

AFFILIATION 2020/2021 SEASON



Welcome

Following on from our Chairman's Announcement and the Lincolnshire Football Associations commitment to reduce the costs of returning to football, we are pleased to announce that the Lincolnshire FA have started planning for the return of football with our 20/21 Affiliation window opening from the 1st June 2020.

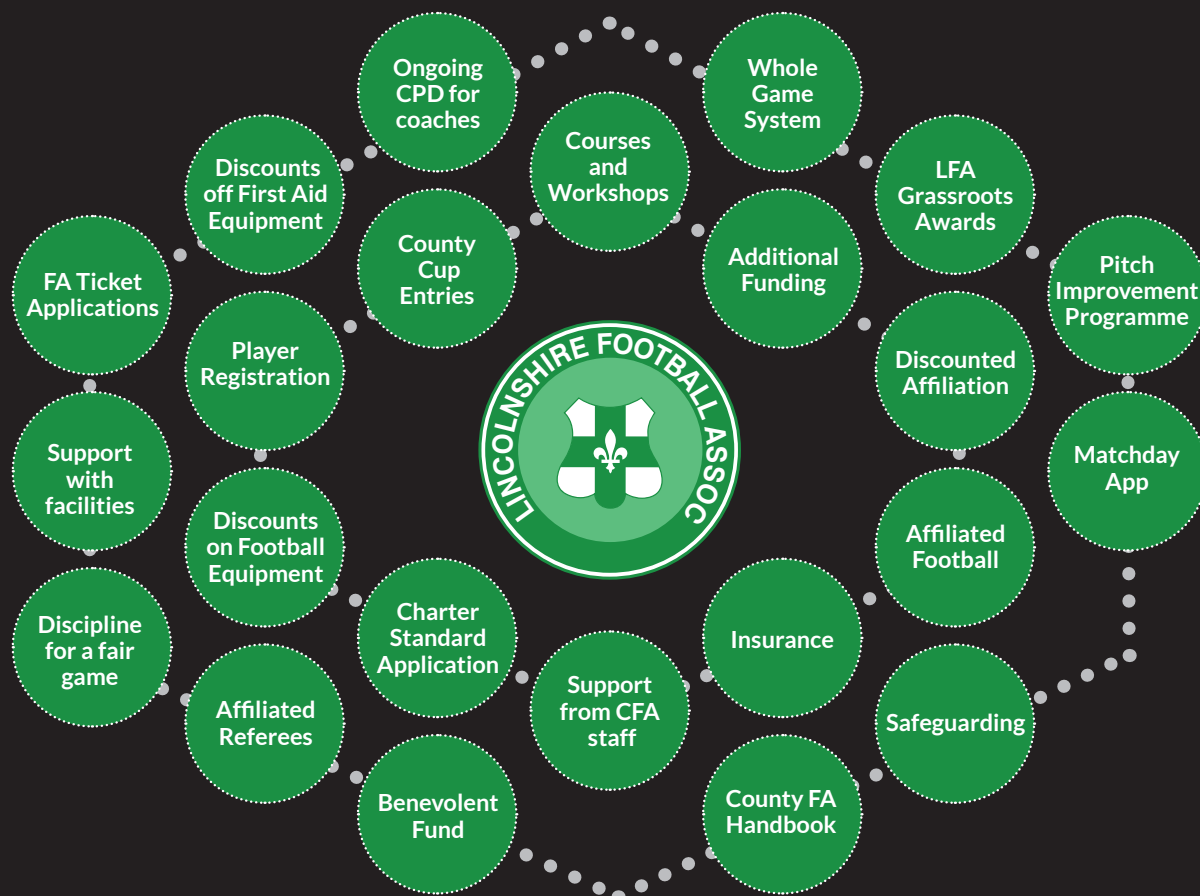
To ease the financial burden on all our members during these difficult times and to offer support to our existing and new members we are delighted to announce FREE Club Affiliations, Referee Affiliations, League Sanction Fees and County Cups entries for ALL clubs, referees and leagues across Lincolnshire.

