

# Hertfordshire FA



## Affiliation Fees 2020/2021

Hertfordshire FA affiliation fees had remained the same for many years and it was confirmed that they would be increased for the upcoming season at February's Board meeting.

However, in light of the unprecedented challenges caused by the Coronavirus outbreak and using funding from Sport England and The FA we have been able to put together a package to provide extra support for clubs and help protect grassroots football in these difficult times.

As such we are pleased to confirm that Affiliation for all Clubs will now be free for the 2020/21 season. In addition, we will provide free entry in the County Cups for those that wish to enter and a £5 discount on the cost of the Public Liability Insurance that Clubs are required to have.

With no late fees applied until after 31<sup>st</sup> August we hope this will provide every club with the ability to prepare for the coming season with greater certainty over their finances.

As the affiliation process is free to Clubs and all teams have free entry into the County Cups, this means that they will only need to cover the remainder of the discounted Public Liability Insurance along with payment for Personal Accident Insurance.

### Club Status

The status of a club is determined by the County Cup competition for which its First Team is accepted. Teams playing on Saturdays and teams playing on Sundays must affiliate separately as Saturday and Sunday Clubs respectively.

**Category A** - CLUBS PLAYING AT STEP 7 AND ABOVE All Full or Associate Members of the FA and Clubs eligible to take part in the FA Challenge Cup, FA Challenge Trophy, FA Challenge Vase, or the Hertfordshire Senior Challenge Cup and Trophy.

**Category B** - All other clubs (excluding Youth) who are not included in Category A including small sided and walking football.

**Category C** - YOUTH CLUBS

**Category D** - All Teams playing five matches or less. Hertfordshire Schools FA and Competitions run solely for charity and/or 'one day' competitions

### Affiliation Fees

	Prior to 31 <sup>st</sup> August	After 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Category A	Free	£25
Category B	Free	£25
Category C & D	Free	£25
Leagues	£30	

Hertfordshire FA will provide free affiliation to all teams for 2020/21 season and no additional charge will be made for each team being affiliated.

## Cup Entry

Cup Entries are voluntary for the 2020/21 season. Teams will not be required to enter our competitions and we will provide free entry for all those choosing to do so.

Hertfordshire Senior Challenge Cup	Free
Hertfordshire Senior Trophy	Free
Hertfordshire Intermediate Cup	Free
Hertfordshire Junior Cup	Free
Hertfordshire Sunday Cups	Free
Hertfordshire Women's Cup	Free
Hertfordshire Veteran's Cup	Free
Hertfordshire Youth Competitions	Free

*The Hertfordshire FA Competitions Committee reserves the right to amend the programme of the competitions as necessary due to the ongoing impact of the Coronavirus outbreak, which may include limiting the number of teams from the same Club entering each competition.*

## Insurance

All Clubs are required to have Public Liability Insurance Cover in place. For this season Hertfordshire FA have covered the cost of £5.00 per Clubs to help reduce expenditure.

Hertfordshire FA arranges a group policy which means clubs and leagues can purchase cover at a reduced cost of £25.00. Public Liability Plus offers an enhanced level of cover and costs £55.00. Please be aware that both of these fees have had the £5.00 discount already applied.

All Clubs must have Personal Accident Insurance for each of its teams as per Hertfordshire FA Rule 3(c). This needs to be purchased from Bluefin directly.

*In light of the ongoing uncertainty with regard to when the 2020/21 football season can start and grassroots footballing activities can resume, please note that Bluefin have taken the decision to delay the release of renewal terms in respect of Football Personal Accident insurance via the National Game Insurance Scheme (NGIS), as well as preventing policies to be purchased via the Quote & Buy website, until June, when they hope that the picture will be clearer, and hence, affiliated Football Clubs/Teams will be better placed to renew or purchase their Personal Accident insurance for next season.*