

England Football Accreditation Requirements



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1 Club

- ☐ Affiliated to a county
- ☐ Teams Playing in a League
- ☐ Club Bank Account
- ☐ Club Meetings and Minutes

2 Officials

- ☐ Official DBS Compliant – All Team Officials operating in Youth Football will require both a Valid FA DBS AND in-date FA Safeguarding Children Course qualification from the 23/24 season
- ☐ All clubs with a Youth Team must have a Club Welfare Officer as a Key Official. For the 23/24 season – All Clubs with Open-Age Adult Teams must have a named Club Welfare Officer.
- ☐ All Key Officials from Clubs with Youth Teams must have completed a **Safeguarding Committee Member Course**.
- ☐ Each team must have a named Official who has at least the **FA Introduction to First Aid in Football**.
- ☐ Youth Teams with a Qualified Coach/Manager – Each youth team must have a Manager/Coach with a minimum of the = **The FA Introduction to Coaching Football Qualification, The FA Introduction to First Aid in Football and The FA Safeguarding Children Qualification**.

3 Documents

- ☐ All clubs must adopt the FA Policies provided on the dashboard.
- ☐ Club Development Plan – This can be something you have created or based on a template provided by the FA. The Club Development Plan is based on how you see your club going forward.

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4 Player Pathways

☐ There are three accredited pathways to complete – male, female, and disability.

☐ Examples of what would be considered a 3 star pathway is as follows

1 Accredited Male Player Pathway



1 Team in 8 Youth Age Groups (U7-U18)

Must have U7 or U8

Must have U16, U17 or U18

Maximum gap of 2 years between teams upto U15s



1 Adult Team

Can be either:
U19, U20, U21,
U23 or Adult

Your Male Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U16	U17	U18	U19	U20	U21	U23	ADULT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Your Male Player Pathway Teams (Including Linked Club Teams)

U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	U20	U21	U23	Adult
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2 Accredited Female Player Pathway



1 Team in 4 Youth Age Groups (U9-U16)

Must have U9 or U10

Must have U15 or U16

Maximum gap of 2 years between teams upto U16s

Your Female Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Female Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U9	U10	U11	U12	U14	U15	U16
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Accredited Disability Player Pathway



1 Team in 2 Age Groupings from any gender

Under 8 (U6 to U8)

Under 12 (U9 to U12)

Under 16 (U13 to U16)

Adult

Male/Mixed Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
U13	U14	U15	U16	ADULT		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Female Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U13	U14	U15	U16	ADULT		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Male/Mixed Player Pathway Teams
(Including Linked Club Teams)

U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U13	U14	U15	U16	Adult		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Female Player Pathway Teams
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U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U13	U14	U15	U16	Adult		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		