



HELLO & WELCOME

14.12.2021 – 7pm-8pm – London FA

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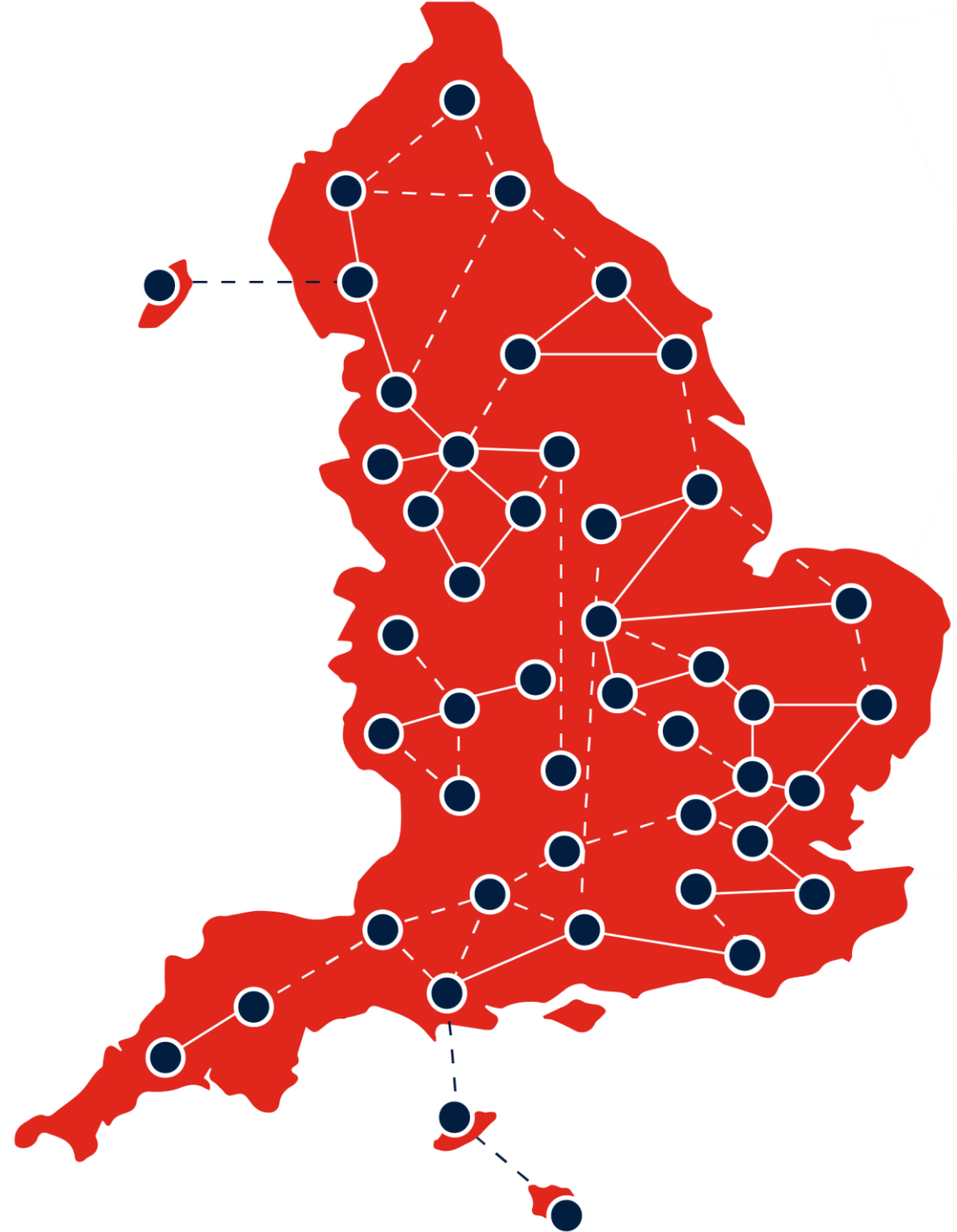
WHY ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED EXISTS

Leading by example. Raising the bar. Flying the flag for Respect and diversity.

Accredited Leagues and Clubs exist for the players and create opportunities for everyone to experience and enjoy the game we all love.