We are still following the The FA and Governments guidance with a start date for this season yet to be announced and football returning only when it is safe to do so, and we will advise clubs as and when any updates are issued.

We have again been successful in securing addition benefits to the existing benefits through suppliers Kit Locker and Koolpak offering discounts to member clubs on football kits, training equipment and first aid supplies.

- Kit Locker will be running a competition for clubs to enter a prize draw with the winner receiving 5 x Charter Standard Match balls along with a free ball carrier.
- Kit Locker will also be offering a discount on all their ranges for affiliated clubs.
- New for 20/21 the Lincs FA have agreed a partnership with Koolpak a company selling First Aid essentials at discounted prices throughout the season through a personalised Web Portal for Lincolnshire. (Codes and links for the above to be forwarded over on Clubs Affiliation Applications being approved.)

Benefits of Lincolnshire FA Affiliation



Insurances

Clubs will still need to purchase their Personal Accident Insurance which can be purchased through the Whole Game Affiliation Process at reduced premiums from our Insurance Provider Bluefin.

Public Liability must also be purchased, or if clubs already have Public Liability, they must show proof of cover for the affiliation period 20/21 before any application can be approved.

Teams that require an increased level of cover either through choice or due to play at a higher step in the football pyramid can upgrade their policy through the Bluefin website. Clubs who upgraded during the 2019/20 season will receive a renewal invitation during June from Bluefin and this will detail how they can arrange cover for the new season.

The mandatory adult upgrade requirements would be:

STEP 2/3

Teams would need to upgrade to a minimum of Superior 400

STEP 4

Teams would need to upgrade to a minimum of Superior 300

STEP5/6

Teams would need to upgrade to a minimum of Superior 200

Safeguarding requirements

“ The LFA continues to be committed to ensure all necessary steps are taken to protect children and young people who participate in grassroots football from harm. It is vital that all youth teams must ensure that all safeguarding requirements are met for their application to be accepted and approved. ”

To ensure safeguarding standards are met the mandatory requirements for youth teams are as follows:

- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Welfare Officer to have completed the online Safeguarding Commitment for Committee members. You can access the course by using this link: <https://learning.thefa.com/enrol/index.php?id=308>
- All clubs with youth teams must have a Club Welfare Officer who has attended an FA Safeguarding workshop or renewed their qualification online and must have attended a Welfare Officer Workshop and have a Completed valid FA DBS.
- All Managers and Coaches must have a Completed and valid FA DBS.
- Although at this time it is not mandatory for affiliation purposes, we ask as best practice that Managers of Adult teams who have players who have attained the age of 16 and who under the age of 18 to hold a valid completed FA DBS.

Costs

The costs per team for Personal Accident Cover for the 20/21 season are as follows:

- Adult teams (U19 and above) - **£43.55**
- Teams Under 12's and Under - **£12.92**
- Teams Under 13's and Above up to U18'S - **£17.08**
- Walking Football, Veterans and Small sided Teams - **£31.00**

And per Club for Public Liability Cover:

- County Cover - **£25.00**
- County Cover Plus - **£54.00**

Details of the differences in cover can be obtained from the County FA on the emails below.

How to Access Whole Game

<https://www.thefa.com/account/wholegame>

- 1 When the Affiliation window is open, and you log into your Whole Game Portal you will see the Affiliation Tab on the left-hand side.
- 2 From here you can go through the affiliation process step by step.
- 3 You can stop at any point during the application and pick it up later from the point you left when logging back in so don't worry that it all must be done in one go.
- 4 It is important that clubs complete each step as applications will have to be returned if in-complete.

In the event you experience any problems during the affiliation process please do not hesitate to get in touch with the County Office at hayley.cain@lincolnshirefa.com or info@lincolnshirefa.com where we will be more than happy to support you through the process.