Black Country with more green and wild spaces where nature thrives, and where everyone has an equal opportunity to access nature in their daily lives.

The Trust are working towards three goals that they aim to reach by 2030 which are;

1. To see 30% of Birmingham & Black Country's landscape managed for the benefit of wildlife
2. To have at least 1 in 4 people in Birmingham & Black Country taking action for nature
3. To aim for 500 hectares (or the equivalent of 700 football pitches) to be improved to provide nature-based solutions to the ecological & climate crisis

It is hoped through this brand-new partnership BCFA member clubs and their supporters can play a part helping to raise the Trust's profile and encourage and adopt regular fundraising through a series of planned activities from wildlife gardening, citizen science, volunteering, campaigning, events, and training courses at one of the Trust's six nature reserves or two environmental education centres.

Football can play a vital part in protecting our planet by reconnecting and helping the recovery of nature. Grassroots football is predominantly an outdoor sport played on green spaces and it has a unique opportunity to support the Trust's on-going work.

By connecting our clubs & their members to nearby nature over the coming months, we hope will also bring about long-term health & wellbeing benefits reducing anxiety, stress and improving heart health for individuals coupled with the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause. BCFA have agreed to donate some of the proceeds from ticket sales from all 14 of this seasons County Cup Finals to the Birmingham & Black Country Wildlife Trust

You can text your support with a donation using the below method:

BCFA Text Giving:

Text STPT + donation amount to 70085

e.g. STPT 5 to 70085 to donate £5

**DONATE  
HERE**



**BECOME A  
MEMBER TODAY**



**SQUAD**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

**FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR GIRLS  
AGED 12-14 WHO WANT TO PLAY THEIR WAY**



# SAVE TODAY, PLAY TOMORROW

Birmingham County Football Association is committed to pioneering the way in which football minimises the impact of its activities on the environment.

More information on our commitment to creating a sustainable game is available below, along with helpful resources and documents that clubs, leagues and participants can use to help make a significant, positive contribution to the environment. Find out more by clicking [here](#).



**Carbon Neutral County Cup Finals.** We are working with our carbon reporting & accounting partners Planet Mark, and the venue owners to ensure all 14 of this season's County Cup Finals will be carbon neutral events. Data will be collected on travel, food & beverage, energy & water consumption, and waste to plan and measure the overall emissions generated. These will be independently assessed and verified to meet robust PAS2060 standards and gold standard or VCS offsets will be procured for the finals to be Carbon Neutral events, as we look at more long-term solutions to reduce the impacts.



**100% Renewable Energy Tariff.** Birmingham County FA was proud to announce a new partnership with energy and sustainability consultant, Utility-Works. The partnership signals a commitment to helping football clubs of all shapes and sizes at the heart of their local communities, during the energy crisis and in the long-term transition to cheaper cleaner renewable energy. Find out more [here](#).

**Carbon Literacy for Grassroots Football Training Course.** This one-day course gives attendees a month's worth of knowledge and awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community, and organisational basis. Furthermore, learners will gain an understanding of the interdependencies between football and climate change, to allow them to take the necessary steps to reduce the impact the game is having on the environment. [Click here](#) for more.



**Be A Super Supporter and Liftshare.** Our first of its kind lift sharing scheme in grassroots football is going from strength to strength. To date users have saved over 27,000 miles in football journeys, that equates to 6.1 tonnes of harmful emissions not entering the atmosphere and £7829 not spent on fuel! Liftshare are the UK's largest car sharing organisation & this partnership provides you the opportunity to join the 750,000 likeminded people across the country to reduce their emissions footprint and save money. You can register to join our community [here](#).



**Stack-Cup.** Birmingham County FA are pleased to announce a partnership with Stack-Cup to offer clubs the opportunity to introduce reusable, washable cups as part of their Save Today, Play Tomorrow programme. To find out more, contact James Roles at Stack-Cup on [james.roles@stack-cup.com](mailto:james.roles@stack-cup.com) or visit our website [here](#).

**Planet Mark Certified.** Planet Mark Certified. We're proud to announce that for the second year we've achieved the Planet Mark Business Certification. This is an incredible achievement involving the entire business which has seen a 30% reduction in CO2 emissions in the last 12 months. In this crucial #DecadeofAction, measuring our own carbon footprint has been a critical step in reducing our impact on the planet and society and through the findings and recommendations from the report we are on the right track to meet our Net Zero ambitions by 2030. View our full Planet Mark Year 2 Report [here](#).



**Football Rebooted.** We are proud to say that within network we now have over 50 grassroots clubs of all sizes acting as Football Rebooted collection & distribution centres for their community. Through this partnership we are seeing literally hundreds of pre-worn boots being donated each season for use back on the pitch and out of landfill. Many of the clubs have linked with schools or local charities to provide footwear to those most in need, making this as much a social project as much as an environmental one.