Every fan, parent and volunteer, how ever they support the game. Every player, referee, or coach, regardless of ability.

"A vibrant national League and Club network that delivers inclusive football for its local community"





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THE TRANSITION

**FROM THE FA CHARTER STANDARD
TO
ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED**



The Timeline

Non-accredited clubs have from now until June 2022 to satisfy both on- and off-pitch criteria. This will be validated in June 2022 and then annually in November



*Accredited clubs with 2star and 3star accreditation will be recognised as the star you have until November 2023. This is to give you the opportunity to develop the teams you have missing if it is within your club plans and ambitions. If you do not meet the minimum number of teams for the Accredited player pathways for the star you are recognised for by November 2023, the star will change.**

Now until June 2022

November 2022

Accredited clubs have from now until November 2022 to satisfy both on- and off-pitch criteria. This will be validated in November 2022 and then annually.

November 2023

** within 3 teams of meeting the 3star will be recognised as a 3star Accredited Club.*

** within 2 teams of meeting the 2star will be recognised as a 2star Accredited Club.*



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CRITERIA FOR CLUBS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Opportunity

England Football Accredited is open to both Leagues and Clubs. The following Leagues and Clubs are eligible to become England Football Accredited:

National League System steps 1 - 6

Step 7 feeder Leagues

Women's pyramid Tier 3 and below

Grassroots Leagues and Clubs

Leagues

All accredited Leagues are recognised as an 'England Football Accredited League'.

Clubs

All accredited Clubs are recognised as either a 1★, 2★★, or 3★★★ 'England Football Accredited Club'. The star a Club is recognised as, denotes the football provisions a Club offers on the pitch and how they are structured for it.

All Leagues and Clubs must achieve the eligibility criteria to become England Football Accredited.

The criteria for England Football Accredited is in addition to the requirements for League sanction and Club affiliation.

Clubs must be affiliated to their local County FA

Through affiliation Clubs will achieve the following criteria:

Offer a minimum of one team at any age group for male or female or disability playing in an FA sanctioned competition.

Have an in-date FA Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (DBS) for all relevant officials.

Have a Welfare Officer for Youth Clubs (male, female and disability).

Safeguarding Committee Members course completed by Club committee members.

Through the Clubs Portal, Clubs will achieve or evidence the following criteria:

Evidence or adopt a set of Club rules and be a constituted Club.

Evidence or adopt the relevant Club safeguarding policies.

Evidence or adopt an equality policy.

Adopt the Football Leadership Diversity Code.

Adopt the Nationwide Respect codes of conduct and implement The FA Respect activations relevant to your club.

Have a bank account in the Club's name recommended for all Clubs and mandatory for Clubs with three or more teams.

Provide evidence of last season's accounts if in existence for more than one season.

Have a good disciplinary record within the Nationwide Respect disciplinary code (if in existence for more than one season).

Through the Club Portal, Clubs will continue to adhere to the criteria and complete the relevant validation process to remain England Football Accredited.

England Football Accredited Clubs will achieve on pitch and off pitch criteria:

On pitch

Adult teams should have a named individual that has completed the **Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAIF)**. If this person is a player, an additional person is required.

Youth teams to have at least one coach or manager with the **Introduction to Coaching Football (I2CF)** per team, **with in date Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAIF)** and **Safeguarding Children Course (SCC)**. A qualified coach or manager must be present at training and fixtures.

Have a coach:player ratio of 1:16 or less.

Off pitch

Complete the relevant Club development plan to support club development and sustainability.

Confirm Club meetings that take place and make sure they are recorded. Copies of minutes are available upon request.

Demonstrate that decisions made by the Club are informed by, and communicated to, it's members.

Processes

Teams with people that need access to achieve qualification criteria can find the courses here: www.thebootroom.thefa.com/learning and will show against their records in the Club Portal for validation each season.

Clubs will evidence official criteria through the Club Portal processes or through The County FA Development Officers.



