



The Benefits of League Affiliation

- Recognition from the players that the competition is taking place under the auspices of the National Governing Body for Football. This will assist in the promotion and recruitment of Teams and Officials
- If the competition is affiliated to a County Football Association it will be subject to the FA's Disciplinary processes. These will provide an additional safeguard to players and officials
- Access to FA Qualified Referees. FA Qualified Referees are only permitted to officiate in affiliated football and any insurance they carry is not applicable in unaffiliated competitions
- Only affiliated competitions are in a position to recruit additional referees through running the FA Small Sided Referees Qualification
- Affiliated competitions have the opportunity to post their results on 'Full Time' at www.TheFA.com - the Football Association's official website
- Access to The FA Small Sided Football Fund and Small Sided Football Accreditation Scheme
- Access to funding for IT equipment

The Benefits of Club Affiliation

It can be a daunting task to set up a new football club, but help is at hand to support you through the process of getting up and running.

It is through affiliation that the family of football is brought together and correct standards and discipline are maintained.

Affiliation acts as a quality assurance and as a safety net to help protect players, clubs, officials and administrators throughout the game. Benefits include:

- Being legally affiliated to the Amateur Football Alliance (AFA)
- Contacts with all local leagues, clubs and players
- Promotion via our website and links
- Eligibility to compete in County FA competitions (e.g. County Cups)
- Discipline, Fair Play and Respect
- Funding Opportunities
- Access to advice from County FA staff plus FA regional development, coaching and facilities personnel
- Access to purchase public liability and personal injury insurance for your club, team and players
- Access to The FA welfare programme
- Access to County FA and FA communications, including your chance to help shape future development
- Access to qualified referees for your matches
- Opportunities to participate in FA football development schemes such as Charter Standard Awards (this provides even further benefits)
- Access to player and coaching development opportunities



Football Development Services

Football Development is one of the most important aspects within the game. At the AFA we have a Development Team that aims to develop the game in every way. Here is an introduction to some of the areas of our work:

Improving your Facilities

Assisting you secure grant aid from the Football Foundation and a wide range of other sources including Goalpost Replacement.

Coach Development

Assist you to find coaches to coach your sides
Organising Level 1, Level 2 & Level 3, Goalkeeping and Futsal Coaching Courses
Organising FA Age Appropriate Modules and FA Skills Team Events
Planning specific coaching sessions for your players

Medical Education

Training people to obtain Emergency Aid qualifications and Sports Injury qualifications

Volunteers

Helping you recruit new volunteers & training your existing volunteers

Safeguarding Children

Organising Safeguarding Children and Welfare Officer Workshops
Providing Safeguarding Children advice and support

Women's & Girls

Assistance with setting up or linking with a Women's & Girls section

Disability

Assistance and Support with setting up a Disability section

Youth

Helping you set up a Youth Section in your club
Helping your club adopt a Youth Team
Promoting and running coaching courses for young adults at your club

Mini-Soccer

Running mini-soccer festivals at your club
Helping you set up mini-soccer at your club
Helping you adopt mini-soccer

Resource and Information Centre

Providing a library with information about any aspect of football
Lending you coaching and training resources

FA Charter Standard

Helping adult clubs to become FA Charter Standard Clubs
Helping youth clubs become FA Charter Standard Clubs
Organising Charter Standard In Service events

Communication

Website and social media: informing you about all the latest AFA initiatives

Respect

Work with your club to promote the FA Respect Programme