



Devon FA

Guide to Coaching Support



Devon FA provide a range of free coaching workshops, 1-1 coach mentors, video's on YouTube and much more to help you after you finish your coaching course.

This guide will explain these and how the internet, smart phones, App's and social media can all help you as a coach for ideas, session plans and ongoing support.

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[See here to find and book a course](#)

Coaching CPD Events (Free Workshops)



Our [CPD Events](#) will help you build on courses, and help prepare you for progressing to the next level of coaching qualification. Events are 2-3 hours, include a coaching session from our staff with a local team, and range from tactical topics to managing behaviour.

See [here](#) for upcoming events

All events are free to attend, and you can see highlights and resources on [YouTube](#), [Hive](#) and Facebook.



Facebook Groups

Facebook is a great way of keeping up to date with events, video's and coaching news.

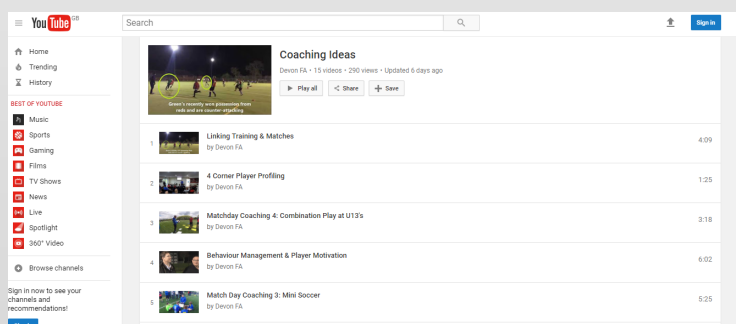
There are 2 Facebook pages to join:

- Devon County FA
- Devon FA Licensed Coaches



Devon FA YouTube

Videos are a great way for seeing highlights of events. Our [Devon FA channel](#) has a [Coaching Ideas playlist](#), and highlights from local football events and much more. New videos are regularly uploaded. Search for “Devon FA” on [YouTube](#).





Visit: TheFA.com/LicensedCoachesClub

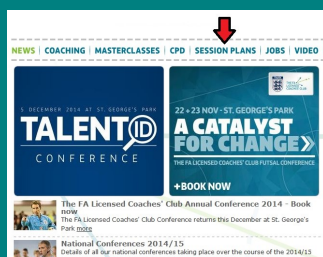
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Behind every great player is an inspirational coach!

The FA Licensed Coaches Club is free to join and provides session plans, videos, news and the latest ideas for coaches. To join you need to be a minimum Level 1 Coach, and hold current FA Criminal Record Check (CRC), Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding Children Certificates.

The benefits of being a licensed coach include a website with printable session plans & coaching videos, free tickets for all England Teams (ballot entry), a photo ID card and free download of The Boot Room: The FA's coaching magazine.

Using the FA Licensed Coaches Club Website:



Use "Session Plans" for ideas specific to your age group



Use "Coaching" to see video's of top coaches working at your age



Use "TactX" to see all sessions in animation.



"Video" has a range of FA videos for coaches, from match day ideas to

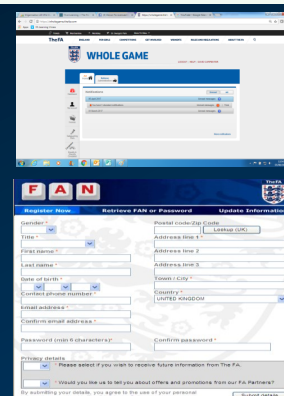
FAN Number

Your FAN number is your own unique coaching record with The FA, and is automatically updated with all coaching qualifications and CRC checks you complete.

See [here](#) if you have forgotten your FAN or password.

You need your FAN number to use The FA Licensed Coaches Club, the Whole Game System (The FA's website for running clubs), and to enrol onto courses.

If you have previously done an FA course, played or volunteered within football, you will have a FAN number. Do not create a 2nd FAN number for yourself under any circumstance! If you are unsure contact Devon County FA.



Coach Mentoring

Devon has a team of 7 Coach Mentors (funded by The FA) working with Level 1 and 2 coaches across the County, with a view of helping them to improve.

