Somerset FA
2019/20
What’s on offer in the new season

"Football for Everyone
Everyone for Football"
Grassroots football is worth **£211m+** in social and economic value.

**£1.2m invested into large capital projects**

**£93K invested into small capital projects**

**£50K worth of sustainability and team generation funds invested**

**20 commercial partnerships in place to support grassroots football**

**70%** of Leagues utilising **ONLINE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

**1,840** AFFILIATED TEAMS

**150+** coaches supported via our mentoring programme

**50** NEW grassroots welfare officers upskilled

**95%** of coaches qualified in youth clubs

**84%** youth clubs

**62%** adult clubs

**1,840** AFFILIATED LEAGUES

**540** REGISTERED REFEREES

**50** GRASS PITCHES IMPROVED

**50** RECREATIONAL DISABILITY CENTRES

**29** FA Wildcat Centres (girls 5-11)

**18** Recreational Disability Centres

**14** FA Just Play Centres

**900** 7,500

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540

**£16K** of Personal Accident Insurance subsidised

**500 7,500** cautions and 900 red card and misconduct charges

**200 7,500** administrated

**400** COACHES QUALIFIED through our coach education programme

**20 commercial partnerships in place to support grassroots football**
Somerset FA is the not-for-profit body responsible for the development and governance of grassroots football in Somerset since 1885.

We work with the FA to deliver the national game strategy in our county, ensuring that the beautiful game is accessible and enjoyable for all.

Somerset Football Association is responsible for interpreting and applying the ‘Rules and Regulations’ of its parent body ‘The Football Association’ to its divisions, leagues and clubs.

We will lead and ensure that the successful development of football covering increased participation, quality and enjoyment through The FA’s National Game Strategy.

We will continue to strive to develop, particularly at grassroots level, participation in the national game for all individuals regardless of ability, gender, age, sexual orientation and ethnic background.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

- To provide opportunities for everyone to fall in love with the beautiful game
- To provide equality for all
- To strive for achievement

**OUR VALUES**

- Innovation
- Inspiration
- Dedication

**OUR VISION**

“Football for Everyone, Everyone for Football”
WHAT’S ON OFFER...  
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**BENEFITS**  
Available to male and female players

**SUBSIDISED PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE**  
through Bluefin

**PLAYER BENEVOLENT FUND**

**FIND A CLUB TOOL**

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**MALE**

**ADULT**  
Over-16 unless stated

- Affiliated Football Leagues
- County Cup Competitions
- Walking Football Over 60 & Over 50
- FA Just Play Centres
- Legends Football Over 35
- Futsal
- Small-sided opportunities

**YOUTH**

- Affiliated Youth & Mini Soccer Leagues  
  Under 7-Under 18
- County Cup Competitions
- County Futsal Competition  
  Under 10 and Under 12
- County School Futsal Competition  
  Year 5&6 (U11) and Year 7&8 (U13)
- Representative Football  
  Under 16
- Football Development Centre Support  
  Under 7-Under 16

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## FEMALE

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## DISABILITY (PARA)

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**YOUTH**

**FA Wildcats Programme**  
 5 to 11 year olds

**Girls Football Festivals**  
Under 10 & Under 11

**FA Advanced Coaching Centre**  
Under 12 to Under 16

**Player Development Centre**  
Under 10

**FURTHER EDUCATION DISABILITY FESTIVALS**

**DISABILITY CLUB PLEDGE PROJECT**
WHAT’S ON OFFER...
2019/20

COACHES & VOLUNTEERS

PERSONAL ACCIDENT COVER

COACH EDUCATION BURSARIES

Safeguarding & Welfare Workshops

Emergency Aid Workshops

Inclusion Advisory Group
increasing diversity in football

Comprehensive FA Coach Education Programme

Coach Education

In-service Events

Mentoring Scheme

FA Licensed Coaches Club

Coach Support Groups

Coach Developer

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REFEREES

Referee Registration
Referee Promotion
Referee Appointments
Referee Development

Training Support
Temporary Dismissal Support

Alternative Officiating Opportunities
Disability Football, Futsal & Walking Football

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REFEEEREE INSURANCE
WHAT’S ON OFFER...
2019/20

CLUBS & LEAGUES

FOR ALL

OVER 20 CFA PARTNERSHIPS

to support grassroots football

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OPPORTUNITIES
Something a little different...just a taste of what is on offer for the new season...

REFEREE
To help young referees in grassroots football we will be providing a free ‘purple shirt’ to qualified match officials under the age of 18. This has been introduced to improve the match day environment for match officials, as well as highlight to players, spectators and coaches that the referee is under the age of 18 and this should be taken into consideration on a match day.