CLUB PATHWAYS

1,2,3 STARS



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To be a one star
Accredited Club,
you must:

*Offer a minimum of one
affiliated male or female
or disability team at any
age group playing within
an FA sanctioned league
competition.*



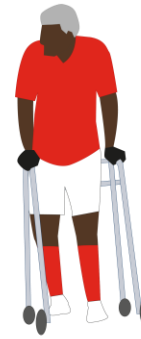
1 male team
at any age

OR



1 female team
at any age

OR



1 disability
team at any age

To be a two star
Accredited Club,
you must:

Offer a complete accredited
player pathway for either male
or female or disability football,
all playing within FA
sanctioned League
competitions.

In addition, offer a minimum of
one team at any age group
from an alternative pathway.



Offer at least 1 team in at least
8 of these age groups

U7	U8	U9
U10	U11	U12
U13	U14	U15
U16	U18	

*Must have U21 or OA

** Max of 2 years between age groups

AND



1 female team
at any age

OR



1 disability
team at any age



Offer at least 1 team in at least
4 of these age groups

U10	U11	U12
U13	U14	U15
U16		

*Must have U10 or U16

** Max of 2 years between age groups

AND



1 male team
at any age

OR



1 disability
team at any age



Offer at least 1 team in at least
2 of these age groups

U8	U12	U16
OA		

AND



OR



OR



Female specific
disability team at
any age

1 male team
at any age

1 female
team at any age

To be a three star
Accredited Club,
you must:

Offer the complete
accredited player pathway
for both male and female
whilst offering a minimum
of one disability team at any
age group, all playing within
FA sanctioned League
competitions.

MALE



Must have at least 1 team in at
least 8 of these age groups

U7	U8	U9
U10	U11	U12
U13	U14	U15
U16	U18	

*Must have U21 or OA

** Max of 2 years between age groups

FEMALE



Must have at least 1 team in
at least 4 of these age groups

U10	U11	U12
U13	U14	U15
U16		

*Must have U10 or U16

** Max of 2 years between age groups

DISABILITY



Must have at least 1 disability
team at any age



CLUB PORTAL UPDATES

A NEW HOME FOR ACCREDITATION

CLUB PORTAL IS THE NEW HOME FOR CLUBS TO BECOME OR REMAIN ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED.

ITS WHERE CLUBS CAN SEE AND EVIDENCE YOU MEET CRITERIA TO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR, AND TO BE ABLE TO RENEW YOUR, ACCREDITATION EACH SEASON.


LIVE DEMO : CLUB PORTAL

- ADULT CLUB
- YOUTH CLUB





Club Portal Dashboard


The Club Portal Dashboard will be your 'one stop shop' for all things accreditation. You will be able to view all the criteria required and how to complete the criteria your require.





CLUB
PORTAL
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 Dashboard


 My Club

 Players


 Teams


 Officials


 Back to Whole Game

 Help

Club Portal \ Dashboard \ Accreditation


Organisation ID  Status **ACTIVE**



 **ACCREDITATION** ★ ★ **Accredited**

Affiliated Association: London FA

Accreditation

**England Football Accredited**

Welcome to your England Football Accredited checklist. Replacing the FA Charter Standard Annual Health Check, here you can see and manage your adherence to accreditation criteria in real time, under the sections of club, officials, documents and player pathways. Commencing in the 2022-23 season, clubs will be validated against this criteria annually to remain England Football Accredited. Prior to validation accredited clubs should seek to ensure all required checklist items have a complete status.

Accreditation Checklist


Incomplete


Club

Officials

Documents

Player Pathways

 Club **Complete**

Minimum Criteria	Status	Action Area
<div>1 Club Affiliated to a County FA</div>	Complete	N/A  Show More

Club Portal - Clubs

The dashboard is split into 4 sections. The first section is the Club section. The club section includes having at least one affiliated team, playing within a league. You need to provide proof of a club bank account (if your club is over 3 teams) and proof of club meetings and minutes.

Accreditation

Accreditation Checklist

Incomplete

Club

Officials

Documents

Player Pathways

Club

Complete

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Club Affiliated to a County FA	Complete	N/A <div>Show More</div>
2	Teams Playing in a League	Complete	N/A <div>Show More</div>
3	Club Bank Account	Complete	N/A <div>Show More</div>
4	Club Meetings and Minutes	Complete	N/A <div>Show More</div>

Club Portal – Officials

The dashboard is split into 4 sections. The second section is the Officials section. The officials section includes having all relevant officials DBS compliant. Youth clubs require a Club Welfare Officer (recommended for Adult clubs), as well as, all committee members having a complete Safeguarding Committee Members Course. Youth Teams should have a Qualified Coach (Minimum Level 1/ Intro to Coaching Football) for each team with an up to date Safeguarding Children and an Introduction to First Aid in Football Certificate.

