



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND COUNTY FA

CLUB GUIDE

2022-23

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CONTACT US

Throughout the season, you may need to contact us about a variety of different things, depending on what you as a club need at the time. To ensure your enquiry is dealt with as quickly as possible, please contact us using the following details:

Affiliation@LeicestershireFA.com – For all Affiliation requests, issues, enquiries and questions

CoachEducation@LeicestershireFA.com – CPD

Competitions@LeicestershireFA.com – For All County Cups enquiries, Tournament Sanctioning

Development@LeicestershireFA.com – England Accreditation, Recreational Programmes, Club Development

Discipline@LeicestershireFA.com – All Discipline related issues, Football Debt Recovery, Appeals

PlayerReg@LeicestershireFA.com – All Player registration issues and questions

Referees@LeicestershireFA.com – All Referee issues and questions, Referee registration

Safeguarding@LeicestershireFA.com – All Safeguarding enquiries, DBS, Club Welfare Officer support

Info@LeicestershireFA.com – All enquiries not covered by any of the above

Call us on ***0116 286 7828***

Option 1 – Safeguarding

Option 2 – Football Services

Option 3 – Football Development

Option 4 – Holmes Park

To stay up to date with all the news, information and opportunities, please make sure you follow us on our social media channels:



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INTRODUCTION TO THIS GUIDE

Welcome to the Leicestershire & Rutland County FA Club Guide for the 2022/23 Season. This guide is produced annually, and this year it is designed to give you all the information you will need for your club throughout the season.

The 2021/22 season has been one where we have all had to find the new normal. With the challenging few seasons we have all had, it creates opportunities to review, take stock and drive forward.

With this expertise, we are challenging our approach and are working with our experienced and committed staff team along with our longstanding and knowledgeable council to explore new ways of taking grassroots football forward in our county.

As the season has unfolded, we have enjoyed speaking to our Grassroots Football Community and learning what is important to you all. We believe this approach will enable us to continue to have these great conversations on a bigger scale as well as involve you all in the actions we take.

While there will always be challenges ahead, we are committed to working through them together with you and give you the opportunity to have a voice in football in our County.

We wish you and all associated at your club well and we are excited to go forward together on this journey for this new season.

Yours faithfully,
Surinder Sharma and Kelly Ellis



THE FOOTBALL SERVICES TEAM



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Discrimination Complaints
Football Debt Recovery
League Appeals

Discipline@LeicestershireFA.com

Player Registration

PlayerReg@LeicestershireFA.com

Please use the email addresses above for the quickest way to get an answer to your enquiry.
Need to speak to someone, 0116 286 7828 option 2.



CLUB AFFILIATION 2022/23

Affiliation is the process by which clubs "register" with their County Football Association, allowing them to play Affiliated football for the season. Every club must Affiliate each season, this involves supplying details of the teams, as well as the key officers and team officials involved in the running of your club to the County FA.

AFFILIATION PROCESS

To commence the Affiliation process the Club Secretary will need to log into the *Whole Game System* with their email address and password.

For the FA step-by-step guidance on completing the Affiliation process please click [here](#)

IN PROGRESS

Once you have logged into the system you will be able to commence the Affiliation process. Once you have completed the following, you will be able to submit your application:

1. Club Details
2. Club Officials
3. Club Grounds
4. Teams and County Cup entries
5. Supporting Documents (Personal Accident & Public Liability)
6. Membership Fees and NGIS can be purchased
7. Summary Page
8. Submit for Approval

NAME CHANGE

If, as a Club, you want to change your name, you will need to *complete this form* with full details of the current name and the proposed change. The County FA will review the request and inform the Club in due course of the decision. **Please note** - the deadline for applying for a name change is **July 14th 2022**.

You are also required to inform your leagues of you request to change your name as some leagues have specific timings that might have deadline before ours.

CHECK YOUR INFORMATION

The FA have now completed the team migration of data, this will copy drafts of last season's teams, club/team officials etc which clubs will need reviewing. Please make sure this information is correct before you submit, as you will not be able to make changes once it is submitted until Affiliation is approved. Any amendments or issues need to be emailed to Affiliation@LeicestershireFA.com

REVIEW

The County FA will review your Affiliation once you have submitted it. Following the review, we will either submit the Affiliation to the invoicing stage or feedback to you any required amendments. These may include but are not limited to, adding a coach to a team, informing us of which league the team will be playing in, adding in missed insurance products and or County Cups.

