

# COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE YOUTH LEAGUE



## MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



# WHAT IS PAN-DISABILITY?

Pan-disability teams allow players with a broad spectrum of impairments and health conditions to play together. There are now over 2000 affiliated disability teams within England. These teams provide an environment in which players can play competitively on a regular basis.

Pan-disability Leagues form the foundation of the disability competition structure and there is now a network of over 40 localised pan-disability leagues across England.

In general, these leagues are small sided in format (usually). In junior disability football, there's a maximum age banding of four years, usually U8, U12 and U16. No-one under the age of 16 can play in adult pan-disability football. Where no female-specific opportunities exist, FA dispensation is available for mixed-gender competitions at adult ages. Where team numbers permit, the leagues adopt the principle of 'ability banding' to ensure there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.



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The Coventry & Warwickshire Pan-Disability leagues set up in 2024 in partnership with the Birmingham County FA. We have a total of 11 clubs across 6 affiliated clubs with excellent disability programs. The league is split between Infants league (7–11-year-olds) and a junior's league (12-15 years old) who will play in monthly fixtures between February 2024 and June 2024 as a pilot to see the success it will bring to the area for the field of disability football.

*Ryan Kimberley, the Disability Football Development Officer at the Birmingham County FA stated "When we analysed our county, we identified Coventry as an underrepresented area that Birmingham County FA have not supported as much as we probably should have, after discussions with Coventry & Warwickshire youth league, we collaborated to set up two pan disability leagues. Choosing an excellent committee with good experience and knowledge of league ran was key, we look forward to seeing how these next few months establish as the next steps will be to grow this league by recruiting more teams and extending to an open age division, making the league sustainable"*



# **BIRMINGHAM COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Birmingham County FA is the not-for-profit governing body for football in Birmingham, the Black Country, Coventry and Warwickshire. No matter who you are or how you identify, we are here to provide support and guidance every step of the way on your football journey!**

**The County boundary is vast, extending beyond just Birmingham to encompass the Black Country, Coventry, North and South Warwickshire, Burton, Tamworth, plus other parts of Staffordshire and Worcestershire.**

**How Birmingham County FA supports grassroots football:**

- **1,200 football clubs**
- **4,600 teams playing all formats of the game**
- **48,000 matches played each season**
- **60 football competitions sanctioned**
- **14 County Cups**
- **320 courses delivered annually**
- **1,500 registered referees**
- **£1.2m invested in facilities**
- **£520m positive social & economic impact**
- **92% customer satisfaction**





# COMETS/DISABILITY RECS/JUST PLAYS

Comets is a recreational centre for 5-11 year olds with disabilities. If your interested in finding a centre for your child or interested in setting your own centre up, please contact Ryan.



England Football Disability Recreation Centres are aimed at 12-15 year olds to get them involved in Disability Football.

FA Snickers 'Just Play' programme gives the casual footballer a chance to turn up at a venue and play football. This kickabout is recreational football at its best, turning up for an hour of exercise and a bit of fun. Currently within BCFA, we have multiple active centres for Disability participants including Pan-Disability, Mental Health and Visual Impairment. You can find your nearest centre and become a Just Play centre by contacting Ryan.



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# MATCHDAY RULES

## REFEREES

- The official has full authority of the game, please respect their decision!
- Officials are encouraged to facilitate learning eg. allowing second attempts on roll-ins etc.
- Officials will check prior to the game that each child has removed jewellery/watches.
- Officials will check prior to the game that each participant is wearing shinpads and appropriate footwear.
- No Pass backs however, if it is a mistake then we allow but explain.

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- The Ball – A Size 3 football to be used in u12s division. A size 4 football will be used in the u16s division.
  - There is NO offsides.
  - Throw-ins are under arm only.
  - Subs are roll on, roll off. Subs can only take place when the ball is out of play.
  - If a team have a goal kick, the opposition will retreat to the halfway line.

## NUMBER OF PLAYERS

U12's will play 5v5 and U16's will play 6v6. Only changed lower not higher if players are not available.

Power Play Rule applies. – If a team go 3-0 up, the losing team can either put an extra player on or winning team to take a player off.

## DURATION OF GAMES

U12 – 15-minute halves (30 minutes) there will be a half time break – 1 game per team however as this is an odd team division 1 team will play twice. U12 has 7 teams so 4 games over 2 pitches.

Game Kick off Times Pitch 1 - 2.15pm & 3.10pm, Pitch 2 - 2.15pm & 3.10pm

U16 – 15-minute halves (30 minutes) there will be a half time break – 1 game per team however as this is an odd team division 1 team will play twice. U16 has 5 teams so 3 games over 1 pitch.

Game Kick off Times 2.15pm, 2.50pm & 3.25pm





"MY COACH KEPT  
ME SMILING  
ON THE PITCH  
- THAT'S WHEN  
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DANGEROUS."



