



FEMALE FOOTBALL SERIES 2019-2020

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A partnership programme for the 2019-20 season will see additional fixtures to each of the county's disability league programme for adult females (open age 16+), this is to compliment the programme running within each county.

This programme will see 5 fixtures being hosted in each of the 5 participating counties, Leicestershire, Birmingham, Sheffield, West Riding and Staffordshire FA. There will be two division for the 2019/20 series.



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Dates :



February – 15th February 2020

Venue: Indoor Dome at Aston Villa, Villa Park, Witton Road, B6 6QE

Time: 12.00pm to 3pm

Indoor 3G pitch, Astro boots or football boots (no metal studs) are required



March – 14th March 2020

Venue: St George's Park, Graves (Sheffield), S8 8JR

Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm

Outdoor 3G pitch, Astro boots or football boots (no metal studs) are required



April – 18th April 2020

Venue: Bradford City Football Club, The Utilita Energy Stadium at Valley Parade, Bradford, BD8 7DY

Time: 11am-2pm

Outdoor Grass Pitch



May – 30th May 2020

Venue: LRCFA, Holmes Park, Dog and Gun Lane, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6FA

Time: 11am to 2pm

Outdoor Grass Pitch



June – 20th June 2020

Venue: Burton Albion, Pirelli Stadium, Princess Way, Burton upon Trent, DE13 0AR

Time: 10.30am to 1.00pm

Outdoor 3G pitch, Astro boots or football boots (no metal studs) are required



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The series programme will be playing two divisions at each festival, both will be played as a 5v5 format–



Silver :

Good to moderate mobility and fitness
Good understanding of the game.

Male closest equivalent – Championship/League



Bronze :

Limited mobility and fitness
Lack of understanding of the game and decision making within the game situation.

Male closest equivalent – League One/League Two

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Competition programme:



Winners :

There will be a winner for each division at each of the festival dates.

Alongside the winner, we will be selecting our greatest sporting moments

i.e.

Greatest goal scoring celebration

Respect award

Save hands – Goalkeeper award

Team supporters award

We want to make sure that we model the very best sporting behaviour both in victory and in defeat

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Playing Rules:

- No more than 10 players may make up a match day squad, per team. The playing format will be 5v5
- Substitutions are a roll on roll off basis and you may repeat subs as many times as you wish. Substitutions can only be done once the ball is out of play, and has been sanctioned by the referee.
- Teams will be told of the match duration at the start of each match day. This will depend on the number of teams participating on a given match day.
- All players are allowed within the goal area, and goalkeepers are allowed outside of the goal area.
- A kick off is taken from the centre spot at the start of the game and after each goal has been scored. Opponents of the kick must be 3 metres away from the ball.
- A goal MAY NOT be scored directly from a Kick Off or any restart of play.
- When a ball is put out of play on the side-lines, play will be restarted with either a throw-in or a roll-in, (whichever the player feels most comfortable in doing). Roll-ins must be done below shoulder height. Opposing players must be a minimum of 2 metres away.
- When a ball is put out of play over the goal line by the defending team a corner will be awarded to the attacking team.



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- When a ball is put out of play on the goal line by the attacking team, a goal kick (preferred) or roll will be awarded to the defending team. If the goalkeeper is rolling the ball out, this must be done below shoulder height. This may be taken from anywhere within the goal area. Opposing players must be 3 metres away from the point at which it's placed. The ball must not be kicked over the half way line without a bounce.
- The ball may be played above head height, unless otherwise stated in competition regulations.
- The Goalkeeper may pick up the ball from a back pass. Drop kicks are not permitted by goalkeepers. If a goalkeeper wishes to kick the ball this **MUST** be off the pitch surface.
- Opposing players must be a minimum of 3m from the place of the free kick.
- All free kicks are indirect (a goal cannot be scored directly from a free kick without the ball touching a second player).
- If the ball touches the referee, and goes into the goal, possession changes or an attacking move starts, play will restart with a drop ball, at the place on the field of play where it touched the referee.
- When there is a defensive 'wall' of 2 or more defensive players, attacking players must be at least 1 metre from the 'wall'.
- At the end of the match it is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that the referee properly records the result. There will be no post tournament appeal.
- Slide tackles are **NOT** permitted in any matches.



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Expectations:

We want to make sure all of that the selected teams chosen to enter, complete the whole female series. It's important that each is attended well.

To encourage everyone to do this, if you can attend all of the 5 fixtures in the season, a club will receive an incentive from your home county FA, this will be county specific but examples are a voucher for the club to use, kit and equipment for the following season or tickets to a pro club game.

Entry into this series is FREE, as we want to encourage participation but we need your help to make sure we can fulfil this programme for this to continue.



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Role Models:

We want to encourage players within our talent pathway to come along and share their experiences, so we will be looking to add this in to several of those fixtures. It's great to share their experiences and inspire the next generation

We welcomed both **Rebecca Kemp** and **Jack Rutter** along to our end of season festival at St George's Park.

Rebecca Kemp is part of the England Women Deaf Squad, and Jack Rutter is the former Captain for the England & GB Paralympic Cerebral Palsy Team.



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Checklist:

Read and understood this booklet about the series programme, if you have any questions please do contact the relevant contact below.

The team(s) are available for all the dates listed

Make sure the teams you wish to play are affiliated as Adult female disability team(s) to your County FA. If you need any support, please speak to the relevant person below.

Complete registration form in order to register your team in this series programme (separate sheet).

Contacts: Leicestershire FA – Philippa.Bass@leicestershireFA.com
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