

THE FA SUNDAY CUP

SEASON 2019-2020

ENTRY CRITERIA

Participation in the Competition shall only be open to Clubs competing in the higher Divisions of a Sunday League for season 2019-2020 sanctioned by The Association or an affiliated Association.

The National Game Board may reject the application of any Club to participate in the Competition at its entire discretion.

There is a match grant to assist with costs, provided by The FA for ties up to and including the Fifth Round.

These amounts for distribution are still to be decided for season 2019-2020 but, for guidance, the amounts distributed last season were as follows:-

	Home Club (£)	Away Club (£)
1st Round	325	225
2nd Round	350	250
3rd Round	375	275
4th Round	400	300
5th Round	500	400

These amounts will only be paid to each Club within **seven working days of the completion of the round** and only matches played and completed will be eligible for the match grant.

MINIMUM GROUND STANDARDS

1. The playing area must be either roped off or enclosed by a permanent or barrier, the only exception being those areas and spaces excluded from spectator viewing.
2. Dressing and washing accommodation must be separate for each team and Match Officials. Dressing Rooms must have heating and hot water and be secure and independent of any public access. Dressing room areas must be cleaned and maintained to a satisfactory standard.
3. Separate toilets must be provided for dressing rooms used by players and Match Officials, which must not be available for spectator use.
4. From the Fourth Round matches must be played on grounds which fully conform to a category 'H' Grade of The FA National Ground Grading or higher, as contained in Appendix 1.
5. In all matches hospitality must be provided at half time and full time for the visiting Club and Match Officials.
6. The consumption of alcohol in the ground or premises during the period of a match shall be subject to the terms of the Club licence agreement and the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985 and/or any successor legislation. Glasses, Glass bottles or cans containing alcohol are not permitted outside of the Clubhouse and must not be brought into grounds
7. The dimensions of the field of play for all matches shall be as follows:
Maximum length: 110 metres
Minimum length: 100 metres
Maximum breadth: 75 metres
Minimum breadth: 64 metres
8. Goal nets must be used in all matches.
9. Artificial pitches are permitted providing they meet the minimum standards set by FIFA, in accordance with Competition Rule 13 and only with prior consent of The Association.