

Gloucestershire FA – Club Update



- Welcome and thank you for joining this Presentation
- The Presenters will be Chris Lucker and Matt Boucher
- During the Presentation (to avoid background noise) attendees will be 'muted'
- We also recommend turning off your camera/video
- Don't worry about having to make notes, a fact sheet and webpage will be published containing useful information and links we discuss

Thursday, 21 May 2020

Kick-off at 2pm



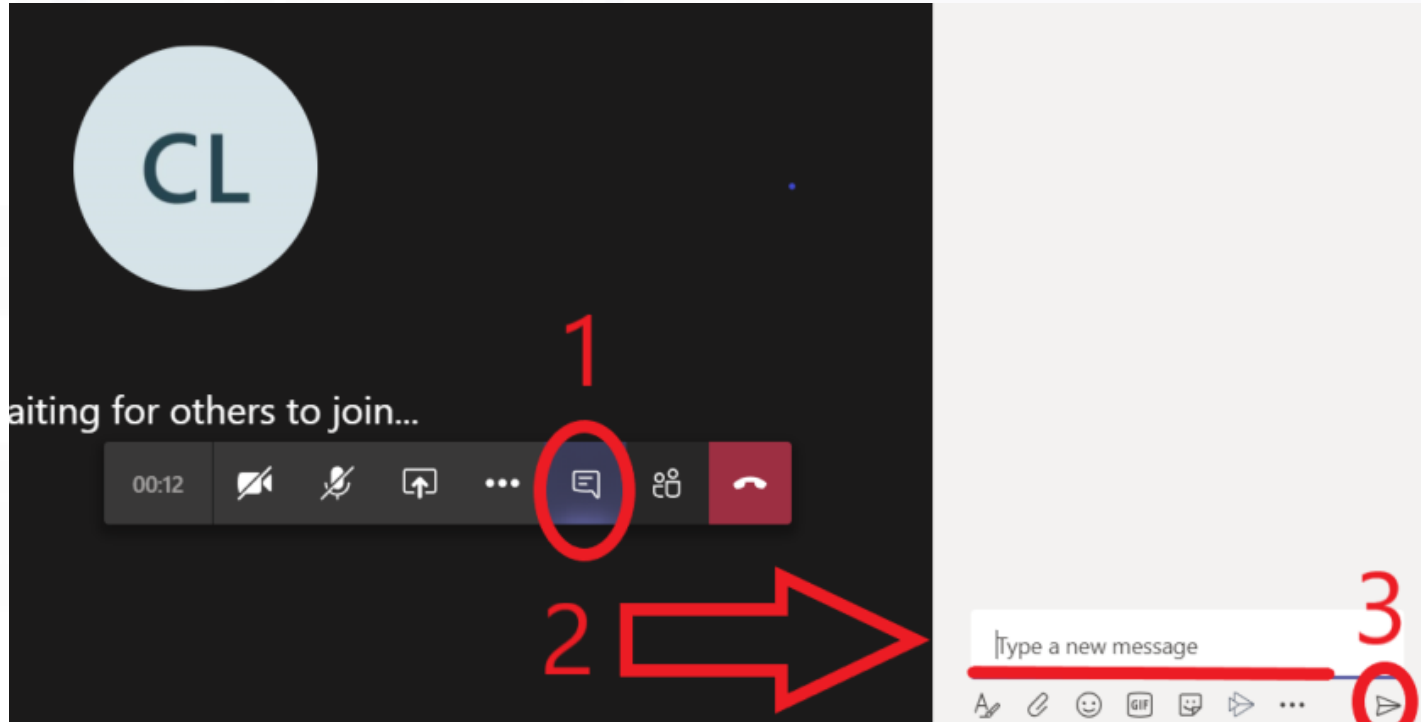
Agenda

- Coronavirus Update
- Discipline
- County Cups
- Affiliation 2020/21
- Whole Game System
- Player Registration Update
- **Half Time Interval (10 minute break)**
- Coach Education
- Charter Standard
- Facilities, Funding & Investment, Support & Guidance
- Safeguarding & DBS checks
- Q&A's – submit questions via Chat
- Good New Stories



Before we start, please tell us which Club you are from.

