



HEADS UP

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ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION – DEADLINE TO COMPLETE IS THE 10TH MARCH!!

Are you an accredited club? If you are, then do you know that the renewal window is now open? Do you want to become an England Football Accredited Club? Then look no further.

Guidance and support is available for all clubs whether you are renewing or brand new to the accreditation world.

Click on the link below to find out more...

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ONE MONTH TO GO!!

ONLINE WORKSHOP: GRASS PITCH IMPROVEMENTS - END OF SEASON RENOVATIONS

West Riding County Football Association are excited to announce details of an upcoming online workshop, Grass Pitch Improvements: End of season renovations. This event will be taking place on Tuesday 13th February 2024, 18:30 – 20:00.

This free-to-attend, online workshop is the third of the 2023/24 season that will be facilitated by West Riding County Football Association aimed at helping clubs and other organisations to improve their grass pitches. This workshop will focus on end of season renovations, with expert advice on how to get your pitches match fit ahead of the 2024/25 season. For more information, including booking details, click on the link below:

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IMPROVING YOUR GRASS PITCH

DISABILITY TRAINING FOR CLUBS UPDATE - JOURNEY TO INCLUSION

This week, we hosted a regional workshop for clubs looking to start their journey to inclusion and engage people with disabilities at their clubs. The workshop was delivered by national FA consultants and representatives from the Activity Alliance.

In attendance on Tuesday evening, we had our Disability Football Ambassadors and Disability Coach Mentors, sharing their vast experience and knowledge with the 13 clubs in attendance from across the region. Clubs engaged in a self-assessment of their current position, before identifying where they want to get to and what they can do to create a positive environment to engage people with disabilities. To find out more about the session and how you get involved in disability football, click on the link below:

[Click here for more information](#)

**INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING
DISABILITY PROVISION?**

ENGLAND TALENT DAY

On Friday 23rd February, we will be hosting an England Talent day at St John Fisher Voluntary Catholic Academy for players aged 7-16 eligible for the Para Talent Pathway.

The event is for players with hearing impairments, visual impairments and players with cerebral palsy (and are ambulant). FA England Talent Days are utilised as a player's first engagement with the Para Football Pathway and as the first selective environment in the player pathway. The programme will identify and signpost players to the 'right' environment at that point in time and seeks to feed the subsequent Regional and National levels of the pathway. The Para Football player pathway runs ALONG SIDE any football that players already participate in, so does not compromise or replace any current involvement in the game.

Players do not have to be playing within the disability pathway, in fact, up to 75% of players on the Para Talent Pathway play within mainstream football. For further information, including how to nominate a player click on the link below

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STAY WITH YOUR CLUB. PLAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY!

ALLIES UNITED TRAINING

This FREE virtual workshop will provide expert advice and resources on how your club / league can support LGBTQ+ players and supporters. Football v Homophobia and Just Eat have teamed up to launch Allies United – an initiative designed to support grassroots football clubs in enabling more inclusivity in the grassroots game. Just Eat research reveals that over 70% of people from the LGBTQIA+ community would not consider playing football, with barriers cited as concerns about homophobic and transphobic language used, a lack of feeling welcomed and there not being enough conversation around LGBTQIA+ allyship.

We want everyone to be 'free to be' themselves in football, regardless of gender and identity. Delivered by the team at Football vs Homophobia, this FREE virtual workshop will provide expert advice and resources on how your club / league can support LGBTQ+ players and supporters. For further information and to book onto the session, click the link below

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SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS

2024-2028 GRASSROOTS STRATEGY – HAVE YOUR SAY

In an effort to harness the collective wisdom of our thriving grassroots community, we are thrilled to invite you to contribute your valuable thoughts and opinions to help shape our (West Riding FA's) strategy for the period 2024-2028. Your input is crucial in guiding our path forward, ensuring that our goals align with the needs and aspirations of our diverse grassroots participants.

Why Your Voice Matters:

As we embark on the journey of crafting our 2024-2028 strategy, we value the importance of incorporating a wide range of perspectives. Whether you are a coach, referees, player or administrator, your insights will enrich our understanding and decision-making process.

To find out about how you can contribute, click on the link below:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU