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STARTING YOUR AFFILIATION

What is affiliation?

Clubs are required to affiliate each season. Affiliation is the process by which Clubs "register" with Sheffield & Hallamshire CFA, allowing them to play affiliated football for the upcoming season. It involves telling us which teams you'll be running, which County Cups and Leagues you will be entering, as well as key Club Officials and Team Officials involved in running your Club.

To begin your affiliation you will need to visit the Whole Game System and log in with you FA number (FAN) and password. If you do not know your FAN click here.

Once logged in you should be on your homepage, you will now need to click on to the **club tab** located at the top of the club you would like to affiliate.

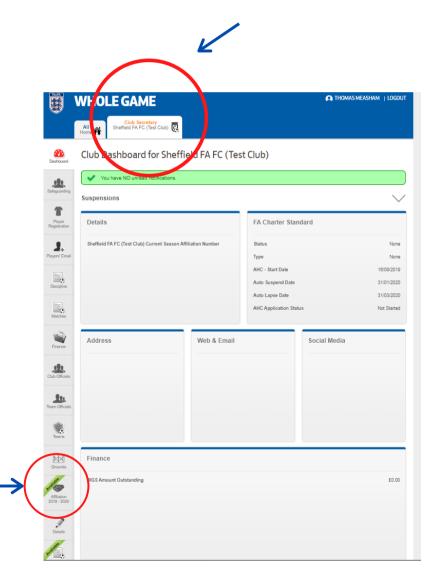
Once on the Club Dashboard (Below) scroll down and click the 'Affiliation' icon on the left hand side.

Only listed club officials can access the club tab on Whole Game System

AFFILIATION ICON

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS WHOLE GAME SYSTEM

CLUB TAB





AFFILIATION- STEP 1 CLUB DETAILS

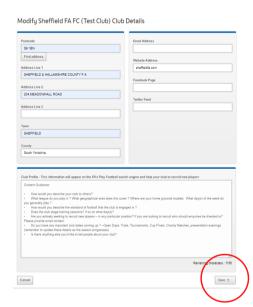
This page allows you to confirm or edit your clubs details such as address, contact details, website, club sponsor etc.

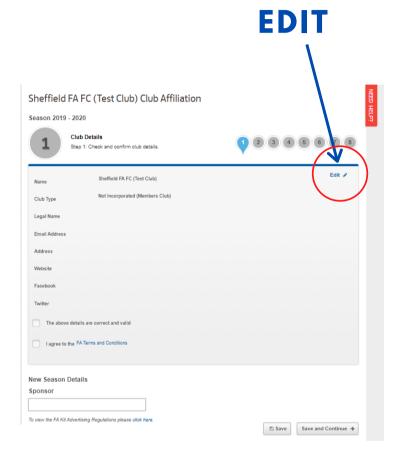
Please review your current information, and the FA's Terms and conditions, if it is correct click 'Save & Continue'.

If you need to add detail or make alterations please click 'Edit'.

Ensure you click 'Save' once any alterations are made.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'





It is important to have as much detail on this page as possible as it makes your club easier to find for potential volunteers/players through FA search engines





AFFILIATION- STEP 2 CLUB OFFICIALS

This page allows you to check that the club officials listed on WGS are correct and make any alterations required.

It is crucial that this page is accurate and up to date.

To add a new official you ideally will require the FAN and D.O.B of the person you are wishing to add, it is possible to search by name and other personal details.

Click the 'Add Official' button in the top right of the page, once in, enter the FAN and D.O.B of the person. They should appear below, click the person and then select the role you wish them to be allocated to.

For mandatory roles you will be required to add the new official before removing the old one.

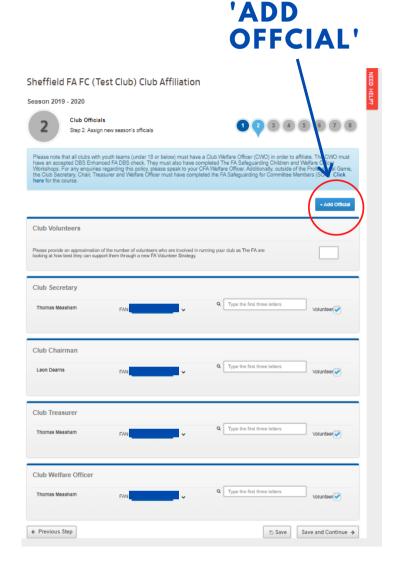
To remove a 'Club Official' click the small arrow next the 'Club Official's' FAN, this will open a drop down, simply click the trash can to remove the official.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.

