

THE **FA PEOPLE'S CUP**, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BBC GET INSPIRED
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following Terms and Conditions apply to The FA **People's Cup** 2016 Competition (the **"Competition"**). The promoter of the Competition is The Football Association Limited (**"The FA"**), Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS. The Competition is also being run in conjunction with the BBC and partners from Small Sided Football **Providers ("SSPs")** and **College and University Sites ("HE/FE")**.

By entering the Competition, entrants (including all Team Members (as defined below) agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions and any and all other associated promotional materials published by The FA, the BBC and/or the SSPs.

1. Entry to the Competition opens on 23rd November 2015 (the **"Opening Date"**) and will close at midnight on 15th January 2016 (the **"Closing Date"**). Entries received before the Opening Date or after the Closing Date will not be accepted.
2. Players participating in a match, who are over the age of sixteen (16), must be of the same gender. The FA reserves the right to request **an entrant's** proof of age and residency at their stated address for verification purposes before accepting their entry. Further details on age categories and eligibility are set out below. The Competition is specifically closed to employees the BBC.
3. Each team entered into the Competition must be made up of at least five (5) and no more than seven (7) team players (the **"Team Members"**) and must **nominate a captain (the "Team Captain")**.
4. Entries are on a first come, first served basis.
5. Entries not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions are invalid.
6. In order to enter the Competition as a team, one Team Member must register the Team by:
 - visiting theFA.com/playfootball (the **"Website"**); and
 - completing the entry form (including your team name, your preferred centre for the local heats, and the name, contact postcode, email and phone number of your Team Captain).

All mandatory fields must be completed.

7. The Team Captain will act as the primary point of contact with The FA and/or the SSPs (together the **"Organising Parties"**) throughout the duration of the Competition, unless otherwise specified by the Team Members and agreed to by one of the Organising Parties.
8. **Individual entrants ("Individual Players") can also sign up to take part in the Competition** and will be treated as Team Members for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions. To enter as an Individual Player you will register in the same way as a team via theFA.com/playfootball.co.uk and follow the instructions. You will be invited to a **'squad building' day on 16th January 2016** at your chosen 5 a side centre where you will meet the other individuals who will make up your **'wild card'** team. The Captain for each wild card team will be drawn randomly on the **'squad building' day on 16th January 2016**.
9. The Organising Parties reserve the right to expel any team or Team Member from the Competition at their absolute discretion. Any decision taken will be final and binding.

Teams

10. Teams will be made up of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) Team Members, including the Team Captain, and will be registered by The FA under a team name of the **team's** choice. The Organising Parties reserve the right to reject team names at their absolute discretion. Team Captains are advised that team names will be rejected if viewed as unsuitable; inappropriate; obscene; derogatory; or make reference to trademarks or known personalities; or are derogatory towards the Organising Parties, or any entities associated with them.
11. Prior to participation in the Local Heats, all Team Members will be asked to give their full name, date of birth, phone number, postcode and valid email address and will also be asked to confirm that they have read, understand and agree to these Terms and Conditions.
12. Team Members registered for the Local Heats cannot be changed for the duration of the Competition, save that the Organising Parties may permit up to two Team Members to be replaced, at their sole and absolute discretion in exceptional circumstances.

Player Eligibility

13. Each completion will be age specific and is open to all teams who are classified within these age classifications.
 - U14 Male – The player must be over the age of 12 and under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August 2015
 - U14 Female – The player must be over the age of 12 and under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August 2015
 - U16 Male – The player must be over the age of 14 and under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August 2015
 - U16 Female – The player must be over the age of 14 and under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August 2015
 - Open Age Male – Attained the age of 16 on the day of the local qualifying heat
 - Open Age Female – Attained the age of 16 on the day of the local qualifying heat
 - Male Vets – Attained the age of 35 on the day of the local qualifying heat
 - Female Vets – Attained the age of 35 on the day of the local qualifying heat
 - Disability - Attained the age of 16 on the day of the local qualifying heat
 - Walking – Attained the age of 50 on the day of the local qualifying heat
14. All Team Members must be of full amateur status and comply with the eligibility criteria below.

Adult Male and Male Vets categories

15. No Professional or Semi-Professional football player(s) are permitted to enter the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, any player(s) that have played in the top 7 levels (as set out below) of English Football in the last 6 months leading up to 22nd January 2016 (the “**Tournament Opening Date**”) are not permitted to play in the Competition.