On behalf of Birmingham County FA and our partners at Football Rebooted, many thanks to all those clubs involved that offer their continued support. If you would like your club to be part of the Football Rebooted scheme, then please get in contact.



**Pledgeball**

**Pledge of Sustainability.** This season over 130 clubs with almost 1000 teams, and 12000 registered players have signed up to the Birmingham County FA Sustainability Pledge in partnership with [Pledgeball](#) engaging their members to pledge to select alternative lifestyle choices across 6 key areas, Travel, Food, Waste, Water, Energy & Community Engagement. By recording their behaviour changes throughout the season via the digital Pledgeball app the clubs have been competing each month to finish top of the league to receive £500 towards their running costs for this season.

To date 3,105,039kgs CO2e has been pledged to be saved this year which is the equivalent to taking 675 cars off the road.

To help support your club for FREE become more sustainable both environmentally & financially just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to <https://www.pledgeball.org/events/> and scroll down to "Up Coming Events" and select Birmingham County FA
2. Find & select your club
3. Register as a supporter, select your simple pledges and see the carbon savings for the year

To find out more about Pledgeball, head to [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [Pledgeball.org](#)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR AWARD-WINNING SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME [HERE](#)

**THE AMBITIOUS GOAL OF LOW CARBON FOOTBALL**

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# ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16

## THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

## ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16 6

**VS****SOLIHULL SPORTING U16 2**

**BURTON ALBION U16 1**

**VS**

## ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16 4

## BUSTLEHOLME LIONESSES U16 1

**VS**

## ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16 7

**SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN U16 3**

**VS**

## ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16 4



23

**GRASSROOTS  
FOOTBALL  
AWARDS**

# NOMINATE YOUR HEROES NOW

## Coach of the Year - Female Pathway

## Coach of the Year - Male Pathway

## Coach of the Year - Disability Pathway

## Grounds Team of the Year

## Club of the Year

## League of the Year

## Match official of the Year

## Young Volunteer of the Year

## New Volunteer of the Year

## The Lioness Award

## Positive Football Environment Award







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IS A NEW WAY TO PLAY

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**MAKE FOOTBALL SAFE. WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY.**



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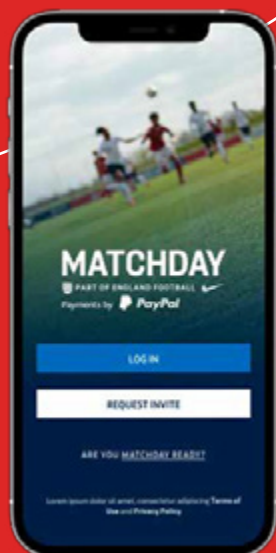


THE GAME IS ALWAYS ON  
**MATCHDAY**

PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

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# **GIRLS COUNTY CUP**

# **2022 FINAL 2023**

## **COVENTRY SPHINX U16**



Ellie Convery  
Poppy Element  
Elena Fereday (GK)  
Cassidy Graham  
Evie Guise  
Cadey Lapworth  
Sophie Lewis  
Oyindamola Christiana Ojo  
Iyobosa Omeregbbee  
Lillia Patterson  
Poppie Payton  
Lilly Ragget  
Ola Stojanow

### **COACHING STAFF**

Bethany Fesel - Manager  
Callum Woods - Assistant Manager  
Chlor Skipworth - Assistant Manager

First Choice Colours:  
Blue & White Shirts, Navy Shorts & Navy Socks



## **ST JOHNS JUNIORS U16**

Maisy Bagshaw  
Emma Benton  
Imogen Bird  
Megan Breen  
Maia Bull  
Hope Busher  
Grace Collins  
Elle George  
Georgia Neath  
Tammy Obassi  
Eloise Parkes  
Ella-Mai Reeve  
Harley Sadler  
Eloise Stacey  
Lucy Watkinson  
Sophie Williams

### **COACHING STAFF**

Jade Lapthorne - Manager  
Chad Male - Coach  
Andrew Collins - Coach

First Choice Colours:  
Green Shirts, Black Shorts & Green Socks

## **TROPHY PRESENTED BY SANDRA HAMPTON**

Sandra is the BCFA Senior Independent Director. For the last few years, Sandra has helped BCFA create a strong and robust governance structure. She has been the driving force behind the governance changes at BCFA. Her extensive knowledge of sport and physical recreation comes from her years at Sport England as a Relationship Manager. Sandra has overseen the strategic management and delivery of a range of sports participation programmes. We are honoured that she will be presenting the trophy and we would like to thank her for all her time, effort and dedication to BCFA.

## **NEXT FINAL**

Saturday Minor Cup  
BCFA Excellence Arena  
Saturday 22 April, 11am

## **MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee - Sophie Perry  
Assistant Referee - Ellie Powers  
Assistant Referee - Molly Kavanagh  
Fourth Official - Georgia Derrick



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FOOTBALL**