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FAQs



1. Is all Football Postponed?

Yes. Following the govt announcement, for people to avoid social contact and gatherings where possible, we are now advising that all football in England is postponed for the foreseeable future. This includes matches, friendlies and training.

2. What will happen to conclude the 2019/20 season?

The FA and National Leagues System Steps 3 to 6 have reached a consensus that their 2019/20 season will now be brought to an end, and all results will be expunged. This will mean no promotion or relegation of clubs between NLS Steps 3 to 6, and no promotion to NLS Step 2. These decisions will also apply to the Leagues and clubs who play at NLS Step 7.

The FA will continue to assist and support the National League [NLS Steps 1 and 2] to determine the outcome of its 2019/20 season as quickly as possible.

The planned implementation of the restructure of the NLS will also now be deferred until the start of the 2021/22 season.

Furthermore, we can now confirm that The FA has decided that all grassroots football is concluded for the 2019/20 season. This will allow the game to move forward and to commence planning for next season. Our County Football Associations [CFAs] will be supporting grassroots leagues over the coming days to determine how they should close out their current competitions.

For a full copy of the press statement please see [here](#)

3. What will happen to our FA Charter Standard Accreditation?

Those accredited clubs that have submitted their Annual Health Check (AHC) and had this Awarded by their County FA will retain their accreditation for next season. For those clubs that are In-progress and still have to submit their AHC they will have until the extended deadline of 30th April 2020 to do so. We recognise there may be coaches and others who cannot attend coaching, first aid, safeguarding courses etc but please still submit for AHC. The County FAs will Award your AHC and the action plan can be addressed in the future.

4. How should we complete our Annual Health check at this time?

The annual health check is a three step process and is completed with the FA Whole Game System.

- Step 1 – Manage clubs and teams
- Step 2 – Manage team officials
- Step 3 – Club action plan

At step 1 clubs shouldn't fold any of your current teams and move to step 2

At step 2 clubs should submit without adding or removing any officials currently named against teams, more specifically any official that has previously held an in date DBS or still currently holds a valid one. No new individuals should be added to youth teams without a valid in date FA accepted DBS for all youth teams (U18 and below). This is crucial in us safeguarding the game for when football returns and the way in which we can carry your annual health check action plan into the 2020-21 season amid direction from The FA safeguarding team.

At step 3 clubs should leave comments against any criteria you do not satisfy and what your plan of action is before you submit your application.

Top Tip – At step 3 it would be beneficial for clubs to screenshot your action plan comments and save them in readiness for the 2020-21 season. This will help, alongside your club official's qualification report, to identify what criteria needs satisfying when football commences. If you are unable to screenshot your action plan your County FA will hold a record for you.

5. Renewing Expired DBS Checks for AHCs is not possible, so how can we submit our AHC?

Due to the unprecedented circumstances clubs will be able to submit their AHC with volunteers who have an expired DBS Check. This will only apply up to 30th April 2020 and only for those with an expired DBS within the AHC. For all new volunteers they will still require a DBS check.

6. Can we add new club and team officials whilst completing our annual health check?

Yes you can add new club and team officials at step 2 of the annual health check process however if this is a role that comes into contact with youth players, or is the role of manager or coach against a youth team, then this individual must have an in-date FA accepted DBS. We highly recommend that clubs completing the annual health check do so without adding or removing any individuals. Only remove individuals that have vacated their role for the 2020-21 season.

7. Will Clubs receive their rewards for renewing and becoming FA Charter Standard?

Like all the UK's non-essential workforce, our fulfilment companies (Vesey and Kitlocker) are adhering to govt guidance and either currently not working or working with reduced remote staff.

Our rewards to clubs include a digital pack and a physical pack.

Digital rewards include a digital certificate and digital promotion assets. Where possible both Vesey and Kitlocker will continue to distribute digital rewards to clubs via email.

In terms of physical rewards which includes kit & equipment and a physical certificate, clubs will receive their rewards when the govt position has changed but you will get your fulfilment entitlement.