Mentors are generally assigned to Charter Standard Clubs (around 20 are selected each season); however it is possible for a small number of individual coaches to be mentored—contact your nearest mentor below, or attend a free coaching CPD event.



- Mentoring can be 1-1 or in a group
- Mentoring is free
- Mentors do not replace you as a coach, but can give you feedback & ideas
- Encourage your club to apply!

Will Allan

Exeter & Tarka Line

Lead mentor for Disabled Coaches

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Neil Saunders

Exeter & Mid Devon

Lead Mentor for BME & Female Coaches

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Marcus Lincoln

Exeter & East Devon

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Position Currently Vacant

Torbay & Teignbridge

TBC

Chris Smietanka

Plymouth, West Devon & South Hams

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Mark Rostock

North Devon & Torridge

Lead Mentor for Female Coaches

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For more general info contact Devon FA:

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Support from The FA

The FA provide some great App's for Apple and Android smart phones and tablets, online modules, specialised courses, and a free coaching magazine.



The Future Game has hundreds of session plans with tactics & technique instructions, and is available as an App, book or CD. It's a fantastic free tool to help plan your coaching.

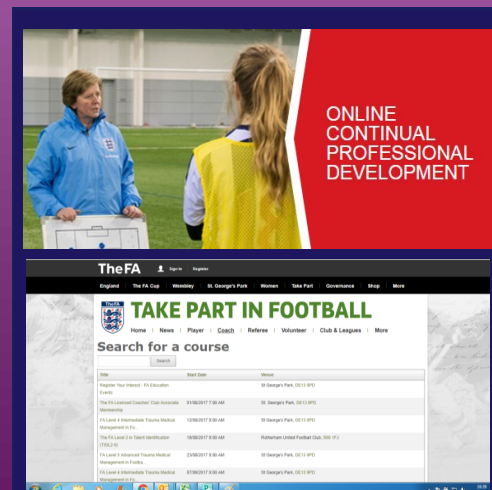


THE BOOT ROOM

The Boot Room is The FA's free magazine for coaches of all levels. Download it via The FA Licensed Coaches Club website, or get The FA Boot Room Magazine App for your smartphone or tablet.



The FA Coach's App enables you to create and share sessions with coaches, or download sessions from other coaches using the App's "transfer market" feature.



The FA offer a range of free Online courses, from goalkeeping to outfield tactics, player management to futsal. Log in [here](#) - note you will need your FAN and password.

The FA also offer a range of specialised courses around the UK in talent identification, advanced injury treatment and more. See [here](#)

Hive & New Technology



The FA's Future Game App, book & CD, Devon FA's Facebook pages and YouTube channel, The FA Coach's App, Boot Room App, and The FA Licensed Coaches Club website are all good places for ideas.

For coaches wanting even more however, Hive is an exciting development from professional sport now available to grassroots coaches and players. Available as a website and App; coaches can use both formats and it automatically syncs the two.

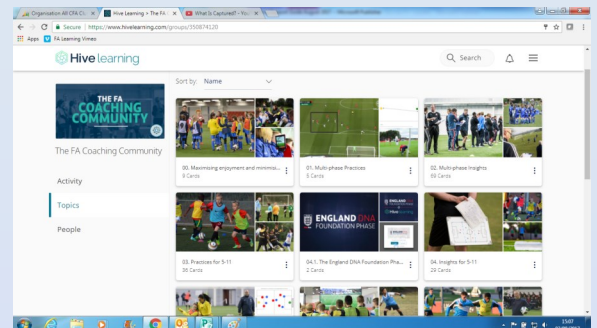


This video demonstrates how Hive can be used

Hive is a modern sports programme & allows Devon FA and The FA to create and share more detailed coaching resources.

It allows coaches to save these within their own space, and combine them with their own notes, videos and things from other websites.

In effect it's a 21st Century interactive folder that you can carry round on your phone, share with your players or coaching team, add to at any time, and store anything from the web or that you create or film.



Join for free: <https://www.hivelearning.com/thefa/>

The FA's Coaching Community has lots of content to get you started.

Devon FA also have a Hive Group, where we share Powerpoint Presentations, Session Plans & Other templates from CPD Events.

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