If your volunteer has worked in GR football it is very likely they have a FAN please check with the CFA if you are unable to find their FAN before creating a new one.

It is important to have the correct officials listed, if they are incorrect the wrong people will be contacted for club matters such as discipline/development.

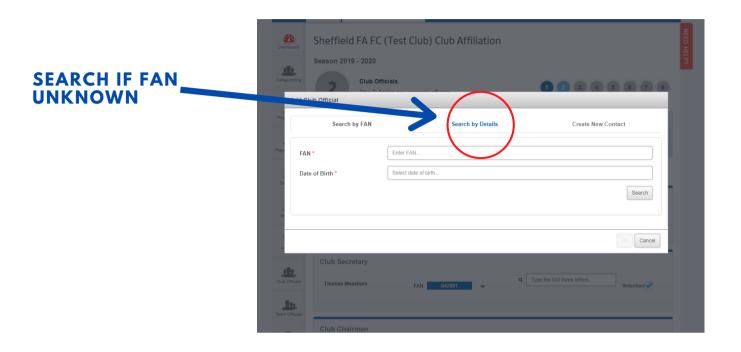
Only listed club officials have access to the club tab on WGS which is crucial for day to day club administration throughout the season.



*Important
There are mandatory roles and
mandatory qualifications for
each Club Official role, for more
info click here to access our
Club Official Mandatory
requirement document.



AFFILIATION- STEP 2 CLUB OFFICIALS







AFFILIATION- STEP 3 CLUB GROUNDS

The page allows you to update and add training and playing facilities that your club use. To add a venue simply type the name/postcode of venue into the search bar this will produce a drop down for you to select.

Once selected you can then specify what you use the facility for 'Main' or 'Training'.

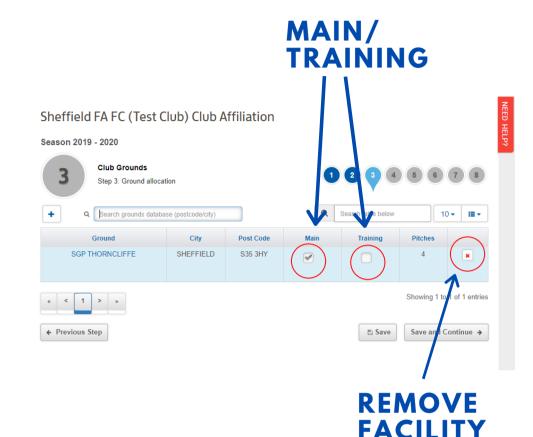
If you are unable to locate your facility please email support@sheffieldfa.com, with affiliation in the subject line. Alternatively you can visit <u>pitchfinder.org.uk</u> to see if it is registered, and the name it is registered under.

Should you require to remove a facility this is done by clicking the red cross on the right hand side of each facility.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.

This page is extremely important for the County FA. It allows us to track the pitches that are being used and the ones that are not. Allowing us to direct funding/support/pitch improvement to right place.

It also allows us to highlights sites that are not being used to clubs that need them.





This page is where you confirm exactly what teams you will be affiliating for the upcoming season.

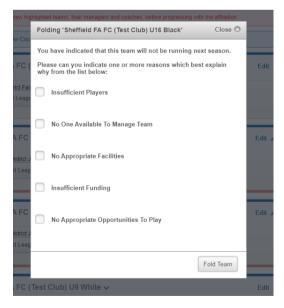
Removing teams

We will start by looking at how to remove any teams that will not be affiliating for the upcoming season, these teams are referred to as 'folding'.

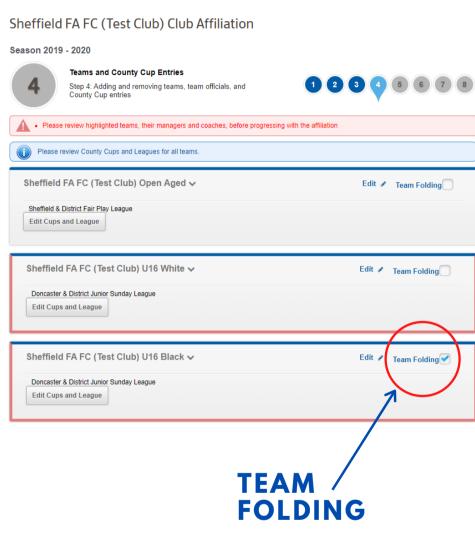
To fold a team simply click the tick box next 'Team Folding'. This will bring up another multiple choice tick box window for you to select the reason the team has folded.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.

