

FACA

The FA Coaches Association



Application Pack

YOU'VE GOT THE SKILLS, NOW JOIN THE CLUB



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A personal invitation to join the world's best coaches' association

Firstly, congratulations on achieving your latest FA coaching award.

Now, armed with this qualification, you are eligible for membership of The FA Coaches Association (FACA) – and we encourage you to join as soon as possible.

Why?

Because your coaching career shouldn't stop here, and FACA can play a huge role in developing your skills – to your benefit and those you coach.

How?

- By giving you instant online access to an unrivalled archive of coaching tips, practices and interviews with some of the game's top practitioners
- By allowing you access to the most comprehensive suite of free coaching development days across our network of County FA's working with qualified FA staff
- By putting you in contact with the local and regional FA coaching support staff
- By keeping you up to date with coaching vacancies, events and networking opportunities both through our exclusive website FACA Live and through the FACA journal 'Insight', sent three times a year

There are lots more tangible benefits of FACA membership – all listed in this leaflet – and one key intangible one:

Irrespective of the level at which you coach, FACA membership shows you're serious about coaching, and tells your players, their parents and your colleagues that you aim to continuously improve. You'll be telling your players these messages week-in, week-out!

So why wait? Join today and open the door on the coaching world

Membership benefits:

Free online access to the world's most comprehensive coaching archive 'FACA Live', provides all FACA members with 24/7 access to an exclusive website which contains:

- Monthly video/audio streamed interviews with professional managers and coaches
- Weekly email updates containing coaching vacancies, news and events.

'FACA Live' can be subscribed to separately from FACA membership at £27.50 per year, but it's free to all FACA members.

Three copies per year of 'Insight'

Like any professional body, FACA has an official journal. Produced three times a year, 'Insight' is mailed directly to your home. Its 50 plus colour pages contain numerous high-quality coaching-related articles, news and views from some of the world's top coaches, as well as many practical coaching hints and tips.

Free Access to Continual Professional Development (CPD) Opportunities

With a growing staff of national and regional FA Coaches, FACA members can attend free coaching events at local County FA's as part of the requirement to retain and refresh qualifications. The FA Coaching Development Days take place in every County FA with more than 200 free events for you to attend each year.

Insurance Cover - £5m Civil Liability Insurance Protection

Having adequate insurance cover is vital for every coach. FACA membership covers insurance protection encompassing:

- liability to any third parties including player to player actions, and legal defence costs
- Worldwide cover
- Libel and slander cover
- Errors or omissions in instruction, advice or treatment – even dietary advice
- No age limit

Insurance Cover - Personal Accident Insurance Protection

This is included for all members up to the age of 65, in case of an accident that occurs whilst participating in any football coaching or associated activities.

Cover includes:

- Permanent Total Disablement from gainful employment £50,000
- Loss of limb(s) and sight of eye(s) £50,000
- Death: £50,000

Full policy details supplied upon written request. (In all cases the policy wording has precedence over above information).

Coaches operating under a trading name are not covered by the FACA insurance. Cover may be obtained via sports@perkins-slade.com or by telephoning Perkins Slade Ltd on 0121 698 8000.

Discounts on FA Courses

FACA members enjoy substantial discounts on all courses in The FA National Courses programme. Courses include the UEFA 'B', 'A' and Pro Licences, Youth Coaches Courses, Academy Manager Courses, as well as our range of sports medicine, exercise science and sports psychology courses.

For more information on our range of courses visit [TheFA.com/FAlearning](https://www.thefa.com/FAlearning)

Exclusive FACA merchandise

All members have the chance to buy branded merchandise so that all the players, parents and fellow coaches can see you've taken the extra step to become a FACA member.

Membership Pack:

When you join FACA, you're sent a membership pack which includes:

- Membership Card and branded lanyard so you can wear your FACA card when coaching
- The most recent copy of 'Insight'
- FACA-branded mouse mat

Let's make football safe – not sorry

Before you join FACA, you must have an Enhanced FA Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check and be 'approved' to work in football.

If you haven't already been through the process, don't worry. It's simple, non-intrusive and ensures we can all play our part in providing a safe and fun-filled football environment, particularly for children and young people.

Increasingly, parents and carers are asking if coaches have been CRB-checked and FACA membership immediately answers the question, as you cannot be a member without a CRB check in place.

You can request an FA CRB form as part of this application.