SMALL SIDED SERIES
From November 2019
Somerset FA will be running a series of adult small sided events for male and female players aged 16+, veterans male & female (35+) and super veterans (50+ Male) throughout season 2019/20, culminating in a “Road to Euro 2020” event in May 2020. Get those boots back on and get involved!

CLUB FUTSAL FESTIVALS
Boys & Girls – Under 10 & Under 12
Fast, Furious and Fun! Season 2019/20 will see Somerset FA run Futsal Festivals for grassroots clubs for the first time! These festivals are part of The FA’s National Futsal Festival where teams could progress to be in a national competition.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PANELS & INDEPENDENT DISCIPLINE MEMBERSHIP
Somerset FA is seeking to appoint local independent members for the County Association Local Football Anti-Discrimination Panel, (LFADP) and Disciplinary Commissions. We are looking for a diverse group of committed individuals across the Country with a variety of backgrounds to be reflective of the local community and grassroots football. Applicants need to be independent from The FA and County FA structures and ideally will have relevant experience of equality and/or discipline fundamentals (although training is provided for the right candidate) to sit and adjudicate on matters related to discipline and/or discrimination.

DISABILITY FOOTBALL PLEDGE
Disability Football is one of the beautiful games greatest secrets and we need your support to promote the wide variety of opportunities across the region. Football’s biggest secret? Not anymore! This is why we are asking all grassroots clubs to pledge their support to promoting disability football within the County through a disability football pledge with club incentives on offer.

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT
The Governance Team provide opportunities for Training on Whole Game System, Affiliation, Player Registrations in the form of annual Evening Surgeries during the closed season and in particular 1-1 support on a seasonal basis for those who wish to understand and navigate around the FA Disciplinary Regulations.
# Funding for Clubs & Teams

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<td>£100</td>
<td>Somerset FA Mini Money</td>
<td>Available from Jan 2020</td>
<td>Somerset FA are pleased to launch a ‘Mini Money’ fund aimed at generating Mini Soccer Teams across the County. This £100 kick start fund is the first of its kind for Somerset, and we invite any existing club wishing to generate a team in an age group (Under 7 to Under 10) that they do not already cater for, or for entirely new clubs wishing to form.</td>
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<td>Somerset FA Team Generation Fund</td>
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<td>To aid the creation of youth (under 11 upwards) and adult male football teams in the county, Somerset FA are launching a Team Growth Fund allowing clubs to generate new male teams from 11 years of age upwards with a £150 kick start fund. Somerset FA affiliated clubs not eligible for Grow the Game or Mini Money funding are also invited to apply to this fund.</td>
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<td>£1,500</td>
<td>Football Foundation Grow the Game Grant</td>
<td>Female &amp; Disability Available for Feb 2020</td>
<td>The Foundation’s Grow the Game Scheme provides grants of up to £1,500 for the creation of new football teams (female and disability) and coaching qualifications, with money provided by The FA. The scheme is delivered by the Foundation and is active later this season.</td>
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<td>Somerset FA Disability ‘Turn Up &amp; Play Funding’</td>
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<td>To support the development of disability provision, Somerset FA are launching a £150 kick start fund to support recreational informal disability provision. This fund is for adult and youth provision (Male &amp; Female) and will cover numerous impairments.</td>
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<td>Club Maintenance Scheme</td>
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<td>Does your changing room need a lick of paint? Or perhaps you need a little help with funds to improve your grass pitch? Somerset FA is inviting clubs from around the County to submit an application which could give them the opportunity to apply for materials or equipment (up to £500) to help with on going club maintenance.</td>
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<td>£750</td>
<td>Football Foundation Stay in the Game</td>
<td>Available from Feb 2020</td>
<td>Formerly known as Retain the Game, this scheme is aimed at supporting the retention of adult male teams. The scheme provides grants of £750 to clubs with existing male teams to support the essential costs of pitch hire, training venues, and affiliation fees.</td>
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MEET THE TEAM
2019/20

BRENDAN DIX
Football Development Manager

AARON CLEMENTS
Senior Football Development Officer

RACHAEL LAWLER-EDWARDS
Women & Girls Football Development Officer

MATT EVA
Referee Development Officer

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Disability Football Development Officer

JESSAMINE HUMPHREY
Assistant Football Development Officer

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Governance Administrator

BRADLEY WELCH
Finance Administrator

SHIRLEY NEEDHAM
Designated Safeguarding Officer

CONOR OGILVIE-DAVIDSON
Marketing Officer

JONATHAN PIKE
Chief Executive Officer
If there is a person in need of emergency medical care or protection, then you **must call 999 immediately.**

**Somerset FA Designated Safeguarding Officer**
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**The FA Whistleblowing Policy**
If you feel a safeguarding concern has not been adequately dealt with and a child or young person remains at risk of harm, you can contact

- **The FA**
  0800 179 1863
  Safeguarding@TheFA.com

- **NSPCC**
  0808 800 5000
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