Level	League(s)/Division(s)					
1	Premier League					
2	Football League Championship					
3	(Sky Bet Championship)					
4	Football League One					
5	National League North (Vanarama National League North)			National League South (Vanarama National League South)		
6	Northern Premier League Premier Division (Evo-Stik League Northern Premier Division)		Southern Football League Premier Division		Isthmian League Premier Division (Ryman Football League Premier Division)	
7	Northern Premier League Division One North (Evo-Stik League Northern Premier First Division North)	Northern Premier League Division One South (Evo-Stik League Northern Premier First Division South)	Southern Football League Division One Central	Southern Football League Division One South & West	Isthmian League Division One North (Ryman Football League Division One North)	Isthmian League Division One South (Ryman Football League Division One South)

In addition to those players who participated in the 11 a side game as set out above any player who has participated in the finals day of the following small sided competitions during 2015 and 2016 is not eligible to participate in the competition.

Goals: **Powerades, Skins and Warrior 5’s**

Powerleague: Gillette, RMCTF and Movember

PlayFootball: The Adidas #bethedifference, The Football fives world cup – F5WC and The Adidas Predator Cup 2014

Adult Female and Female Vets categories

16. No Professional or Semi-Professional football player(s) are permitted to enter the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, any player(s) that have played in the levels (as set out below) of

English Football in the last 6 months leading up to 22nd January 2016 (the “Tournament Opening Date”) are not permitted to play in the Competition.

FA Women’s Super League Season

FA Women’s Super League Development League Season

FA Women’s Premier League Season - Northern and/or Southern Divisions (including First and Reserve team players)

17. Any team(s) found to be fielding ineligible players will be immediately disqualified from the tournament and removed. This applies to all levels of the tournament; local heats, semi-finals and the national final.
18. The FA shall have the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to withdraw the Prize if winning teams are found to be fielding ineligible players.

Late arrival and kit

19. Teams arriving late for a fixture may forfeit the fixture and be disqualified from the Tournament. This shall be at the discretion of the Organising Parties.
20. Teams will be expected to provide themselves, for each of their Team Members, the following (including but not limited to):
 - Football kits; shirts, shorts, socks; shin pads and football boots with moulded or astro turf trainers. Team Members will not be permitted to wear football boots with blades or non-moulded studs (wet or dry weather); and
 - Team Members will be liable for all travel and costs associated with their participation in the Local Heats, the Semi Finals and the National Final. For the avoidance of doubt the Organising Parties will not contribute to these costs in any way.
 - Individual players will be provided with bibs for their wild card team on the day of their local heat.

Tournament Rules

21. Save for as expressly amended or modified by the Terms and Conditions, the applicable laws of **the game for The FA People’s Cup shall be The Football Association’s Small Sided Football Rules 2015-2016 (the “Tournament Rules”)**. For the avoidance of doubt the Tournament Rules shall **include The FA’s Discipline Process for Small Sided Football**.
22. Participants are reminded of the General Principle of the Tournament Rules that where not otherwise stated in the Tournament Rules, the normal Laws of Association Football apply with exceptions, notably that there is no offside in Small Sided Football.
23. Local heats will consist of a group stage, followed by a knockout stage **(the “Local Heats”)**. A minimum of one Team from each Local Heat will progress to semi-finals that will be organised on a **regional basis (the “Semi-Finals”)**.
24. Teams will be notified of their Semi-Finals centres via email on the dates across the weekend of 27th – 28th February 2016:

25. Teams may not enter into more than one Local Heat. Any team that is found to have entered into more than one Local Heat will have any subsequent entries cancelled and will be removed from the Competition.
26. The Semi-Finals will consist of a group stage, followed by a knockout stage. The winning team from each Semi-Final shall progress to **a national final (the “National Final”)**.
27. In the event of a draw in the knockout stages of each round in the Semi-Finals, the match will be decided by penalties. The penalties will consist of three **(3) rounds followed by ‘sudden death’** penalties if necessary.

National Final

28. The National Final will be held in March 2016 **(the “National Final Date”)** at a location to be confirmed by The FA.
29. If any Team is unable to attend the National Final, The FA reserves the right to select a replacement team to take their place.
30. The FA reserves the right to move the location of the National Final at any time prior to the National Final Date.