The feedback will be via email to the club secretary; therefore, it is important that the club secretary monitors their emails on a regular basis.

SUBMITTED AND INVOICED

All Clubs will have 21 days to pay their Affiliation and Insurance Invoices. Payment of these are through Whole Game. No club will be allowed to affiliate until they have paid these invoices and any outstanding debts they may have.

APPROVED

Once payment has been submitted, the County FA will conduct a final review before confirming your completed Affiliation.

COMPLETED

Following the final review, the County FA will approve your Affiliation and send a confirmation email to the club secretary with the club Affiliation number. Until receipt of the confirmation email you are NOT Affiliated.

ADDING TEAMS AFTER AFFILIATION/SUBMITTED AFFILIATION

If you decide to add more teams to your affiliation once you have been invoiced, or once you have completed the affiliation process, please contact the Services team via Affiliation@LeicestershireFA.com, with the details of that team. You will need to provide the Team Name, Age Group, day of the week the team plays on, the league they are entering, the format they play in, and the FAN number of the manager and coaches. Once our team have updated this information, you will receive a further invoice for the cost of the additional team, plus the cost of extra Personal Accident.

NEW CLUBS

A new Club playing their home matches in Leicestershire or Rutland will need to complete the new Club form which can be [found here](#). On receipt of the completed form, the County FA will create the Club and inform you when you can commence the Affiliation process. It may take up to 7 days before we are able to acknowledge your request.

FEES FOR 2022/23 SEASON

Continued commitment to remove all Club Affiliation Fee and Late Affiliation Fee.

During the last few seasons, it has given us an opportunity to review how we Affiliate clubs each season. Following on from the last two seasons, we have decided to remove both the Club Affiliation Fee and Late Affiliation Fees once again. This means you will only pay for the teams you have, level they play at and entry into the County Cups (if applicable).

This season there is not the Sport England grant available to subsidised affiliation fees as per the last 2 seasons. Therefore, we have frozen the £25 per team fee for the 3rd season running, which is likely to bring fees back to the pre-covid levels for most clubs.

Club Insurance 'product'	Amount (£) 2022/23	Notes
Club Affiliation Fee	£0.00	Every Club will be able to Affiliate for Free this season
Late Affiliation Fee	£0.00	Fee removed for this season
Team Fee	£25.00	For each team Affiliated (outside of STEP and Tier structure)
County Cup Fee	£20.00	All eligible teams will be entered into the County Cup Competition
STEP 6 & 7	£75	For each team playing at this level
STEP 4 & 5, Tier 4 & 5	£100	For each team playing at this level
STEP 3+, Tier 3 & 2	£150	For each team playing at this level
Professional, Tier 1	£300	For each team playing at this level

INSURANCE COVER

The Insurance Premiums detailed below have been discounted to reflect the group policy arrangements we have as a County FA. As with last season, all teams Affiliated to Leicestershire & Rutland CFA are covered by the group policies that meet our minimum requirement for Affiliation.

Club Insurance 'product'	Amount (£) 2022/23	Notes
"County Cover" Public Liability Insurance	£30.00	Price is charged per Club – provided by Bluefin Sports
"County Cover Plus" Public Liability Insurance	£60.00	Price is charged per Club – provided by Bluefin Sports
Group Policy Adults	£36.45	Price is charged per Adult team – provided by Bluefin Sports
Group Policy Veterans & Adult Small-sided	£24.50	Price is charged per Veterans or Adult small-sided team – provided by Bluefin Sports
Group Policy Youth (U12 & Below)	£20.50	Price is charged per Youth team – provided by Bluefin Sports
Group Policy Youth (U13 & Above)	£26.50	Price is charged per Youth team – provided by Bluefin Sports

Clubs have two choices when selecting their Public Liability Cover: **County Cover** and **County Cover Plus**. Full details of what both policies cover [can be found here](#)

Clubs can purchase additional levels of Personal Accident cover through contacting Bluefin directly but would still need to purchase the group policy through Affiliation. Full details of the group policy and additional purchasable cover [can be found here](#)



SAFEGUARDING TEAM



EMMA HAYWOOD
Designated
Safeguarding Officer



KELLY ELLIS
Senior Safeguarding
Lead



JAMIE CLARKE
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Officer



SHAUN WAITE
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Officer



JOE DUNMORE
Deputy Senior
Safeguarding Lead

The Senior Safeguarding Team are on hand to help with the following:

Serious Safeguarding Concerns
Safeguarding Advice
Club Welfare Officer Support
Safeguarding visits
DBS Support and verification

Safeguarding@LeicestershireFA.com

Please use the email address above for the quickest way to get an answer to your enquiry.
Need to speak to someone, 0116 286 7828 option 1.

