Durham County FA Leagues – Season 2020-21

Team Affiliation

Your team must be affiliated before any training (as per current FA guidelines) can commence. Latest FA guidance can be found here. The playing of any games in any format is still not permitted. Latest government advice regarding COVID-19 can be found here.

If you have any queries in relation to your team affiliation, please speak to your Club Secretary in the first instance.

Player Registration

All players <u>must</u> be registered online via the <u>Whole Game System</u> and each player <u>must</u> have an email address added to their record to be able to give consent of their registration online. Any registrations submitted without online consent will be rejected. Many of you will be familiar with this process however I have also issued a User Guide for any guidance that is required. If you require any further help, please get in touch.

Matchdau App

To submit a result/team sheet you will need to download the **Matchday App** on to your smart phone. Download links for the App are; iPhone (https://the-fa.com/86ZnKX) and for Android (https://the-fa.com/XvNhMG). **To be able to access the app you must have one of the following roles within your team; Manager, Assistant Manager, Coach or Assistant Coach.** THE APP WILL ONLY WORK ONCE THE SEASON IS SET UP THEREFORE IF YOU RECEIVE AN ERROR MESSAGE THAT YOUR TEAM CANNOT BE FOUND PLEASE DON'T WORRY AT THIS STAGE UNTILLINFORM YOU THAT THE APP IS READY TO USE.

Managers and coaches:

- Select your line-up wherever you are;
- Submit team sheets on the go;
- Organise matches, training and social events and provide instant updates;
- Avoid fielding ineligible players;
- Notifications are automatically sent to players;
- Submit your final score;
- Submit your match return straight to Full-Time from app;
- Collect match fee payments in app;
- Collect club (season) payments in app.

Players:

- Make yourself available and know immediately you're picked;
- View all future fixtures;
- Stay across all past stats;
- Keep an eye on the tables, fixtures, results and scorers;
- Pay match fees in app;
- Pay club (season) fees in app.

For all:

Payments service launched in partnership with PayPal - http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/matchday/payments

If you need any help using the App please visit: http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/matchday/faqs

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Full-Time

As well as on the Matchday App you will also be able to view League tables, fixtures and results on Full-Time (once the new season has been set up);

- U17's Saturday League http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=300457417
- U17's Sunday League Link to follow
- U18's Saturday Morning League http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=444681483
- U18's Saturday Afternoon League http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=9964201
- U23's Sunday League http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=783450557
- Women's Sunday League http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/Index.do?league=5505855

Grassroots Technology Helpdesk

You can view User Guides and FAQ's relating to WGS, Matchday and Full-Time via the following link https://grassrootstechnology.freshdesk.com From here you can also request specific help by raising a support ticket and a member of the FA Grassroots technology Team will respond.

Entru Fee

The entry fee of £50 per team is due by **Friday 31st July 2020.** If you would like to request an Invoice and pay online via Whole Game System, please let me know. Alternatively, you can post a cheque made payable to 'DCFA'. To pay over the phone using a credit/debit card please give me a call on 0191 387 2929 (Option 2, Option 2).

Squad List/ID Cards

As per Leagues Rules teams within the following Leagues must be able to provide a print out of their squad list (details on how to download your squad list are in the User Guide provided) to their opposition immediately before kick-off; (If once registered teams would like a squad list print out posted to them please let me know)

- U17's Saturday League
- U17's Sunday League
- U18's Saturday Morning League
- Women's Sunday League

Fixture Confirmation

It is the home teams' responsibility to contact their opposition to confirm details of their fixture i.e. kick off time, kit colours and location including postcode at least **FIVE** days before the date of the game. If not so provided, the away teamshall seek such details and report the circumstances to the League.

Referees

A Referee for each fixture will be appointed by the League. I will confirm your Referee appointment via email on the Monday before your weekend fixture. It is the home teams' responsibility to contact the Referee to confirm details of their fixture i.e. kick off time and location including postcode at least **FIVE** days before the date of the game.

Reporting Results/Team Sheets

It is the responsibility of **BOTH** teams to report the result of the game and team sheet via the Matchday App within 48 hours of the game ending.

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Changing Facilities

All teams should be providing changing facilities for pre and post-game. If your team does not have access to changing facilities, please let me know.