Use the chat function to enter your Club's name:-



Coronavirus Update

- Please follow the current UK Government advice published at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Current FA Policy on permitted grassroots football activity:-
 - playing football individually (individual skills or fitness activities)
 - playing football with your family or other people living in your household
 - an individual can play football with one other person who is not from their household
 - coaching an adult player one-to-one (coaching youth player not permitted)
 - pitch maintenance
- GFA Office is Closed with 5 Staff Working from Home
- Email: support@gloucestershirefa.com
- Serious safeguarding concerns –

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000



Discipline

- Open cases
- Unpaid Invoices
- Current Club/Team Suspensions
- Outstanding Player Suspensions
- Personal Hearings
- League Appeals
- Temporary Dismissals 'Sin Bins'



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County Cups

- Completion of 2019/20 Semi-finals and Finals suspended by Coronavirus
- Plan to complete adult cups during the 2020/21 season
- When?
- Youth Cups terminated
- Arrangement of 2020/21 Competitions dependent on Government restrictions



Affiliation 2020/21

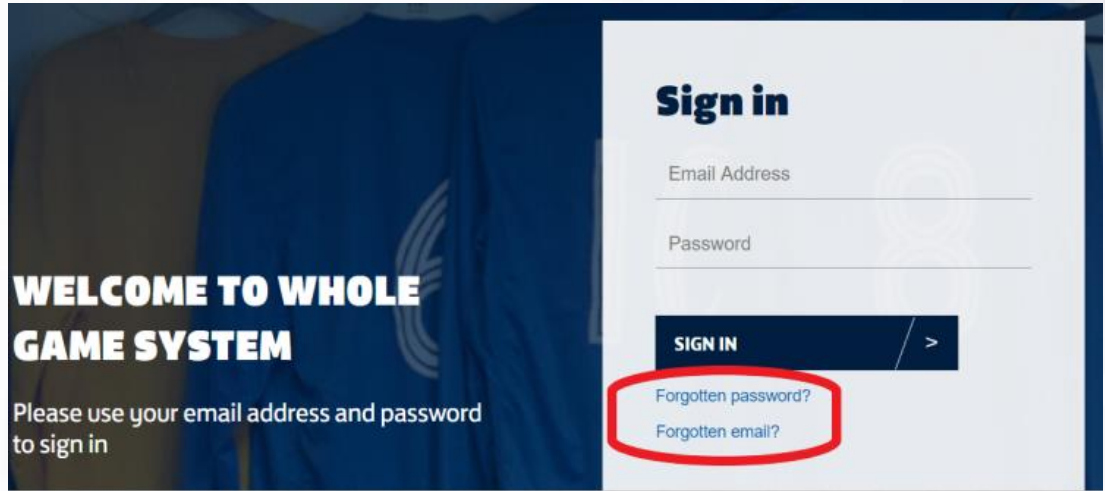
- To be launched on Whole Game at the start of June
- Affiliation fees = Free
- Cup Entry fees = Free
- Safeguarding requirements
- Insurance requirements

www.bluefinsport.co.uk

- Merging Clubs – let us know



FA Whole Game System



- 'New Look' Homepage – use email (not FAN) to log in
- myaccount@thefa.com
- FA Technology 'Knowledge Hub' Website:-

<https://grassrootstechnology.freshdesk.com/support/home>

Player Registrations 2020/21

- FA Support Sessions - register at:- www.gloucestershirefa.com/news
- Use this opportunity!
- Add Adult Players' emails
- Link Parent/Guardian with email
- Attach Players to 2020/21 teams
- Update photos in June
- Submit registrations during July

Day	Date	Time
Monday	4 May	7 PM
Thursday	7 May	7 PM
Tuesday	12 May	2 PM
Wednesday	13 May	7 PM
Monday	18 May	2 PM
Thursday	21 May	7 PM
Tuesday	26 May	7 PM
Wednesday	27 May	7 PM



Half Time Interval

(10 minutes)

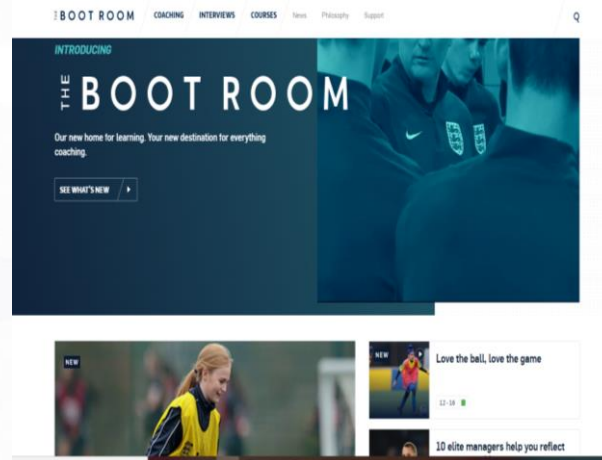


Coach Education

- All courses currently suspended
- New learner system – falearning.thefa.com
- Online Courses
- New Playmaker Course supported by BT – Summer 2020
- The Boot Room
- The future ?

