

Dear Club Secretary,

First and foremost we hope you are keeping safe and well through these challenging times and we fully appreciate sport and football is not the priority for many right now.

However, following the suspension of all footballing activities by The Football Association and Government ordered lockdown protocols, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to contact you and provide an update in relation to the **football team personal accident insurance for <club_name>**, arranged via the National Game Insurance Scheme (NGIS).

Renewal of your club/team personal accident insurance for the 2020/21 season

Your personal accident insurance via the NGIS falls due for renewal on 1 July 2020.

Normally at this time of year, your County Football Association would be starting to prepare for the start of the 2020/21 season and we would also be issuing a renewal invitation to you in respect of the personal accident insurance for your club/team. However, due to the ongoing uncertainty with regard to when the 2020/21 season will actually start, **we have taken the decision to delay the release of the renewal invitations.**

Our intention will be to release the renewal invitations and open our Quote & Buy website during June 2020, in good time for the 1 July renewal date, and by which time we are hopeful that there will be a clearer picture with regard to the 2020/21 season. We will of course, continue to monitor the position and react appropriately to ensure you are kept fully informed.

Please note that if your club/team is affiliated to a County Football Association who have a group personal accident insurance arrangement in place, the position in relation to this arrangement is not impacted, and you will still be able to affiliate for the 2020/21 season, and arrange personal accident insurance for your club/team, to meet the minimum requirements, accordingly.

Reduced premiums for the 2020/21 season to reflect the impact of COVID-19.

We are pleased to advise that we have agreed with the Insurers, AXA XL, that **all premiums in respect of football team personal accident insurance for the 2020/21 season will be discounted to reflect the period of inactivity during the 2019/20 season, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

I'm sure you will agree that this is welcome news in that we are able to support grassroots clubs/teams financially, and when we return to football, the premiums in respect of personal accident insurance will be lower than before.

Furthermore, **there is no action required for you to receive the premium discount for the 2020/21 season, as it will be automatically applied.** We will make specific reference to the premium discount in our renewal invitation and marketing literature, to ensure full transparency.

And don't forget, the cover provided under the football team personal accident insurance via the NGIS doesn't just apply in respect of matches, but also the following activities :-

- ✓ Club social events
- ✓ Friendlies
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Tournaments
- ✓ Coaches, whilst attending County FA organised educational courses

Subject to the policy terms, condition and exclusions.

So although all league and cup fixtures have been concluded for the 2019/20 season, should the Government and/or The Football Association begin to ease restrictions meaning that some footballing activities can resume, your personal accident insurance will still be operative.

We are here to support you.

We understand that renewal of your football team personal accident policy may not be a priority for you at this particular time but we hope this e-mail has helped to clarify the current position and brings some positive news with regard to next season, however, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our customer service teams are currently working remotely but our business remains open, as usual, (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm). Our telephone lines are however, busier than usual so should you experience problems contacting us by telephone, please use the email address nationalgame@bluefinsport.co.uk.

We will continue to work hard to answer all queries as quickly as possible and appreciate your patience through this time.

Kind regards and stay safe