THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
FA CUP, TROPHY, VASE AND YOUTH CUP
SEASON 2013-2014

ENTRY CRITERIA

FA CUP

Clubs to be automatically accepted subject to the ground conforming to the minimum standard

- Clubs in The FA Premier League, The Football League and in Steps 1, 2, 3 & 4 of The FA National League System.
- Clubs in Step 5 of The FA National League System.
- Clubs relegated to Step 6 of The FA National League System.
- Clubs in Step 6 of The FA National League System finishing in a League position 1-4 of the preceding season.

Clubs to be accepted subject to available places and subject to the ground conforming to the minimum standard

- Clubs playing in Step 6 of The FA National League System finishing in a League position below 4 of the preceding season.

- New entries
  Clubs must have participated in the Trophy or Vase in Season 2012-2013.

FA TROPHY

- Entry is restricted to Clubs competing in Steps 1-4 of The FA National League System. Clubs moving to and from Step 4 will automatically be moved between the Trophy and Vase competitions accordingly.

FA VASE

- Entry is restricted to Clubs competing in Steps 5-7 of The FA National League System subject to the ground conforming to the minimum standard.

FA YOUTH CUP

Clubs to be accepted subject to the ground conforming to the minimum standard

- Clubs that participated in The FA Cup, Trophy or Vase in Season 2012-2013 and also participating in one of these competitions in Season 2013-2014.
- Clubs that participated in a recognized Youth League/Academy or Competition in Season 2012-2013 sanctioned by The Association or an affiliated Association as determined by The Association from time to time and also participating in one of these in Season 2013-2014.
- Youth Teams representing a Senior Club must be properly integrated within the main structure of the Senior Club.

MINIMUM GROUND STANDARDS

FA CUP

Clubs must have a ground grade which conforms to a “G” grade (appropriate to Step 6) or higher as at 31 March of the preceding season. The minimum grade will be raised to “F” grade (appropriate to Step 5) for season 2015-2016.

FA VASE

Clubs must have a ground grade which conforms to a “H” grade (appropriate to entry to Step 6) or higher as at 31 March of the preceding season.

Clubs with grounds not conforming to the minimum standards will not be permitted entry by nominating an alternative ground for home ties in FA Competitions.

Clarification on the various ground grades related to The FA National League System can be found under the following link http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/NationalLeagueSystem/GroundGrading