96%

Youth Teams in Gloucestershire operate with a qualified Coach



Charter Standard

- Thank You!
- Annual Health Checks
- Adult Club Kit Vouchers
- FA & Sport England Webinars
- Legal Guidance – Muckle LLP

88.3%
Youth
Football

38.5%
Adult
Football



Facilities, Funding & Investment

Grass Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP)

- FA programme in partnership with the Grounds Management Association (formerly IOG)
- Clubs receive a pitch improvement visit from Regional Pitch Advisor
- Follow up maintenance report with recommendations.
- Opens opportunities to access funding (coming up)



Support & Guidance Available

Natural Turf Care:

FA/FF Groundskeeping Community

<https://thefa.hivelearning.com/groundskeeping/>

GMA Interim Works Guidance – [Click HERE](#)

Buildings Maintenance:

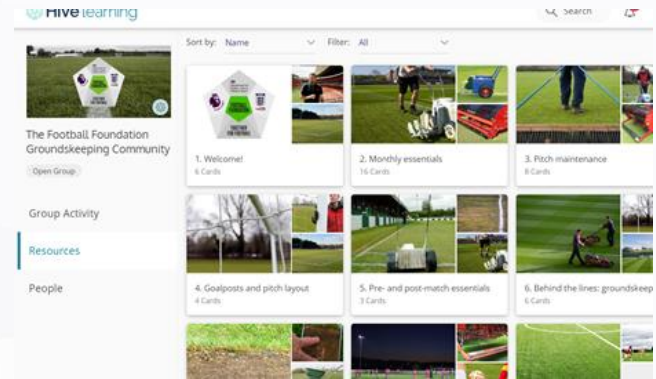
Legionnaires – HSE – [Click HERE](#)

Sport England- General Guidance – [Click Here](#)

General Building Maintenance – Sport England ([Click HERE](#))

SE Building Maintenance Checklist – [Click HERE](#)

Artificial Surfaces – Sports and Construction Association (SAPCA) – [Click HERE](#)



Funding Opportunities

- Sport England – Community Emergency Fund
- Local Authority Funding
- Football Foundation Funding:
 - Large capital projects - 3G pitches etc.
 - Fencing
 - Goalposts
 - Minor works to changing rooms & club house refurbishments.
 - Pitch Maintenance - Contractor Services/ Drainage/ Maintenance Machinery.
 - Portable Floodlights
 - Storage containers
 - Improvements to playing surfaces

New FF Pitch Preparation Fund

- Launched on 7th May – closes on 25th May.
- £9.56m pot.
- Clubs & Organisations who have security of tenure over their site & responsibility to maintain their own grass pitches.
- Up to £1,500 per 11v11 pitch
- Maintenance works required at start of season, aeration, seeding etc.



Category	1 pitch sites (equivalents)	2 – 3 pitch sites (equivalents)	4 pitch sites (equivalents)
Grassroots (incl Step 7)	Up to £1,500	Up to £2,500	Up to £5,000
National League System (Step 1-6)	Up to £1,500	n/a	n/a
Cymru Welsh Premier League	Up to £1,500	n/a	n/a
Women's Football Pyramid (Tier 1 – 5)	Up to £1,500	n/a	n/a

Safeguarding/DBS Checks

- **FA Online Safeguarding for Committee Members.** New course link now available:
<https://falearning.thefa.com/course/view.php?id=77>
- **Engaging with U18's Online – Extended Safeguarding Guidance**
- **DBS Checks/Covid-19 (Issued 2nd April)**
 - FA implementing temporary changes whilst football is suspended as a result of Covid-19
 - Government policy of social isolation and football being suspended prevented the verification of DBS checks.
 1. Not to submit or start new applications whilst football is suspended
 2. Individuals whose DBS is due to expire between 1st March 2020 and 1st October 2020 will not be required until 1 year after expiry date.

Q&A

Q – Can we host a virtual AGM at our Club? What advice can you offer?

A – Use Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Houseparty etc.

Protect yourself and your club from unwanted guests

Do not post invitations on Social Media

Ensure only the Presenters can share their screen

Use a complex password

Set up a Meeting Lobby so that attendees are controlled

Q&A (continued)

Q – What dispensation is being provided by The FA or GFA while coaches etc. cannot obtain or renew their DBS and/or other Safeguarding and Emergency Aid qualifications?

Q – Will ‘Sin Bins’ remain in place or be extended next season?

Q&A (continued)

Q- I am usually sent my Club's affiliation forms by post. What is happening this time?

Q – What are the changes to League Rules next season?

Good News Stories

We want to publicise your hard work!

Tell us how your Club has supported the Community during lockdown:-

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Thank you for joining us

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