[Click Here](#) to visit our Dedicated Safeguarding page

[Click Here](#) to visit our Youth Footballers Hub

[Click Here](#) to learn more about U18's playing in Adult Football

[Click Here](#) for Best Practice and Guidance Notes

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

The FA continues to be committed to ensure all necessary steps are taken to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults who participate in grassroots football from harm. It is therefore vital that all youth teams must ensure that all safeguarding requirements are met for their application to be accepted and approved.

To ensure safeguarding standards are met, the mandatory requirements for youth teams are as follows:

1. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Welfare Officer must have completed the Online Safeguarding Commitment for Committee Members course.

You can access the course [here](#). If participants have completed the course since 2017, they will not need to renew until three years have passed.

2. All clubs with youth teams must have a Club Welfare Officer who has attended an FA Safeguarding Workshop or renewed their qualification online to ensure the qualification is in date. In addition, the CWO must have attended a Welfare Officer Workshop AND have a COMPLETED valid FA DBS.
3. All managers and coaches must have a COMPLETED, valid FA DBS. At Leicestershire & Rutland CFA we monitor DBS Expiry dates so if you have coaches with DBS's due to expire, it is advisable these are addressed as soon as possible to avoid any delays in us being able to approve your affiliation application.

Any clubs that have not received their affiliation number for the 2022-23 season due to an invalid DBS will not be permitted to start their fixtures for the 2022-2023 season.

SAFEGUARDING AFFILIATION FAQ'S

Q - Can I add a Welfare Officer in the Portal Affiliation form without a current FA DBS check?

A - No a Welfare Officer needs to have an in-date DBS.

Q - Can I add a Welfare Officer in the Portal Affiliation form without a SGW or WOW?

A - No, you will receive warnings, and this won't allow you to affiliate.

Q - Can I add a Youth Team Manager or Coach in the Portal Affiliation form without an FA DBS?

A - No, with face-to-face FA DBS checks reinstated, all Youth Team Managers and Coaches must have a current FA DBS.

Q - Can I add a new Welfare Officer in the Portal Club Officials page without an FA DBS, SGW or WOW?

A - No, this is not allowed. If you need to have a new Welfare Officer who does not have any of these, you will need to contact Safeguarding@LeicestershireFA.com who can support getting the FA DBS check and can record the need for an action plan for the Safeguarding and Welfare Officer Workshops.

Q - Can I add a new Youth Team Manager or Coach in the Portal Team Officials page without an FA DBS?

A - No, this is not allowed. With face-to-face DBS verification now reinstated, all Youth Team Managers and Coaches must have a current FA DBS.



REQUIRED ROLES AND QUALIFICATION

Running a football club is a large project which requires time and effort. This means there are several roles which are mandated by The FA for the club to run successfully. The below table provides clarification for clubs, of the roles and the required qualifications for each role:

	Qualification	FA Enhanced DBS	Safeguarding Children Workshop	Online Safeguarding for Committee Members	Welfare Officer Workshop	FA Emergency First Aid	FA Introduction to Coaching Football
Club Role							
Chairperson		No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Secretary		No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Treasurer		No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Club Welfare Officer		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Committee Member		No	No	Yes	No	No	No
England Accreditation Co-ordinator		No	No	Best Practice	No	No	No
Player Registration Officer		No	No	Best Practice	No	No	No



	Qualification	FA Enhanced DBS	Safeguarding Children Workshop	Online Safeguarding for Committee Members	Welfare Officer Workshop	FA Emergency First Aid	FA Introduction to Coaching Football
Team Role							
Adult Team Manager (EA)		Best practice	No	No	No	Yes	Best practice
Adult Team Manager (Non-EA)		Best practice	No	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
Adult Team Coach (EA)		Best practice	No	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
Adult Team Coach (Non-EA)		Best practice	No	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
Youth Team Manager (EA)		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Youth Team Manager (Non-EA)		Yes	Best Practice	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
Youth team Coach (EA)		Yes	Best Practice	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
Youth team Coach (Non-EA)		Yes	Best Practice	No	No	Best practice	Best practice
First Aider		Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Parent Helper		Yes	Best Practice	No	No	Best Practice	No
Club Referee (Adult)		No	No	No	No	No	No
Club Assistant Referee (Adult)		No	No	No	No	No	No
Club Referee (Youth)		Yes	Best Practice	No	No	Best Practice	No
Club Assistant Referee (Youth)		Best Practice	Best Practice	No	No	Best Practice	No
Respect Monitor		Best Practice	Best Practice	No	No	Best Practice	No