8. As an FA Charter Standard club what rewards do I receive for the 2019-20 season?

The FA will provide the following Rewards for new and renewing clubs this 2019/20 season

- Certification
- Football Equipment
- Access to promotional resources and guidance
- Tailored support from The FA

New clubs will receive:

- Adult Club - Welcome pack, digital promotional assets, £120 worth of Nike Strike footballs (10x Size 5) & £100 kit and equipment voucher to be redeemed at <https://www.faadultkitscheme.com/>
- Youth Club - Welcome pack, digital promotional assets and £120 Nike Strike footballs (10 Total = 2x Size 3, 4x Size 4, 4x Size 5)
- Development Club - Welcome pack, digital promotional assets and £180 worth of Nike Strike footballs (5x Size 3, 5x Size 4, 5x Size 5)
- Community Club - Welcome pack, digital promotional assets and £240 worth of Nike Strike footballs (6x Size 3, 7x Size 4, 7x Size 5)

Renewing clubs (clubs completing the annual health check) will receive:

- Adult Club - Digital & physical certificate, digital promotional assets, £50 worth of Nike Strike footballs (4x Size 5) & £100 kit and equipment voucher to be redeemed at <https://www.faadultkitscheme.com/>
- Youth Club - Digital & physical certificate, digital promotional assets, Nike strike footballs, number of footballs tbc* and the potential of £100 kit & equipment voucher**
- Development Club - Digital & physical certificate, digital promotional assets and Nike strike footballs, number of footballs tbc* and the potential of £100 kit & equipment voucher**
- Community Club - Digital & physical certificate, digital promotional assets and Nike strike footballs, number of footballs tbc* and the potential of £100 kit & equipment voucher**

* Footballs for renewing Youth, Development and Community clubs is TBC due to the recent impact of COVID-19. Footballs for these clubs do not arrive until the summer of 2020 and are due for delivery from August 2020 in readiness for the 2020-21 season. However, this will be dependent upon government advice in the coming months.

** All Youth, Development and Community clubs that support affiliated adult teams that play within an FA or County FA sanctioned league will receive an email following April 30th, if you haven't already, offering you a £100 kit & equipment voucher to be redeemed at <https://www.faadultkitscheme.com/>

For more information regarding the kit & equipment voucher or any of the above rewards please contact your local County FA

9. As a club receiving a £100 kit & equipment voucher how do I redeem?

Renewing clubs who are entitled to the £100 kit & equipment voucher will have had an email from tom@faadult-kitscheme.com, sent to the named club secretary, against their clubs records on The FA Whole Game System, upon successful awarding of the annual health check.

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Please check your junk/trash email folders.

Clubs redeem their voucher at <https://www.faadultkitscheme.com/>.

Upon visiting the site clubs can shop or pick from one of the one of the pre-costed packages. Clubs can add more than their voucher cost to their basket and their voucher amount will be deducted at the checkout.

Once at the checkout you will be promoted to enter your voucher code. Here the voucher amount will be deducted from your basket total.

For new adult clubs 10x Size 5 Nike Strike footballs will be added to your basket.

For renewing adult clubs 4x Size 5 Nike Strike footballs will be added to your basket.

Any delivery to the UK mainland will be charged at no extra cost.

At present clubs who are eligible for the £100 kit and equipment voucher will be able to go and redeem their order but delivery of your kit and equipment will not be possible whilst Vesey are following government guidance for businesses amid COVID-19.

10. What is the deadline for me to redeem my voucher?

We highly encourage all clubs to act quickly on redeeming their voucher to ensure the product you want to purchase is stocked and available. The final deadline to redeem vouchers for renewing clubs is Friday 19th June 2020.

11. When do I receive my footballs as an FA Charter Standard club?

Any newly FA Charter Standard accredited club will receive their footballs within 3 weeks of a successful application. It is worth checking with your County FA on the date they process your application. County FAs are also able to check the date of when your rewards were dispatched to you.

Any renewing FA Charter Standard Adult accredited club will receive their footballs when they redeem their voucher at the adult kit scheme store.

Any renewing FA Charter Standard Youth, Development or Community club will receive their footballs from August 2020 in readiness for the 2020-21 season. For some clubs they will receive communication from their County FAs as their County FA decide to distribute their footballs locally.

12. Who will our rewards be delivered to?

FA Charter Standard awards are delivered to the clubs named FA Charter Standard Coordinator (CSCo), if an individual is not named against this role then the named Club Secretary on the FA Whole Game System will receive the club's rewards. It is worth clubs checking if they have a named CSCo that this individual is still present and active at the club.

