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## Affiliation Guidance Notes

Below you can find a step by step guide on the affiliation process and some FAQs.
If you have any further queries regarding affiliation please contact the office on 01462677622 or discipline@hertfordshirefa.com

## Where do I login to complete the affiliation form?

Please visit https://wholegame.thefa.com/ and enteryour email/FAN along with your password. If you can't rememberyour password or do not have a password please click on the 'Have you forgotten your password' link.




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The affiliation process contains eight steps.

You will find tips throughout this document which should help with each area of the affiliation.

## Step 1:

Your affiliation form will be prepopluated, meaning if there haven't been any changes a lot of the form will already be completed and ready for submission.

Please check each stage carefully before going onto the next stage.
Enter your club details (Name, address, are details correct and accept terms and conditions)
Tip - Remember - When going on to the next stage of the form make sure you have checked the boxes that are required to move on.


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## Step 2:

Check all club officials contact details by clicking on the down arrow button. If you need to update anyone's details they will need to do this or contact the County office. You can also add/remove officials at this stage.


## Step 3:

At this stage you will be required to enter your club ground details. Dependant on the size of your club it may take longer to load this detail. You will receive a warning message to alert you of this.


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## Step 4:

This is the most detailed step which will take the longest time for clubs that have a lot of teams. Please click on the edit cups/leagues button below each team to ensure you have the correct information for each team prior to continuing to the step 5.

Tip - Make sure you check the boxes agreeing that you have reviewed the cups and leagues in which your teams are entering.


## Step 5:

Here you are asked to upload your insurance details and club accounts. If you do not have insurance in place yet you are asked to agree to purchase the Public Liability insurance in the next step and the Personal Accident insurance directly from Bluefin or another insurance provider. If you purchase your PA insurance from Bluefin they will inform us directly that you have purchased the insurance. If you use another supplier you will need to send us a copy of your certificate or upload it at this stage.

Tip - You have to purchase Public Liability insurance as part of the affiliation. You also need to purchase Personal Accident insurance as an adult and youth club (part of the Standard Code of rules for adult and youth 2018/19) and your affiliation will not be completed until you do so.

Contact details for Bluefin to purchase your Personal Accident Insurance can found here: http://www.hertfordshirefa.com/leagues-and-clubs/club-management/insurance

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## Step 6:

At this stage you can select the items in which you would like to purchase as part of your affiliation. Public Liability insurance is mandatory and therefore you can't remove this from your form. However, it is up to you what else you purchase.

Tip - Please be aware that this season's handbook will be online and a hard copy is not available. We now display all of this information in our app 'Herts FA'.

To download this please visit the appropriate app store for your device.
It is also at this stage where you need to submit your interest in being part of the ballot to purchase FA Cup Final Tickets. The FA provide County FAs with a number of tickets each season and we conduct a ballot with those who apply to have access to these each April.

If you are succesful in the ballot you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for The 2019 FA Cup Final.

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## Step 7:

This page will summarise everything you are wishing to purchase as part of your affiliation. If you are happy with this you can continue and if not please go back to make amendments.

Tip - You will notice that a 'Club Affiliation' fee is listed and then a 'Club Affiliation perteam' fee is also listed. This is because the fees are seperated. Often an age group is added to the end of the 'Club Affiliation' descritption but this does not mean that you have paid twice for that team.


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## Step 8:

The final step will confirm with you that your affiliation form has been submitted for approval. At this stage please be aware that you may hear from County staff if we require further information. If not you will receive an email when it has been approved and you have been invoiced.

## Your affiliation will not be completed until your invoice is paid and until you have provided proof of personal accident insurance.

## FAQs

## Why can't I login?

You should be able to login with your email address/FAN as your 'username' followed by your password. To reset your password or if you do not have one click on the 'forgotten password' link. Here you are required to input your FAN/Email followed by your DOB. If this doesn't work contact us as it may be that we do not have the correct DOB listed.

## What club name can I use?

The County FA will not accept an affiliation for a club where the name already exists, please check with the office before submitting your application.