The Prize

31. The winning teams from each category will each receive one ticket per Team Member to attend The FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 21st May 2016 **(the “Prize”)**. Winning youth teams (U14s and U16s) will receive one extra ticket which must be used by an adult over the age of 18 to accompany the Team. For any adult Teams the maximum number of tickets that a team will receive will be seven.
32. The Prize is non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and not redeemable for cash or other prizes **(in whole or in part)**. **In the event of unforeseen circumstances or circumstances outside The FA’s control**, The FA reserves the right to offer an alternative prize of equal or greater value. Travel and accommodation are not included in the Prize and The FA accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with the Prize including, without limitation, meals, personal expenses and insurance in connection with the Prize. Winners are strictly prohibited from selling or giving away the Prize to any other person.
33. The FA will provide the winners with further details of how to claim their Prize on or around the date of the National Final.
34. If any of the winners (or any accompanying adults in the case of U14s and U16s Teams) are subject to any Football Banning Order or equivalent court order and/or criminal conviction which restricts their ability to attend football matches or any other public event, their entitlement to the Prize shall be withdrawn at the discretion of The FA. .
35. **Winners must also comply with all of The FA or Wembley Stadium’s conditions for entry and any applicable ground or health and safety regulations (including those available on the [Wembley Stadium website](#)).**

General

36. Team Members hereby consent to participate in any reasonable publicity accompanying and resulting from the Competition required on behalf of The FA and/or any other broadcast or media partners if so requested with no further recompense.
37. Each Team Member hereby agrees that the Organising Parties (and third parties authorised by The FA) may now and in the future use, exploit and make available the names, details, and images of all Team Members in any medium whatsoever including (but not limited to) a website (include the Organising Parties and broadcast partners main websites, and any social media sites), television, mobile media platforms and/or radio and any other media, whether now known or in the future, for the purposes of advertising and publicity of the Competition and/or The FA **People's Cup** brand without restriction as to manner, frequency or duration of usage or any other purpose whatsoever in connection with the sale and marketing of The FA **People's Cup** brand.
38. Neither of the Organising Parties will accept any responsibility for lost, delayed, incomplete, misdirected, mislaid, damaged or corrupted Entries (due to whatever reason, including but not limited to malfunction of the Website), or Entries that do not comply with these Terms and Conditions in any way.
39. The FA accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities (including direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damage) injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Competition, not being able to enter into the Competition or accepting any prize. The FA further disclaims liability for any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer, tablet, mobile phone or other device or IT system relating to or resulting from participation in or downloading of any materials in connection with the Competition. Nothing shall exclude the liability of The FA for fraud or for death or personal injury as a result of that party's negligence.
40. In no event shall The FA or any of its Group **Company's total liability** for all damages, losses, or causes of action exceed the price of the Prize. Without limiting the foregoing, this Competition and the Prize are provided **"as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied, including** but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or non-infringement.
41. The FA reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this Competition with or without prior notice due to reasons outside their control or to amend or modify these terms and conditions at any time.
42. Team Members agree that their personal information will be collected, stored and processed in a database for the purposes of administering the Competition and in connection with any advertising mentioned in these Terms and Conditions. Such information will not be used for any other purpose other than as stated in these Terms and Conditions or as separately accepted by Team Members. If Team Members have separately agreed to receive communications from either of the Organising Parties then their personal data may be used for such purposes, including direct marketing. Please note that in processing the information in this way, The Organising Parties may disclose the information to other companies in its group or to third parties employed by the Promoter and/or the Sponsor. The Organising Parties shall at all times comply with applicable Data Protection regulations currently in force in the UK.
43. If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of the Terms and Conditions, or incorrect, illegible, fraudulent or other invalid or improper information has been provided, either of the Organising Parties may, at their discretion, refuse to process an entry or provide the Prize.
44. The Organising Parties reserve the right to verify all Team Members.

45. A decision of either of the Organising Parties will be final in all Competition circumstances and no correspondence will be entered into.
46. The FA reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time by publishing an updated version on The **FA's** website. Any amendments will have immediate effect on publication unless otherwise specified.
47. If any of these Clauses should be determined to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable then it shall be severed and deleted from these terms and conditions and the remaining Clauses shall survive, remain in full force and effect.
48. These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Any disputes arising under or in connection with them shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England, save for that any disputes or differences regarding the Tournament Rules shall be resolved in accordance with the Laws of Association Football