COACH EDUCATION

You can now find details of all FA courses, and upcoming course dates, at [England Football Learning](#)

The courses available include:

- **EE PLAYMAKER BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL**
- **INTRODUCTION TO COACHING FOOTBALL**
- **UEFA 'C'**
- **UEFA 'B'**

Medical courses

- **'INTRODUCTION TO FIRST AID IN FOOTBALL' (IFAIF)**
- **'EMERGENCY FIRST AID IN FOOTBALL' (EFAIF) COURSES.**

Safeguarding courses

- **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COURSE**
- **SAFEGUARDING RECERTIFICATION COURSES**
- **SAFEGUARDING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**
- **SAFEGUARDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **WELFARE OFFICERS COURSE**

To enrol, or for more information, please follow this link to the [England Football Learning website](#)
For some extra learning you can now access the [FA's England Football Learning YouTube channel](#).





COUNTY CUPS

October will see the return of our County Cup programme for the 2022/23 season.

This year we will run 25 cups starting at the U11's age group going up to and including Veterans.

For those taking part, please see below links for the following important information:

County Cup website page – here you'll have a link to every cup being played.

County Cup Rules – The full set of rules for all competitions

County Cup Fact Sheets – These are slimmed down snapshots of key information for each cup competition (who pays the ref, duration of game, team sheets, how many subs etc.)

County Cup Rule breaking reporting – A place to report any County Cup rules that you believe have been broken (all discipline will continue to be recorded through Whole Game)

If you / your team secretary has not received notification of the County Cup games being played, you will need to go into Whole Game and make sure that the contact for the County Cup Email and SMS is updated.

If you have any questions about County Cups that the above does not address, please contact us at Competitions@Leicestershirefa.com

We wish you and your team's good luck in this year's competitions



DISCIPLINE

A Match Official will submit a report to Leicestershire & Rutland County FA, if they believe that a participant (player/club official/spectator) has shown behaviour that constitutes misconduct under FA Rules. Leicestershire & Rutland County FA will investigate the report, by obtaining witness statements from any potential witnesses. FA Misconduct charge(s) may be raised against the participant(s) involved, through the Whole Game System.

All correspondence from Leicestershire & Rutland County FA will be directed to the listed Secretary of the club. It is their responsibility to inform the charged participant(s) of the charge that has been raised. The charged participant(s) should acknowledge and respond to the charge(s) before the specified deadline. The charge(s) can be accepted or denied, and the participant(s) have the choice of a Correspondence (written evidence only) or Personal (attend and give verbal evidence) Hearing, to determine the result of the charge.

Participants may be in a position where they need to make a complaint or raise a concern regarding one of the below:


- Complaint regarding Discrimination
- Concerns regarding a Match Official
- Concerns regarding a Club or Participant

If this is the case, please compose this in writing and send to Discipline@LeicestershireFA.com

COMMON QUERIES

1. UNDERSTANDING MISCONDUCT CHARGES

It is important for the charged participant(s) to read and understand the Charge Letter and Charge Evidence, before responding to a misconduct charge. Please see below a breakdown of an example Charge Letter:

Leicestershire & Rutland FA Holmes Park, Dog and Gun Lane, Whetstone, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE8 6FA Tel: Email: info@leicestershirefa.com		
Club Secretary Football Club A	Case ID: Date: Reply Due Date:	Insert Case ID 20/12/2021 27/12/2021
Misconduct Charge Notification		

- A misconduct letter is addressed to the listed Club Secretary
- The date at the top right is the date of notification of the charge
- The reply due date is when a response is needed by

Dear Secretary,

Participant: **Player Name**

Charge : FA Rule E3 - Improper Conduct against a Match Official - (including threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour)

Enclosed is a copy of the report(s) which refers to the alleged misconduct in a match against Team B on 07/11/2021.