Membership Categories

There are two membership categories of FACA:

- **Full FACA Member**
This entitles you to all the membership benefits outlined in this leaflet
- **Online FACA member**
Please see opposite page for membership benefits

Full FACA Member

To become a Full FACA Member you must:

- be at least 16 years of age and a UK resident
- be able to provide evidence that you have at least one of the below FA qualifications
- have an accepted 'Enhanced FA CRB Disclosure'

Qualifications that can be used to secure full membership include:

- 1st4sport Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football (Club Coach)
- 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Football or FA Coaching Certificate / FA Preliminary Coaching Award
- 1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Football or FA Coaching Licence / UEFA 'B' Award
- UEFA 'A' Licence or FA Advanced Coaching Licence
- UEFA Pro Licence Coaching Award
- FA Coaching Diploma
- FA Goalkeeping Coaching 'A' Licence
- FA Goalkeeping Coaching 'B' Licence
- FA International Coaching Licence/ International Preliminary Coaching Certificate
- FA Intermediate Award

Membership fee: from £39.50 a year

Online FACA Member

Becoming an online member of FACA means you can still stay up to date with all the latest coaching news.

It's ideal for coaches who are:

- Working towards their first qualification
- Living outside the UK

Online FACA members receive:

- 24/7 access to 'FACA Live'
- The Insight journal three times a year
- Weekly FACA email updates

Membership fee: £27.50 per year.

Visit <http://insightlive.thefa.com> to register.

Important note for overseas coaches:

Sadly, coaches living outside the UK cannot become Full FACA Members as we are unable to ensure compliance with the CRB checks required as part of the membership process.

However, coaches based outside the UK can join as an Online FACA Member.

Code of conduct for FACA members

Coaches have a significant influence on how people choose to behave in football.

As a coach you are a role model and players will be influenced by how you behave. Therefore it is important that you are aware of just how you are behaving – on the training ground and at matches. You also have a part to play in terms of what behaviour you will tolerate from your players on and off the pitch.

It's natural that winning games is a focus for coaches, but coaches need to avoid an attitude that creates a 'win at all costs' environment and doesn't allow you to focus on a person's or team's development or enjoyment of football, in particular within youth football.

It's important that coaches develop an environment where learning can take place, where players can try and develop skills, technique and game craft and recognise that making mistakes is part of learning.

Coaches working with children need to be especially aware of their own behaviour and the impact this can have. The safety, welfare, enjoyment and development of a child must be the first priorities for the coach of a youth team, before the achievement and reputation of the club, school, coach or parent.

Members of FACA are required to abide by the Grassroots Football Coaches' Code of Conduct.

I agree to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and to treat them equally
- Place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance
- Respect and adhere to the guidelines laid down by FACA and the Rules & Laws of The Football Association
- Promote fair play, and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Act as a positive role model displaying high standards of behaviour
- Refrain from and not tolerate the use of inappropriate language or behaviour
- At the outset clarify with the player (and where appropriate with their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what they can expect from me as their coach
- Develop appropriate relationships with each player based on mutual trust and respect
- Encourage and guide each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

- Ensure all activities I organise or promote for my players are appropriate for their level of ability, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player

I accept that the club or league may take action if I do not adhere to my code of conduct as a grassroots football coach and in particular if I:

- Mistreat, bully, intimidate or knowingly continually undermine a player;
- Use inappropriate coaching/training methods for age groups I am working with;
- Repeatedly criticise or abuse the referee in any one game or series of games;
- Enter the field of play, without the referee's permission
- Swear at or abuse a player, referee, spectator or club official.

Possible club or league action:

- To be mentored by another club coach;
- Report card to be completed by referee at end of each game
- To attend an FA coaching qualification;
- To work with a different age group;
- To serve a suspension from coaching;
- To attend an FA workshop (e.g. Laws of the Game, Safeguarding Children)
- To leave the club

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FACA Membership – how to join

You can join today by either **submitting the attached application form, going online at www.TheFA.com/coach or phoning 0844 9808 212**

To fully complete the Full FACA Membership application form you will need:

- Your FA CRB Number
- Details of your level of qualifications and the year in which they were awarded
- Two passport-size photographs to be used on your membership card
- A method of payment:
 - Cheque
 - Credit/debit card details or
 - Completed direct debit mandate

If you do not have all of the above (e.g. you are awaiting confirmation of your FA CRB Check), you can still start the application process today and you will be given immediate access to 'FACA Live' and the weekly update emails.

Your membership pack will not be sent until we have all the required information.

Not yet applied for an FA CRB check?

If you are yet to complete an FA CRB form but want to apply for FACA membership, you can request a CRB form as part of the application process.

Returning the application form and completing as much as you are able (including payment method) will enable you to gain immediate access to 'FACA Live' and the weekly update emails.

Once we have received all the details required (as described above) then we will send out your confirmation letter and membership pack so that you will be a FACA Member with full entitlements to all the benefits.

Although payment is taken from your account immediately, your membership year does not start until you have been sent your membership pack and payment will not be requested again until 12 months from this date.

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