Teams Folding Data- This is important data for us as it can help to direct development and funding to areas of the game that are in decline.



REMOVING TEAMS





Editing Current Teams

Should it be required you can make changes to any of your current teams by clicking 'Edit' as seen on the previous page.

Here you will be able to edit;

Team Details e.g. suffix, days of play etc Team Officials e.g. coaches etc Playing Grounds- Training/Matchday League County Cup

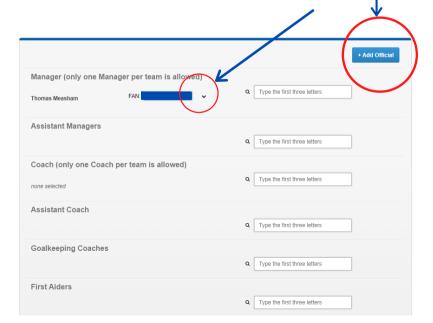
To '**Edit**' team details simply type in or use the drop downs available (see right).

To add a new official you ideally will require the FAN and D.O.B of the person you are wishing to add, it is possible to search by name and other personal details.

Click the 'Add Official' button in the top right of the page, once in, enter the FAN and D.O.B of the person. They should appear below, click the person and then select the role you wish them to be allocated to.

To remove a 'Team Official' click the small arrow next to the 'Team Official's' FAN, this will open a **drop down**, simply click the trash can to remove the official.

Every Team must have a listed Coach/Manager



EDITING TEAMS

Club Affiliation



ADD OFFICIAL

DROP

DOWN

*Youth Teams Only All coaches must have an in date

It is recommended that they also hold a FA Safeguarding Children workshop & FA Emergency First Aid

Safeguarding Courses Click Here
First Aid Courses Click Here
Adults At Risk Online Course (Disability Clubs recommendation) Click Here

It is essential that this information is accurate, team officials may be contacted by the CFA for development/discipline matters. The CFA also regularly complete safeguarding validation visits, as part of this we check that the listed coaches and volunteers on Whole Game match with volunteers present at training and match days.

Adding to League/Changing League Please take care when entering your team into their respective league, each team's listed league will be listed against the team on the main page as seen on page 6.

For new teams or for teams competing in a different league this can changed in 'edit' mode.

Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the cross to remove the previously listed league if required.

To add the team to a new league type into search bar the league name. A drop down will appear for you to select.

We have a number of leagues sanctioned with places in their name, for example 'Sheffield' please ensure that you select the correct league.

For a list of leagues with their full names visit our league page Click Here

County Cups

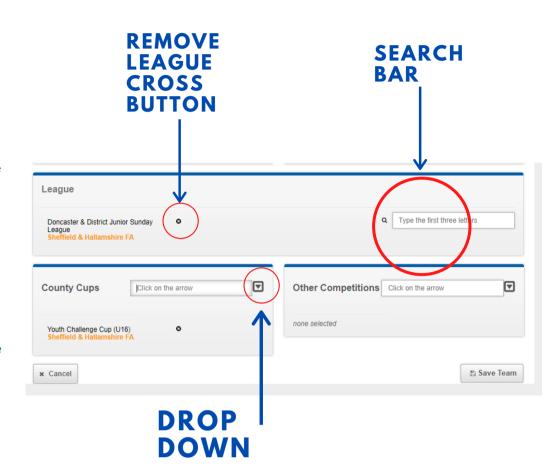
The County Cup selection sits directly below the league tab.

Clubs can only enter cups that they are eligible for, County Cup eligible clubs can be found in the cup rules section of the website <u>Click Here</u> to access that page.

To select your cup click the drop down arrow and select from the list of eligible cups.

Please note WGS should only offer cup competitions you are eligible for, however, sometimes an error can cause it to allow you to enter competitions you are not eligible for e.g allowing a U11 team to enter the U13 Challenge Cup. Please avoid selecting these competitions in those circumstances.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.



*Important

Traditionally each club would be required to enter any eligible County Cup competition and would be required to pay the entry fee or an exemption fee.

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic we currently cannot confirm if the County Cup Competitions will run this season therefore, the fee has currently been removed. If the competitions do run your club will be charged the £30 entry fee at a later date.