- The next part of the letter outlines the FA rule that has allegedly been breached by the participant i.e FA Rule E3

Details: It is alleged that [Player Name] used threatening and/or abusive and/or indecent and/or insulting language/behaviour contrary to FA Rule E3.1 and it is further alleged that this constitutes Threatening Behaviour Against a Match Official as defined in FA Regulations. Including but not limited to:

This refers to the allegation that [Player Name] approached the referee in a threatening manner and used abusive language towards the referee, at the fixture between Team A and Team B, played on 07/11/2021.

The Association intends to rely on the following information, included in the charge evidence document:

1. Report(s) and information supplied by the Match Official(s)
2. Statements from Football Club A
3. Statements from Football Club B

- The next part of the letter explains the specific incident that the charge relates to
- The charge evidence document is uploaded onto Whole Game System, which is the evidence that is used by the County FA to support raising the charge. This will include witness statements from any witnesses to the incident

If any charge is found Proven the Commission will refer to The FA Sanction Guidelines and relevant FA Regulations when deciding on the sanction. They will also take account of any mitigating or aggravating factors. The Commission may deviate from the sanction guidelines where necessary, but where a mandatory minimum sanction is stated in FA Regulations they cannot go below this. The relevant sanctions are listed below:

- suspension from all football activities for a period of between 56 days and 182 days. The recommended entry point, prior to considering any mitigating or aggravating factors is 112 days.
- a fine of up to £100, with a mandatory minimum fine of £50.
- an order that the Participant completes an education programme before the time-based suspension is served.

- The next part of the letter explains the sanction range that a Disciplinary Panel will refer to if the charge is found proven.
- For this case, if proven, the participant would be subject to a suspension from all football for a period between 56 and 182 days, a fine between £50 and £100 and an education programme.

2. CLAIM FOR WRONGFUL DISMISSAL / APPEALING A RED CARD

A claim for wrongful dismissal is lodged by a club for on-field offences that result in a straight sending off. Cases where a player is sent off for receiving two cautions in the same match or dismissed for offensive, insulting, or abusive language/behaviour cannot be appealed against. All other sending off offences can be appealed against.

A Club wishing to lodge a claim must notify the County FA (in writing) of its intention to do so, by 5PM on the second business day following the game in which the dismissal occurred. For example, if the red card was received on Saturday, the claim must be lodged by 5PM on the following Tuesday. For Clubs at Step 5-7 the appeal fee is £50, for clubs outside of the National League System the fee is £30.

Please note: regardless of when the paperwork is received by your club, the intention to appeal must be received within two working days of the game. Any claim that is lodged outside of the specified time frame will not be considered for appeal.

3. FOOTBALL DEBT RECOVERY

If a participant has left owing money to a Club or League, the County FA may be able to assist in the recovery of the debt. The County FA can assist in retrieving debt relating to disciplinary fees, match fees, playing expenses and league costs. The County FA cannot retrieve debt relating to kit/equipment and club trips.

A Club must evidence that they have made reasonable efforts to retrieve the debt from the participant and the incurred debt must be within the previous 112 days. The Creditor (usually the club) must pay the County FA an admin fee of £25 for the claim to be processed. This is added onto the total debt being claimed and will be refunded when the monies owed are received by the participant.

4. APPEALING AGAINST A LEAGUE DECISION

Clubs have the right to appeal against a League's decision to the relevant sanctioning authority (Leicestershire & Rutland County FA).

Within 14 days of receiving written notification of the decision by the Management Committee and/or Competition, the club must provide their notice of appeal with any required fee (outlined in SCOR/Y) to Leicestershire & Rutland County FA. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules.

The County FA shall convene an Appeal Board to adjudicate on the case.

Any claim that is lodged outside of the specified time frame will not be considered for appeal.



TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING

At Leicestershire & Rutland CFA we sanction competitions and tournaments all year round.

These include, but are not inclusive to weekend tournaments, one off charity matches, as well as testimonials.

By sanctioning your tournament with us, we will help to ensure your event and the teams taking part have the correct levels of insurance cover, as well as providing you with access to qualified match officials. We can also help you to promote your tournament.

Should a serious incident arise, whether that be from a discipline or a safeguarding point of view, by sanctioning with us we will ensure you have somewhere to raise your concerns and we will be able to offer advice or to investigate the concern for you.

