

Youth Survey Summary 2022/2023

We received 207 responses to our youth survey, two of these have been removed as it was clear that parents had done the survey.

Overview

What is your role within football? Tick all that apply

- Player 92.3%
- Young Referee 4.8%
- Young Coach 7.7%
- Young Volunteer 3.4%

Which age group do you currently play/referee/coach in? Tick all that apply

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| -U7 2.9% | -U8 6.3% | -U10 16.4% |
| -U11 14% | -U12 18.8% | -U13 9.2% |
| -U14 14% | -U15 13% | -U16 15.5% |
| -U18 17.9% | -U18 Open Age 11.1% | |

What type of team do you play/referee/coach in? Tick all that apply

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| -All boys 55.6% | -All girls 17.4% | -Mixed 30.9% |
| -Adult male 10.1% | -Adult female 1% | -Ability 4.3% |

Do you enjoy playing/refereeing/coaching football?

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| -Yes 95.3% | -No 1.3% | -Sometime 3.4% |
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Have you ever been shouted at during a match/training session by a spectator &/or parent?

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| -Yes 53.1% | -No 47.3% |
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Who would you speak to if you had a problem/issue at your football team/club?

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| -The Coach 45.9% | -Parents 35.3% | -CWO 15.5% |
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GIRLS ONLY What format of football would you prefer to play?

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| -7 v 7 7.5% | -9 v 9 45.3% | -11 v 11 47.2% |
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Sample Feedback

What is the best thing about playing/refereeing/coaching football?

-Friends 26

-Team 23

-Fun 17

Sample Quotes

"I love to play with my team. Making new friends and feeling like I have a football family. I love helping to coach U7's because I feel like I am helping them develop skills, love football like I do and make new friends"

"I have been playing for a girl's football team for 7 years now. And now at the age of 14, I am now coaching, along with 2 other coaches with an U8's boys' team. I want to be able to teach football to the young children, just like I played from 7 years old. I love football, I don't know what I'd do without"

"You get challenged and you improve by recognising your mistakes and you communicate with people you don't normally talk to. Also finding a way out of something that doesn't go how you want it to"

"The adrenalin, being part of a team and bring my experience playing in an all-girls team to the boys U8's. As I started in a mix team. Also meeting new friends"

"I enjoy the competition and challenging myself to be the best I can on a football pitch plus with my friends"

"Interacting with different types of people and building new relationships especially when officiating"

"Coaching is so rewarding as I coach a pan disability team, playing I just like playing football"

"Refereeing and playing has given me a better understanding of the game from both sides"

"Keeping fit, playing football with my friends and being part of a great team"

"Feeling included and playing with people with my difficulties"

"Playing football makes me happy and with my friends"

"Being the goalie and saving goals"

What do you not like about playing/refereeing/coaching football?

-Nothing 43

-Losing 9

-Weather 11

Sample Quotes

"In the game you get people who like to say things that can harm and disrespect people"

"Playing poor teams, the pressure of losing, playing on poor pitches/poor facilities"

"When players can be aggressive and angry. That's not playing"

"Abuse the ref gets from some players and coaches and parents"

"Some teams aren't very nice about other team's skills levels"

"Parents shouting, poor standard of referees, intimidation"

"Sometimes other players can be a bit mean as I'm a girl"

"The pressure put on you when you do something bad/wrong"

"The arguments between coaches, players and referees"

"When refs aren't consistent with their decisions"

"The parents! They can be awful"

"People who disrespect the game"