Adult Clubs require each team to have a coach with a Introduction to First Aid in Football Certificate or a minimum of two certified players per team.

Accreditation

Accreditation Checklist

Incomplete

Club

Officials

Documents

Player Pathways

Officials

Incomplete

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Officials DBS Compliant	Incomplete	<div><div></div>Official Safeguarding</div> <div>Show More</div>
2	Club Welfare Officer	Complete	<div>N/A</div> <div>Show More</div>
3	Safeguarding Committee Members Course	Complete	<div>N/A</div> <div>Show More</div>
4	Adult Teams with First Aid in Football Education	Not Applicable	<div>N/A</div> <div>Show More</div>
5	Youth Teams with Qualified Coach/Manager	Incomplete	<div><div></div>Team Listing</div> <div>Show More</div>

Club Portal – Documents

The dashboard is split into 4 sections. The third section is the Documents section. The documents section includes all the policies that a club must adopt. Policies can be adopted in the Documentation tab of the clubs portal under 'My Club'. You must upload your club development plan to the club policies section of the Documentation tab.

Accreditation

Accreditation Checklist

Incomplete

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Player Pathways

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Incomplete

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Club Rules	Incomplete	<div><div></div>FA Policies</div> Show More
2	Safeguarding Children Policies	Incomplete	<div><div></div>FA Policies</div> Show More
3	Equality Policy	Incomplete	<div><div></div>FA Policies</div> Show More
4	Respect Code of Conduct	Incomplete	<div><div></div>FA Policies</div> Show More
5	Football Leadership Diversity Code	Incomplete	<div><div></div>FA Policies</div> Show More
6	Club Development Plan	Incomplete	<div><div></div>Club Policies and Plans</div> Show More
7	Club Accounts	Complete	N/A>Show More

Club Portal – Documentation Tab

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Dashboard

My Club

Players

Teams

Officials

Organisation Profile

Documentation







FA Policies

Club Policies

Accounts

Other Documents

FA Policy Templates

Document Type	Required for Accreditation	Completed by	Actions
 FA Football Leadership Diversity Code	Yes		Adopt
 FA Safeguarding Children Policy (Youth Teams)	Yes		Adopt
 FA Safeguarding Children Policy (Adult Teams with U18 Players)	Yes		Adopt
 FA Equality Policy	Yes		Adopt
 FA Respect Code of Conduct	Yes		Adopt
 FA Club Rules / Constitution	Yes		Adopt

Dashboard

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FA Policies

Club Policies

Accounts

Other Documents

Club Policies and Plans

Upload Own Document

Clubs policies enables you to upload documentation such as a Club Development Plan, which may support your club in achieving or maintaining the England Football Accreditation status.

Dismiss

Don't show again

Document Type	Completed by	Actions
<div></div> <div>There are no uploaded Club Policies or Plans.</div>		

Club Portal – Player Pathways



The dashboard is split into 4 sections. The fourth section is the Player Pathways section. The Player Pathway section includes all the teams required to fulfil 2 and 3 star player pathways. In order to achieve 1 star, you only require one team in a sanctioned league.

Accreditation

Accreditation Checklist

Incomplete

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Club

Incomplete

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Club Affiliated to a County FA	Complete	N/A
2	Teams Playing in a League	Complete	N/A
3	Club Bank Account	Not Applicable	N/A
4	Club Meetings and Minutes	Incomplete	N/A

Club Portal – Player Pathways

The dashboard is split into 4 sections. The fourth section is the Player Pathways section. The Player Pathway section includes all the teams required to fulfil 2 and 3 star player pathways. In order to achieve 1 star, you only require one team in a sanctioned league.