If you are interested in hosting a tournament, [please click here](#) or contact:

Competitons@LeicestershireFA.com





FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM



SHAUN WAITE
Football Development and
Facilities Lead



JACOB LEHANE
Referee Development Officer



KARL PERCIVAL
Football Development Officer
(Female and Disability)

The Football Development Team are on hand to help with the following:

England Accreditation
Club and League Development
Recreational Programmes
(Weetabix Wildcats, Squad Girls,
Snickers Protein Just Play)
Inclusive Football

[*Development@LeicestershireFA.com*](mailto:Development@LeicestershireFA.com)

Referee Registration, Courses
and Promotion
Referee issues

[*Referees@LeicestershireFA.com*](mailto:Referees@LeicestershireFA.com)

Coach CPD [*CoachEducation@LeicestershireFA.com*](mailto:CoachEducation@LeicestershireFA.com)

Please use the email addresses above for the quickest way to contact us.
Need to speak to someone, 0116 286 7828 option 3.



ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION

England Football Accredited Leagues and Clubs exist for the players and create opportunities for everyone to experience and enjoy the game we all love. It creates a vibrant national League and Club network that delivers inclusive local football community.

England Football Accredited is the new framework for League and Club accreditation, and replaces The FA Charter Standard.

It is an opportunity for The FA and County FAs to recognise all Leagues and Clubs who raise the bar and set the tempo for football to thrive in England. It enables us to work with our League network to offer modern competitions that meet the needs of today's game, while simultaneously creating maximum opportunities for everyone who enjoys the game to participate. Regardless of background, ability, skin colour, gender, sexual orientation or age: we unite everyone and strive to give the very best of ourselves.

Accreditation is also a clear signal to your community that you value the importance of being sustainable and built to last off the pitch. That you want the very best for everybody: your players, coaches, spectators, volunteers, and officials. Everyone counts. Everyone is valued.

England Football Accredited is open to both Leagues and Clubs, from National League Step 1-6, National League Feeder Leagues (Step 7), Womens Pyramid Tier 3 and below, and all other Grassroots Leagues and Clubs

If you have one affiliated team, you can start your England Football Accreditation journey now. Visit <https://EnglandFootball.com/Accredited> for more information.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Our recreational programmes are there for those who want to give football a go, or for current players who want a non-competitive opportunity to play. All our recreational programmes are supported by both the County FA and The FA, to help get as many people playing football as possible.



WEETABIX WILDCATS

Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls aged 5 – 11. Those who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls. Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. The programme is ideal for clubs who want to give girls football a go, or to offer different opportunities if they already have girls teams.

SQUAD GIRLS FOOTBALL

Squad is a new and exciting programme which provides girls between the ages of 12-14 a fun, relevant and engaging recreational offer that allows them to develop themselves as much as their football skills in a safe, inclusive environment. The programme has been specifically designed to give autonomy, choice and voice to the girls who are involved in the sessions.



SNICKERS PROTEIN JUST PLAY

Just Play is just that, turn up and play, kick-about football. Aimed at giving those aged 16+ an opportunity for recreational football. The programme can be aimed at all different groups including, mixed football, female only, disability, walking football or even just specific to an age group.

If you would like to apply to run a recreational football programme then please contact the County FA at Development@LeicestershireFA.com

GIRLS FOOTBALL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships by England Football (BGFSPs) is a nationwide scheme that aims to mainstream football in schools for girls. Supported by the Youth Sport Trust the initiative will create a network of 300 BGFSPs by 2024, each with a dedicated education expert with knowledge and understanding of education and girls' football in their local area.

Leicestershire & Rutland has full county coverage of BGFSPs, which means no matter where your club, there will be local schools who have pledged to give girls equal opportunity to play football.

If you're interested in supporting your local schools or creating a transitional link between yourselves and schools please contact the County FA at Development@LeicestershireFA.com



