

Impairment Specific Provision

The importance of impairment specific provision relates to both the need to increase the number of players involved in appropriate formats of the game from different impairment groups but also to further enhance the player pathway and support the effective identification of talented players.

Although County and Regional Disability Leagues provide 'pan' disability provision it is important to acknowledge the need for these structures to be complemented by impairment specific leagues. As of season 2011-12 there will be seven impairment specific leagues nationally.

The FA National Cerebral Palsy Football League

The league is co-ordinated and delivered by a National League Committee in association with The Football Association. The league includes eight U16 and eight Adult Centre of Excellence or Regional Teams. Teams compete in north or south of England and national fixture dates as provided by The Football Association. Each team is co-ordinated by either a County Football Association or Professional Football Club with each organisation identifying and recruiting the most talented players from respective FA regions. The following organisations are instrumental to the delivery of regional teams and the national league:

- Manchester FA (North West CP Centre of Excellence)
- North Riding FA (North East and Yorkshire CP Centre of Excellence)
- Birmingham FA (West Midlands CP Centre of Excellence)
- Nottinghamshire FA (East Midlands CP Centre of Excellence)
- Plymouth Argyle FC in association with Dorset FA (South West CP Team)
- London FA (London CP Centre of Excellence)
- Bedfordshire FA (East Regional CP Team – 16+ only)

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The FA National Blind Futsal League

The league is co-ordinated and delivered by a National League Committee in association with The Football Association. The FA has worked closely with County Football Associations, Professional Football Clubs and Universities to develop new and support existing Blind Futsal Teams via the FA Blind Centre of Excellence Programme. Teams compete in 'central venue' fixture dates on a monthly basis and consist of players aged 16 plus who are at differing stages of player development (new participants to England and Great Britain players). The following teams compete in the league:

- FA West Midlands Blind Centre of Excellence (West Bromwich Albion FC)
- FA London and South East Blind Centre of Excellence (Middlesex FA)
- FA East Midlands Blind Centre of Excellence (Leicestershire and Rutland FA)
- Royal National College for the Blind

- University of Worcester.

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The National Amputee Football League

The league is co-ordinated and delivered by the English Amputee Football Association and was formed in 2003. The EAFA has continued to work to identify new players and delivers fixture dates (and development sessions) in conjunction with a number of partners and at different locations. Each game is played on a 4-a-side basis. To complement this delivery, The Football Association has encouraged County FAs to identify and recruit amputee footballers for the Disability Player Development Centre Programme. It is hoped that this will enable the future development of teams and further raise the profile of the game.

For more information please visit www.theeafa.co.uk

The English Deaf League Championship and Cup

A number of deaf football teams in England compete in mainstream leagues. However, English Deaf Football has developed a League Championship for male players with teams competing in up to six fixtures annually organised in North and South groups. It is notable to mention that this structure runs alongside the English Deaf Cup which is viewed by many as the major competition structure for deaf players and teams in England.

For more information please visit www.britishdeaffootball.com

Wheelchair Football League

The Wheelchair Football Association National League is delivered via three separate divisions (Premier League, Championship and League). Divisions operate a promotion and relegation system creating a highly competitive environment for participating teams. All fixtures are delivered at a 'central venue' and over six weekend events.

The Wheelchair Football Association (WFA) is also supporting the development of Regional 'Powerchair' Football Leagues. As the number of Clubs and Teams continue to grow, the WFA aims to offer a number of competitive playing opportunities. A number of the Regional Leagues have now been developed.

For more information please visit www.thewfa.org.uk

Visually Impaired Football League

The league provides competitive opportunities for visually impaired footballers over the age of 16. Participating teams represent player groups, academic institutions and professional football clubs. These teams cater for players within a spectrum of playing levels and experience. A number of participating players have achieved full international honours with The FA's Partially Sighted Squad. The league is delivered under the 'BBS VI Football League' banner and receives support from The FA. Fixtures are delivered from October to April annually via series of tournaments held throughout the country. Teams play 5-a-side football adhering to adapted 'Futsal' Laws of the Game.

For more information please visit www.visuallyimpairedfootballleague.co.uk