Accreditation




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Player Pathways

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Accredited Male Player Pathway	Incomplete	N/A
<div><div><div>1 Team in 8 Youth Age Groups (U7-U18) Must have U7 or U8 Must have U16, U17 or U18 Maximum gap of 2 years between teams upto U15s</div></div><div><div>1 Adult Team Can be either: U19, U20, U21, U23 or Adult</div></div></div>			
<div><div>Your Male Player Pathway Teams (Including Linked Club Teams)</div><div><div>U7</div><div>U8</div><div>U9</div><div>U10</div><div>U11</div><div>U12</div><div>U13</div><div>U14</div><div>U15</div><div>U16</div><div>U17</div><div>U18</div><div>U19</div><div>U20</div><div>U21</div><div>U23</div><div>ADULT</div></div></div>			
<div><div>2</div><div>Accredited Female Player Pathway</div><div>Complete</div><div>N/A</div></div>			
<div><div><div>1 Team in 4 Youth Age Groups (U9-U16) Must have U9 or U10 Must have U15 or U16 Maximum gap of 2 years between teams upto U16s</div></div></div>			
<div><div>Your Female Player Pathway Teams (Including Linked Club Teams)</div><div><div>U9</div><div>U10</div><div>U11</div><div>U12</div><div>U13</div><div>U14</div><div>U15</div><div>U16</div></div></div>			
<div><div>Teams not contributing to Accredited pathways</div><div><div>U8</div></div></div>			

Club Portal – Apply for Accreditation



Once all the criteria is fulfilled, you can press the 'Apply for Accreditation' button. Your application will go to the London FA for approval. Your application will either be accepted or rejected with feedback on how to improve.

Accreditation

Accreditation Checklist

Incomplete

Club

Officials

Documents

Player Pathways

Club

Incomplete

Minimum Criteria		Status	Action Area
1	Club Affiliated to a County FA	Complete	N/A
2	Teams Playing in a League	Complete	N/A
3	Club Bank Account	Not Applicable	N/A
4	Club Meetings and Minutes	Incomplete	N/A

Apply For Accreditation



Accreditation Checklist

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Club

Incomplete

Minimum Criteria

Status

Action Area

1

Club Affiliated to a County FA

Complete

N/A



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2

Teams Playing in a League

Complete

N/A



Show More

3

Club Bank Account

Not Applicable

N/A



Show More

4

Club Meetings and Minutes

Incomplete

N/A



Show More

Accredited Clubs and the Club Portal

Become

Non- Accredited clubs can apply to become England Football Accredited within the Club Portal.

In order to apply they must meet the eligibility and minimum criteria, all of which can be evidenced within their club portal.

Renew

Existing England Football Accredited Clubs will renew every November, and annually, with the opportunity to see any gaps in your criteria 365 days of the year.

Your 'live' Accreditation Dashboard continuously shows where you are meeting both on-pitch and off-pitch criteria all year round.

Visit the League and Club Hub on YouTube to watch the Accredited Clubs & the Clubs Portal webinar.

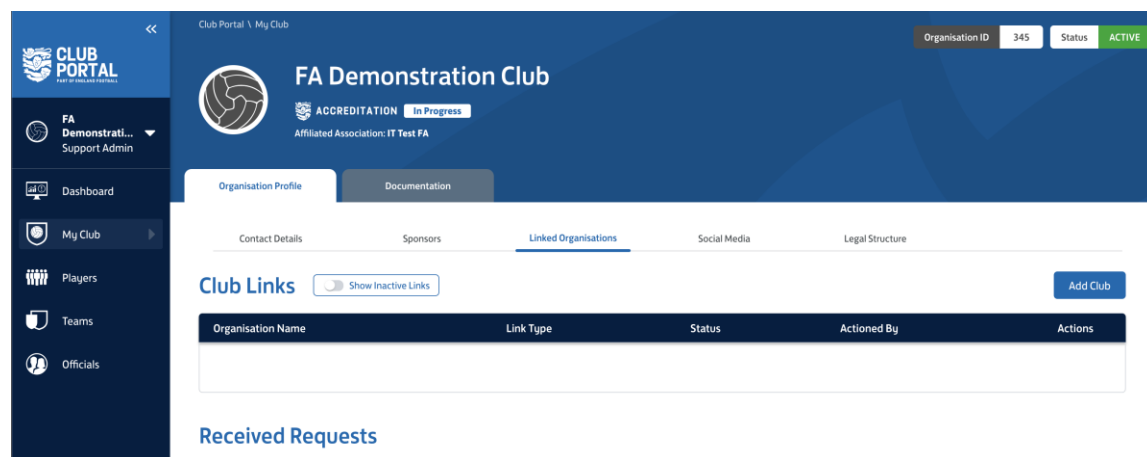
CLUB PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Clubs that want to work in partnership with each other can do so by following and achieving the club partnership agreement.