**GIRLS' FOOTBALL
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

Supported by  **BARCLAYS**

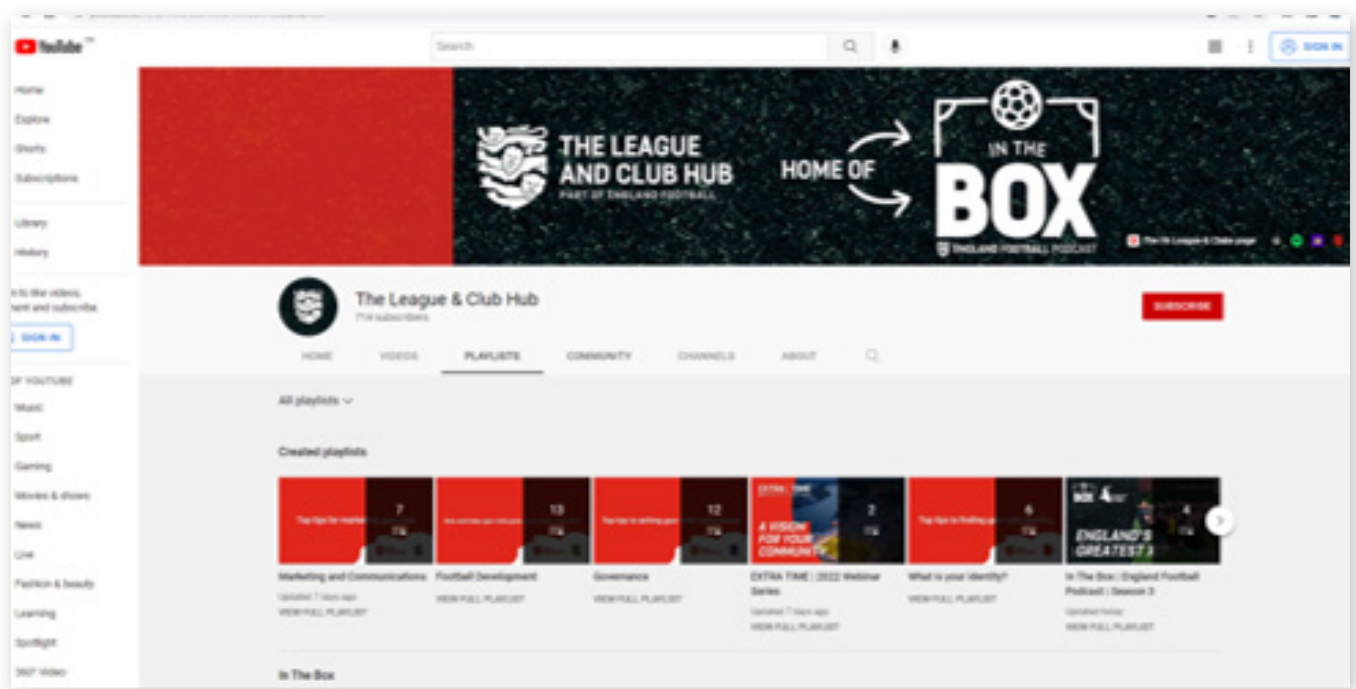
FREE ONLINE SUPPORT FOR CLUBS

THE FA GRASSROOTS HUB

The League & Club Hub part of England Football is where you'll find everything you need to take your club or league to the next level and beyond. Priceless expertise. Exclusive insight. Top tips.

It's an online community of FA staff, club consultants and grassroots football heroes, all united to provide your club or league with the knowledge it needs to succeed.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