For any additional teams click the 'Add Team' Button at the bottom of 'Step 4' Page. You can then populate all the required fields using the steps from above.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.



AFFILIATION- STEP 5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Step 5 allows you to upload your personal accident insurance certificate to your clubs affiliation

Before starting this process please read the attached documents regarding purchasing personal accident insurance.

Once you have purchased your insurance you can now upload a copy of the certificate for review. To do this please select 'choose file', select the PDF copy of your clubs Personal Accident Insurance Certificate and select open.

It is possible to progress past this stage without uploading your certificate. This is done by ticking both boxes below the file upload box. Please note your affiliation will not be approved until the County FA receive the certificate.

If you have progressed passed step 5 without uploading you will need to email a copy of your personal accident insurance to support@sheffieldfa.com.

Public Liability Insurance is purchased through your affiliation. Please tick 'I wish to purchase Public Liability Insurance for my County FA'

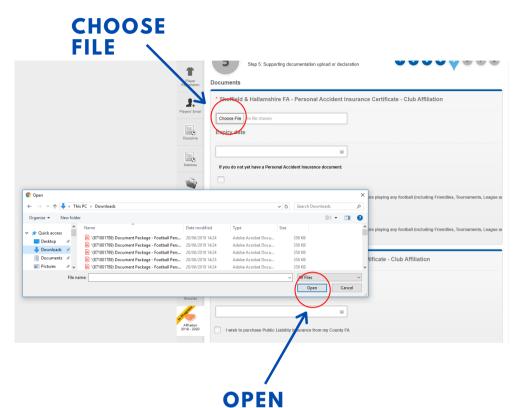
Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Save & Continue'.

Once Submitted your personal accident insurance certificate will be checked against the number and age of teams you have affiliated.

Please note double teams (two teams one result) must be insured as separate teams.

Should there be any discrepancies between the certificate and teams listed you Affiliation will not be approved.

Please ensure you upload the insurance certificate and not the policy letter.





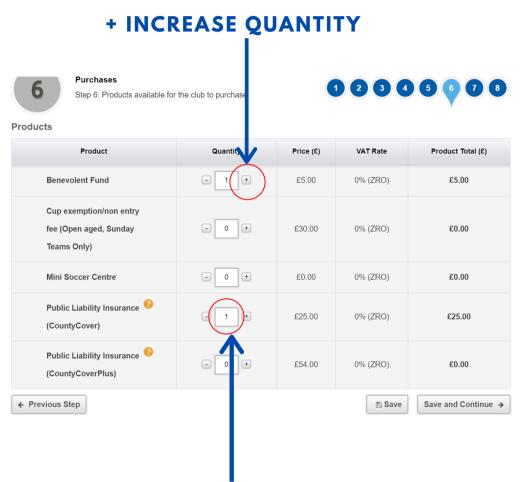
AFFILIATION- STEP 6 PURCHASES

Step 6 allows you to make additional purchases and pay for any exemptions required.

The most important aspect of this page is your Public Liability Insurance, differently to previous years we now offer two forms of Public Liability Insurance. 'County Cover' and 'County Cover Plus' please read PL insurance document attached to this email to review which form of PL Insurance is most appropriate for your club. Please take care to select 1 or the other- not both. You will receive a copy of the Public Liability Insurance Certificate in your Affiliation confirmation email.

What is the benevolent fund? The object of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Benevolent Fund shall be to make grants to any of the following persons who may from time to time be in necessitous circumstances: associations, competitions, leagues, clubs affiliated to the County FA as well as players, officials, referees and other benefactors. To qualify to apply for the benevolent fund, a voluntary £5 payment upon affiliation/registration is made and cover is then provided throughout the season. To add that simply click the plus arrow to make the quantity 1.