## Can I change my club name mid-season?

Clubs are not permitted to change their name once the County Cup draw has been made.

## Do I need to provide my ground address?

The full postal address, including postcode of where you shall be playing your home matches MUST be completed.

## Should I submit my kit colours?

Although this is not marked as mandatory online we do require this information for the handbook. Therefore please complete this as we will not accept your affiliation form until we receive this information.

## Mandatory Contacts [Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer]

These need to be completed; correct details are needed for all contacts address, date of birth, telephone number and email.

## Youth Clubs

Welfare Officer details are necessary for all youth clubs, they must have completed an enhanced FA CRC and have attended a Safeguarding Children's Workshop followed by a club Welfare Officers Workshop as a requirement, or your affiliation cannot be accepted until one is in place.

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## Team Details

This section needs to be completed for each team within your club, with team name, age group, which category, league entered into, main colours and secondary colours. It is a mandatory requirement for all Youth teams within a club, to provide full details of each team's Manager/Coach.

## PLEASE LIST ALL TEAMS INCLUDING YOUR UNDER 7’S AND 8’S

## Affiliation Fees 2018/19

Affiliation fees are different for clubs at different levels:-
SeniorSaturdays - Step 7 and above [e.g Hertfordshire Senior County League, Premier Division and above is classed as Senior]
Junior Adult and Sunday Adult Clubs
Youth Clubs
First teams affiliation is included in price, extra teams are $£ 5.00$ per team.
Please see Affiliation Fee Information Sheet

## County Cups

All clubs must enter a County Cup Competition. In youth clubs, all age groups affiliated to the County must enter at least one team in the relevant County Cup Competition.

## ALL Adult Clubs

Personal Accident Insurance has to be in place for each of their teams. Clubs affiliating to Hertfordshire FA must have cover that includes the following;

- Accidental Death - $£ 30,000$
- Life Cover - £7,000
- Permanent Total Disablement (including permanent partial disablement) - up to $£ 50,000$
- Loss of sight in one or both eyes - $£ 30,000$
- Loss of one or more limbs - $£ 30,000$

Whilst this is the minimum level of cover, Hertfordshire FA would strongly recommend clubs to purchase higherlevels of cover that include broken bone cover and weekly benefits. Cover can be purchased through Hertfordshire FA's Insurance Partner Bluefin via their website www.bluefinsport.co.uk/ngis. Cover may be purchased from other providers. Clubs wishing to use another provider must supply the County FA with a copy of the insurance certificate proving that the cover meets the minimum level outlined above.

Any club failing to provide proof that they have Personal Accident Insurance in place for each of their teams by the $1^{\text {st }}$ July 2018 will be suspended until coverhas been confirmed.

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## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please note the following changes to the Safeguarding criteria for Club Affiliation;

- Please remember that Youth Club Committee Members all have to complete an online club committee safeguarding course as part of the affiliation process. The club will not be able to complete their affiliation until this has been completed. Details on how to access the course can be found below.
https://www.thefa.com/account/signin?ReturnUrl=https://learning.thefa.com/course/view.php?i $\mathrm{d}=308$
- All youth team (Under 18 and below) managers and coaches are required to have an in-date, FA accepted, Criminal Records Check (CRC) (within three years of issue date) at the point of affiliation. Managers and Coaches can be submitted without an in-date, CRC check, but affiliation cannot be approved by the County FA until they have an in-date CRC check (in line with FA regulations).
- Professional clubs can now be tagged as "Designated Safeguarding Officer Required" which means they have to have a Welfare Officer, even if the club concerned does not have any U18 teams.
- Where a club has been tagged as "Designated Safeguarding Officer Required", the nominated individual will not be required to hold the FA Welfare Officer Workshop certificate (although they may still hold this qualification).

For further information please contact Richard.Drake@hertfordshirefa.com

If you can't complete the affiliation form on the website please contact the Football Services team on 01462677622 and we will support you through the process:

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