**COACHES. IT STARTS WITH YOU.**  
STAY POSITIVE. BE SUPPORTIVE. SHOW RESPECT.



LOVE FOOTBALL  
PROTECT THE GAME.



# THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE...

On Sunday 25th February, we hosted the first fixtures of this new pan-disability league, it was incredible to see so many people attending, having over 65 players attend across both divisions. As an opening fixtures day, each team got to play against each other. The feedback from the day was incredible and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon of football and fun. Each child got a copy of the first matchday program and spent the afternoon representing a football team (some for the first time ever!)

One coach stated "One of our mums saw her son lining up for our team pic and promptly burst into tears. He'd always wanted to be in his own team".

Another coach said "21 years coaching/running a team, today has topped that off... I loved every minute and getting a hug of one of the players who doesn't do contact wow... thanks guys and all involved... now that's what football should be about!

Ryan from Birmingham FA said "It was an unbelievable first day that the children will never forget, and the coaches and parents/carers will cherish for the rest of their lives. Everyone who has supported getting this league up and running should be immensely proud, it's an exciting time to be apart of this league as it has made a great start with plenty of scope to expand into more teams and an adult league in the future".





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# ATTLEBOROUGH SPORTS

The disability group was set up by Nuneaton Bedworth Leisure Trust, funded by Children in Need as part of the trusts Disability activities. This then lead to the Partnership with Attleborough Sports JFC and the formation of Attleborough Tigers.

The club has been active in swelling it numbers up to around 40 members, covering 6-16 year olds and now includes an over 16 group. We are actively recruiting helpers and looking to train and fund additional coaches.

## CONTACT EMAIL

Steve Brough - [attleboroughsportsjfc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:attleboroughsportsjfc@yahoo.co.uk)



## SESSION DETAILS



Tuesdays, 5-6pm



Bedworth Oval  
CV12 8NN





# COVENTRIANS

Formed in 2007, Coventrians have 25 teams playing across all youth age groups u7s to u18s playing in the Coventry & Warwickshire Youth League to an open age first team playing in the Midland Football League Division 2.

## CONTACT EMAIL

Jane Connolly - [Coventriansfc@sky.com](mailto:Coventriansfc@sky.com)



## SESSION DETAILS



Mondays - 6-7pm



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# COVENTRY SARACENS

We formed in 2010 with an ethos of fun respectful inclusive low-cost football, we make sure all our coaches are given the tools to progress themselves to better teach the kids.

We have upgraded the clubhouse to make that more inclusive too with garden chill out pods and we are currently starting work on a chill out/light therapy room to support our pan-disability players.

## CONTACT EMAIL

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## SESSION DETAILS



Saturdays 12-1pm



Bredon Ave, Binley  
CV3 2FD



# COUNDON COURT

Founded in 2002, Coundon Court are proud to be Coventry's first and foremost FA Charter Standard Community Club. We are proud to have been the first club in Coventry to offer Comets pan-disability sessions from 2023 and are excited to now also have our first ever pan-disability football team.

## CONTACT EMAIL

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## SESSION DETAILS



**Fridays 6-7pm**



**Power League Cov,  
CV5 7FF**



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"At every age, football  
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- Martin

Esme's Grassroots Coach

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# RUGBY BOROUGH

Rugby Borough Football Club was founded in 1994 and its history is rich with junior football in Rugby. Borough has grown considerably over the years to the club we are today, with around 60 teams across all ages of boys, girls, men and women. Our award-winning facility at Kilsby Lane has also continued to grow and develop to support our club's growth in Rugby.

## CONTACT EMAIL

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## SESSION DETAILS



Fridays - 10am-12pm



Rugby Borough FC,  
CV21 4PN



# UNITY SPORTS

Welcome to Unity Sports Club, where we are all about inclusivity. Our nonprofit club. Was founded in September 2023 by a group of friends who shared a love for sports and wanted to create a space where everyone was welcome. The team playing in the u16's division of the Coventry & Warwickshire Pan-Disability League will be the first team ever to represent Unity Sports Club. Mission – "To inspire, educate and put people at the centre of sport".

## CONTACT EMAIL

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## SESSION DETAILS

Get in touch to  
find out about  
sessions!



# VENUE

## ALAN HIGGS CENTRE

Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1HW



# **DIVISION TEAM** **TABLES**



## **U12's DIVISION**

**ATTLEBOROUGH SPORTS JFC TIGERS**

**COUNDON COURT COMETS**

**COVENTRIANS ALL STARS**

**COVENTRY SARACENS DIAMONDS**

**RUGBY BOROUGH MEGGSYS**

**RUGBY BOROUGH MEGGSYS RESERVES**

**UNITY SPORT CLUB**

## **U16's DIVISION**

**ATTLEBOROUGH SPORTS JFC TIGERS**

**COVENTRIANS ALL STARS**

**RUGBY BOROUGH TEKKERS**

**RUGBY BOROUGH TEKKERS RESERVES**

**UNITY SPORT CLUB**







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