Public Liability Insurance is Mandatory when affiliating. Your affiliation cannot to be approved without it. Please ensure that you do not progress beyond step 6 without purchasing 'County Cover' or 'County Cover Plus'



PUBLIC LIABILITY

(COUNTY COVER)

INSURANCE



AFFILIATION- STEP 7 SUMMARY PAGE

Step 7 is the affiliation summary page, this rounds up all the information, it extremely important that you throroughly check all the details on this page. Look out for;

Number of teams affiliated

Cup entries

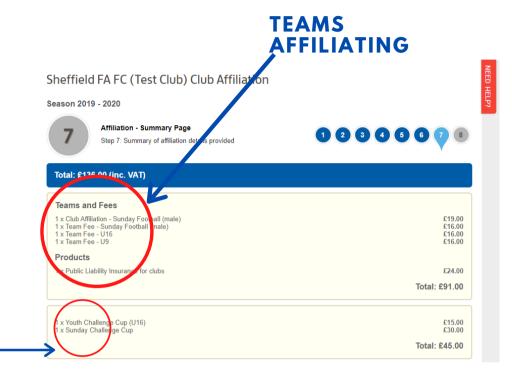
Teams folding

Team officials

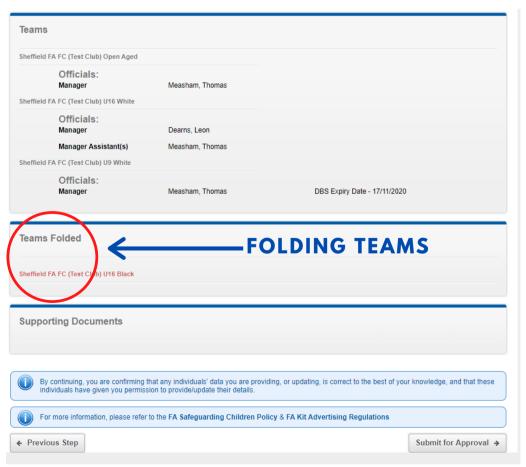
If you have purchased your own personal accident insurance, is it uploaded?

At this stage you can go back to any of the previous steps if amendments are required, once submitted you will not be able to make adjustments through your whole game portal.

Once you are happy that the information is accurate click 'Submit for approval'



CUP ENTRIES



Once Submitted your personal accident insurance certificate will be checked against the number and age of teams you have affiliated.



AFFILIATION- STEP 8 CHARGES

Step 8 This page is very similar to step 7 however as you have submitted for approval you can now no longer make any changes. This page breaks down exactly what you are paying for.

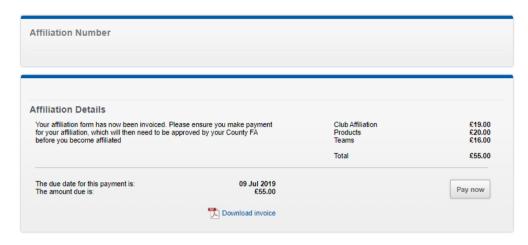
At this stage your affiliation will be reviewed by a CFA staff member, the CFA staff member will review your affiliation before changing the status to'submitted and invoiced'. this will now allow you to make payment for your clubs invoice.

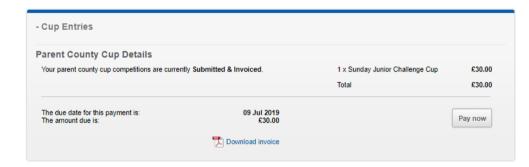
The 'pay now' option will become visible, to make payment click the pay now icon and follow the step. Please note we will not be accepting BACS transfer to pay for affiliation or any form of cash payment. You have the option to download the payment invoices for your financial records.

Once payment is received the, CFA will again review your affiliation for all mandatory requirements. If all requirements are in place the affiliation will be changed to accepted.

Please note that the affiliation cannot be accepted if:

- -Mandatory qualifications of club or team officials are not in place and showing against their FAN on whole game system.
- -Payment has not been made
- -Personal accident insurance has not been uploaded or purchased through WGS.







Affiliation status will remain pending until it is completed by a CFA staff member, once your affiliation has been approved by a CFA staff member the icon will change to complete.

Your affiliation number will generate and sit on your affiliation tab as well as on 'club details' on your clubs tab on WGS



AFFILIATION- CHANGES FOLLOWING SUBMITTING/COMPLETION

1. We need to add an additional team following submission, what do we do?

Please contact the CFA on 01114 261 5500 and select the 'affiliation' option or email support@sheffieldfa.com with affiliation in the subject line. If you have already paid for the clubs affiliation we will need to add the team manually.

2. We have affiliated and need to add additional team(s), what do we do?

Please contact the CFA, visit http://www.sheffieldfa.com/news/2020/apr/15/shcfa-contact-details for the most up to date contact details. If emailing please include the word affiliation in the subject of the email. When contacting us please have the following info to hand or within your email please provide the following information;

Club Name

Team name

Age group

Suffix (if required)

The name & FAN of the manager/coach

The league they will be competing in (+cups if required)

Training venue

Playing venue

An attachment of the updated personal accident insurance certificate (if the team were not included on the original).

