

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

FA SUNDAY CUP

SEASON 2018-2019

ENTRY CRITERIA

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Participation in the Competition shall only be open to Clubs competing in the higher Divisions of a Sunday League for season 2018-2019 sanctioned by The Association or an affiliated Association.

The National Game Board may reject the application of any Club to participate in the Competition at its entire discretion.

Please note:-

Finance is a major factor in deciding if Clubs are able to enter The FA Sunday Cup as the travelling expenses can be a burden if the draw pairs Clubs together with lengthy journeys. However, the Competition exists for Sunday Clubs who wish to sample playing against Clubs from other Counties or Leagues.

Therefore, there is a match grant to assist with costs, provided by The FA for ties up to and including the Fifth Round. These amounts for distribution are still to be decided for season 2018-2019 but, for guidance, the amounts distributed last season were as follows:-

| | Home Club(£) | Away Club(£) |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st Round | 325 | 225 |
| 2nd Round | 350 | 250 |
| 3rd Round | 375 | 275 |
| 4th Round | 400 | 300 |
| 5th Round | 500 | 400 |

*These amounts will only be paid to each Club within **seven working days of the completion of the round** and only matches played and completed will be eligible for the match grant.*

MINIMUM GROUND STANDARDS

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1. The playing area must be enclosed by a permanent or temporary barrier, the only exception being those areas excluded from spectator access. Wire or rope, may not be used to connect the posts.
2. Dressing and washing accommodation must be separate for each team and for the Match Officials. No shared washing facilities are allowed.
3. Toilets, which are not available for public use, must be provided in the dressing rooms for the use of the players and Match Officials
4. Covered Home and Visitors Trainers Boxes must be provided and be clearly identified to the Match Officials.
5. Dressing rooms must have heating and hot water.
6. First Aid Facilities, equipment and a stretcher must be available.
7. Public Liability insurance must be provided for registered players and Club Officials, up to a minimum of £5m.
8. Hospitality must be provided for Visiting Officials and Match Officials.
9. A programme or team sheet must be provided.
10. Refreshment facilities for spectators must be provided.
11. Ladies and Gents toilets must be provided for spectators throughout the duration of the match. These can be either inside or adjacent to the ground.

12. The pitch dimensions must measure between 110-100 metres in length by 75-64 metres in width. The size of the pitch must be re-checked prior to the recommencement of each season.
13. Artificial pitches are permitted providing they meet the minimum standards set by FIFA and only with prior consent of The Association.