To formalize the link you can do so within Club Portal by visiting 'Linked Organisations' under 'My Club'.

More guidance and details can be found on the grassroots technology hub.

<https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/solutions/folders/48000681178>



England Football Accredited clubs can work in partnership to create and deliver more playing opportunities for male, female, and disability players within the game.

To demonstrate a partnership between two or more clubs please follow the club linking process available within the [Club Portal](#). Clubs working in partnership should have in place a minimum of THREE from the seven recommendations below:

A formal partnership agreement signed between all linked clubs

Club constitution / rules amended to reflect partnership working between all linked clubs

A joint development and / or business plan to demonstrate and coordinate the ambitions of the partnership between all linked clubs

A joint vision to create more playing opportunities for male, female, and disability players within sanctioned competition between all linked clubs

An agreed way of sharing resource, expertise, knowledge, and good practice between all linked clubs

Joint club meetings take place and are recorded between all linked clubs

Demonstrate that decisions made are informed by, and communicated to, all key officials, and where relevant club members, between all linked clubs.





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CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Grow Your Way

Season Plan – 1 star

- Why your club exists?
- **Season Plan**
- Budget Overview & Sponsorship
- **Club Operations & Governance**
- Marketing your Club

Development Plan – 2 & 3 star

- Identity
- **Governance**
- Football Development
- Finance
- Workforce & Volunteers
- **Facilities**
- Marketing and Communications
- **Community**

Download these documents here:

www.EnglandFootball.com/Accredited



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BENEFITS & REWARDS



Access to template league delivery and club season or development plans



Access to funded and discounted kit & equipment



Access to promotional resources, guidance and templates to effectively operate your league or club



The support to deliver positive environments and experiences



The support to be structured and governed effectively for the needs of your league or club & it's members



The support to raise standards across the game both on- and off-pitch



The support to get officials & coaches qualified through access to education and training



To receive tailored support from The FA and County FA's and get access to a community of league and club leaders



The support to offer pathway opportunities to male, female and disability players across a network of leagues and clubs



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Rewards 2021/22 - EXISTING



- 4x Nike Strike Footballs
- £25 Kit & Equipment Voucher
- Welcome to England Football Accredited Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Certificate



- 5x Nike Strike Footballs
- £25 Kit & Equipment Voucher
- Welcome to England Football Accredited Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Certificate



- 10x Nike Strike Footballs
- 2x Nike Match Footballs
- £100 Kit & Equipment Voucher
- Welcome to England Football Accredited Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack
- England Football Accredited Digital Certificate
- England Football Accredited Plaque
- England Football Accredited Banner

Rewards 2021/22 - NEW



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- **10x Nike Strike Footballs**
- **Welcome to England Football Accredited Pack**
- **England Football Accredited Digital Asset Pack**
- **England Football Accredited Digital Certificate**

OUR SUPPORT



Our commitment to you

We want to enable, educate, equip & empower you

Book a group session with me!

<https://forms.office.com/r/jwUBT835mv>

Just Play & Wildcats Application Window - Open

Please email Shannon.Hyner@londonfa.com to find out more about becoming a registered provider.

Useful Links

London FA Website: <https://www.londonfa.com/leagues-and-clubs>

The Boot Room: [FA Coaching Courses and Levels | The Boot Room \(thefa.com\)](https://thefa.com/coaching/courses-and-levels)

Clubs Portal: <https://clubs.thefa.com/#/club/92927/dashboard/accreditation/club>

England Football: www.EnglandFootball.com/Accredited

Find Football: <https://find.EnglandFootball.com/>

League & Club Hub: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheGrassrootsFootballHub/about>

THANK YOU



Q&A