3. We have submitted our affiliation but need to change a club/team official, what do we do?

Please

Please contact the CFA, visit http://www.sheffieldfa.com/news/2020/apr/15/shcfa-contact-details for the most up to date contact details. If emailing please include the word affiliation subject of the email. Please have to hand if calling or include within the email the following; The name of the official

The new officials FAN

The role you wish them to be assigned to

4. Our affiliation is complete but we need to change a club/team official, what do we do?

This can be managed by yourself one the whole game system in the club/team officials section.

5. We didn't upload our personal accident insurance during affiliation, what do we do?

Please email your attached certificate to support@sheffieldfa.com please include affiliation and your club name within the subject line, a CFA staff member will then manually add your certificate to the clubs affiliation.



^{*}please ensure that the new official has the required qualifications to be placed into the role.



Q: Can I do my Club Affiliation in stages?

A: Yes. You can save your Affiliation at each stage and then come back to it.

Q: How do I change my Club details?

A: Please see page 2

Q: Can I amend my Club name?

A: No. You cannot amend your Club name through the online affiliation form. If your Club name or legal status has changed, please contact the CFA, visit http://www.sheffieldfa.com/news/2020/apr/15/shcfa-contact-details for the most up to date contact details. If emailing please include the word affiliation within the subject line.

Q: Do I have to enter a Club sponsor?

A: This is not a mandatory field and therefore you should only provide details if you have a Club sponsor confirmed for the following season.

Q: Which Club Officers must I provide details for?

A: Every Club must provide a Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer. Also Clubs running teams at Under 18's or below must provide details of their Club Welfare Officer. <u>Click Here</u> for Club Official Roles and Mandatory Requirements Document

Q What are the requirements for a Club Welfare Officer?

A: Click here to view the Club Official Mandatory Requirement Document

Q: What do I do if I can't find a person to add to a particular role?

A: Please see page 3 & 4.

Q: Can I update my Club Ground?

A: Yes. Please see page 5. Please add each ground that your Club plays at and then at the relevant stage of the Affiliation process, you can then allocate which of your teams play at which grounds.

Q: Do I need to review all of my teams?

A Yes. Please pages 6-9.

Q: How do I remove a team?

A Yes. Please pages 6.

Q: What is a team suffix?

A: The team suffix is part of the Team name and is used to differentiate between teams of the same age group and gender within Club. So, for example, if your Club has 2 Under 15 teams you could add the suffixes of Reds and Whites, e.g. U15 Reds and U15 Whites. Please remember that you are not permitted to use 'A', 'B', 'C' etc for youth teams.

Q: How do I know which County Cup I should enter?

A: Click here to visit our County Cups page, all County Cups rules are located on that page.

Q: Does each Team have to enter a County Cup?

A: All adult Clubs must enter their most senior team in the relevant County Cup and may enter their other teams in a County Cup if they wish to do so. There is also a mandatory requirement for youth teams at u13 and u16s to enter a County Cup

Q: Do I have to provide details of my Personal Accident insurance?

A: As in previous seasons, all teams are required to purchase Personal Accident insurance and therefore it is important that as part of the online affiliation you select the insurance products that you require. Further details on the various levels of cover available can be found on Sheffieldfa.com.





Q: Do I have to provide details of my Public Liability insurance?

A: No. All Clubs are required to purchase Public Liability insurance as part of their affiliation, so this will automatically be added at the appropriate stage of the process.

Q: What happens when I submit my Club Affiliation Form?

A: Please see page 12.

Q: Do I have to pay my Club Affiliation Fee immediately?

A: No. Once the form has been submitted and checked and invoice will be generated.

Q: Do I have to pay online?

A: Yes

Q: I don't like giving my credit / debit card details online; can I pay over the phone?

A: No, the online payment system is fully secure.

Q: What credit / debit cards are acceptable?

A: You will be able to pay using any leading credit or debit card. Please note however that American Express is not accepted.

Q: What if I need further help?

A: Most Clubs find that affiliating online is a quick and straightforward process, but if you do require additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us, visit http://www.sheffieldfa.com/news/2020/apr/15/shcfa-contact-details for the most up to date contact details on 0114 2615500. Or email support@sheffieldfa.com Include 'Affiliation' in the subject line.