13. Can clubs and leagues still apply to become FA Charter Standard accredited at this time?

Yes, clubs and leagues can still apply to become FA Charter Standard accredited and can find information on how to apply by visiting www.TheFA.com/charterstandard or by contacting their local County FA.

14. If applying for FA Charter Standard accreditation what Criteria must clubs satisfy?

Clubs can work with their County FA to satisfy 'off-pitch' criteria and put in place an action plan to satisfy 'on-pitch' criteria. It is at the discretion of the County FA to accept a club's application and award dependent upon what is outlined and agreed within the action plan. To find out what the criteria is please visit TheFA.com here <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/the-fa-charter-standard/about-the-accreditation> or download the criteria document from our resources and guidance section here <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/the-fa-charter-standard/resources>.

15. What if a club doesn't satisfy safeguarding and welfare officer criteria?

Clubs applying for FA Charter Standard accreditation that have youth teams must have in place a club welfare officer, with the relevant in date qualifications, and have individuals with an in-date FA accepted DBS against all youth teams in order for their application to be accepted. County FAs will work with clubs on how their application can progress.

16. Does this mean clubs do not currently need a minimum FA level 1 qualified coach with each youth team for annual health check and FA Charter Standard club application?

Yes, with all face to face courses and qualifications currently postponed youth teams will not need a named FA qualified coach with a minimum of level 1 but must have someone named who has an in-date FA accepted DBS.

17. What can individuals who will be looking to manage/coach a team next season be proactive in doing until coach education courses start up again?

The FA playmaker launches spring 2020 and is a free online course for anyone over the age of 14. This can be used as a coaches first step towards completing their FA Level 1 in coaching certification. The course also includes elements of safeguarding children and emergency aid that will contribute towards an individuals learning in readiness to manage or coach both youth and adult football. You can find out more about playmaker by visiting TheFA.com here <http://www.thefa.com/learning/courses/fa-playmaker> and be first to hear about when the course is live by signing up to our email updates [here](#).

18. Is all face to face course and qualification delivery postponed?

Yes, all medical, safeguarding (including welfare officer workshops) and coach education course delivery is currently postponed until 4th April 2020 due to social contact / close proximity required for course delivery. FA Education will be shaping plans for how to mitigate possible lapsing of licenses if coaches cannot undertake compulsory courses.

19. Is re-certification for Safeguarding available to do online?

Yes, this course is available for free online for anyone who needs to renew their safeguarding children training. More information and how to access the course can be found on TheFA.com here <http://www.thefa.com/learning/courses/online-safeguarding-children-re-certification>.

20. What medical courses can I take at home?

The FA offers two courses that are highly recommended for anyone with a role within football that places them alongside practice or matchday activity. These are:

- [The FA's concussion guidelines](#)
- [The FA's sudden cardiac arrest](#)

Just click on either course above to find out more on TheFA.com.

21. What is the medical course I will need to undertake to satisfy FA Charter Standard criteria?

The FA's Level 1 Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAiF) is the qualification we ask individuals to hold as a minimum to satisfy FA Charter Standard criteria. For adult teams this is one named individual to have an in date IFAiF qualification that is present at training and on a matchday, if this named individual is a player than another individual also needs to hold the qualification. For youth teams the named coach must hold this in date IFAiF along with the FA Safeguarding children certification and a minimum FA level 1 in coaching football certificate. For more information on the FA's IFAiF qualification please visit TheFA.com here <http://www.thefa.com/learning/courses/the-fa-level-1-introduction-to-first-aid-in-football>.

22. Does the FA accept non-FA medical courses?

Yes, throughout 2016/17 and 2017/18 season, The FA undertook a full and comprehensive review of our medical training provision. For more information and to find out which other qualifications are currently accepted please visit TheFA.com here <http://www.thefa.com/learning/courses/accepted-non-fa-medical-courses>

23. If applying for FA Charter Standard what criteria must leagues satisfy?

Leagues should work with their County FA to find out the process and what criteria they would need to satisfy to apply for League FA Charter Standard accreditation. Alternatively, you can find out more on the FA.com under our FAQs for FA Charter Standard accreditation here <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/the-fa-charter-standard/faqs>.



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