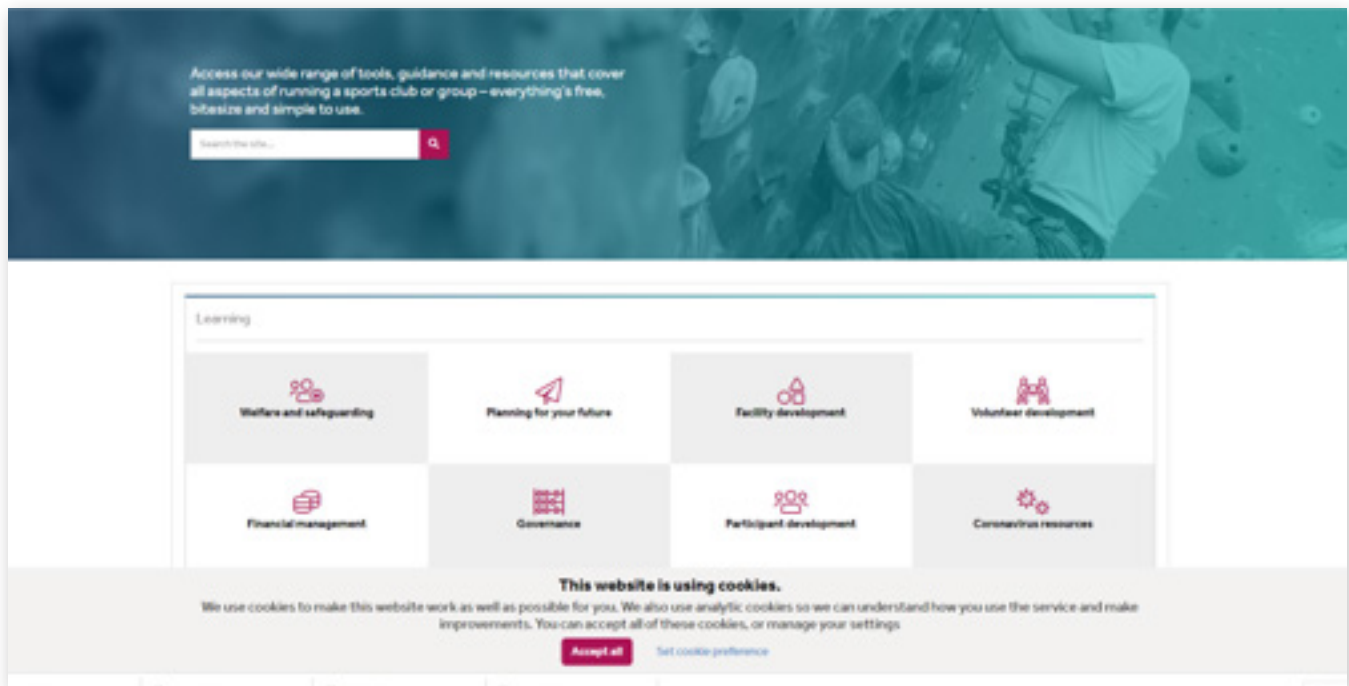


SPORT ENGLAND CLUB MATTERS

Club Matters is a Sport England Lottery funded programme that provides free resources, support, guidance and workshops to grassroots sports clubs, groups and community organisations.

Club Matters resources are designed to support organisations who are looking to set up, develop, grow, reach out to new communities and maximise their engagement with new and existing members, participants and volunteers.

[Click here](#) to learn more





INCLUSION ADVISORY GROUP

The Inclusion Advisory Group (IAG) acts as the check and balance to Leicestershire & Rutland County FA's (LRCFA) work, trying to encourage embedding diversity and inclusion across all we do.

The IAG is a strategic advisory group, it advises The County FA Board and Executive about how it could do things slightly differently in order to make football inclusive and For All. The IAG reports into main LRCFA Board. Members will help shape the organisation's direction of travel to ensure children, young people and adults of all backgrounds and communities can access high quality opportunities.

The IAG will support our organisation in delivering our Equality Action Plan and support projects across the organisation in helping to continue to achieve the Equality Standards for Sport.

To learn more about the IAG and its members [please click here](#)

To Learn more about our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Commitment [click here](#)

[Click here](#) to View Leicestershire And Rutland County FA's Equality Policy and click here to see the FA's



USEFUL LINKS

Throughout this document links have been provided, however we appreciate you may miss the odd one. Below are all the links and some you may need additionally throughout the season. Use these and share with others in your club when needed.

CONTACT US

Website <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/leicsfa>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LeicsFA/>

Instagram <http://instagram.com/leicsfa/>

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/leicestershire-&-rutland-county-fa/>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/user/LeicestershireCFA>

Staff Contacts page <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/about/board-and-staff>

USEFUL LINKS

County Cups <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/cups-and-competitions>

Grassroots Notice Board <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/coaches/grassroots-notice-board>

New Club [Click here to complete Form](#)

Bluefin Sports Personal
Accident Insurance Brochure [Click here to download](#)

Bluefin Sports Public Liability
Insurance Brochure [Click here to download](#)

COVID-19 Support <https://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/covid-19>

Funding and Grants <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/leagues-and-clubs/finance>

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Homepage <http://www.leicestershirefa.com/about/rules-and-regulations/safeguarding-and-welfare>

Best Practice & Guidance Notes <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/section-11-the-complete-downloads-directory>

Online Safeguarding Courses <https://learn.Englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding>

Youth Footballers Hub <https://www.leicestershirefa.com/about/youth-footballers-hub>

COACH EDUCATION

England Football Learning <https://learn.Englandfootball.com/>

FA TECHNOLOGY

Full-Time <http://fulltime-league.thefa.com/>

Whole Game System <https://wholegame.thefa.com/Account/login>

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

FA Knowledge Base <https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/solutions>





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