

**THE EMIRATES FA CUP  
SEASON 2023-24  
LIST OF EXEMPTIONS**

**44 CLUBS EXEMPT TO THIRD ROUND PROPER** (*Premier League & EFL Championship*)

AFC Bournemouth	Huddersfield Town FC	Preston North End FC
Arsenal FC	Hull City	Queens Park Rangers FC
Aston Villa FC	Ipswich Town FC	Rotherham United FC
Birmingham City FC	Leeds United AFC	Sheffield United FC
Blackburn Rovers FC	Leicester City FC	Sheffield Wednesday FC
Brentford FC	Liverpool FC	Southampton FC
Brighton & Hove Albion FC	Luton Town FC	Stoke City FC
Bristol City FC	Manchester City FC	Sunderland AFC
Burnley FC	Manchester United FC	Swansea City FC
Cardiff City FC	Middlesbrough FC	Tottenham Hotspur FC
Chelsea FC	Millwall FC	Watford FC
Coventry City FC	Newcastle United FC	West Bromwich Albion FC
Crystal Palace FC	Norwich City FC	West Ham United FC
Everton FC	Nottingham Forest FC	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC
Fulham FC	Plymouth Argyle FC	

**48 CLUBS EXEMPT TO FIRST ROUND PROPER** (*EFL 1 & 2*)

Accrington Stanley FC	Derby County FC	Oxford United FC
AFC Wimbledon	Doncaster Rovers FC	Peterborough United FC
Barnsley FC	Exeter City FC	Port Vale FC
Barrow AFC	Fleetwood Town FC	Portsmouth FC
Blackpool FC	Forest Green Rovers FC	Reading FC
Bolton Wanderers FC	Gillingham FC	Salford City FC
Bradford City FC	Grimsby Town FC	Shrewsbury Town FC
Bristol Rovers FC	Harrogate Town FC	Stevenage FC
Burton Albion FC	Leyton Orient FC	Stockport County FC
Cambridge United FC	Lincoln City FC	Sutton United FC
Carlisle United AFC	Mansfield Town FC	Swindon Town FC
Charlton Athletic FC	Milton Keynes Dons FC	Tranmere Rovers FC
Cheltenham Town FC	Morecambe FC	Walsall FC
Colchester United FC	Newport County AFC	Wigan Athletic FC
Crawley Town FC	Northampton Town FC	Wrexham AFC
Crewe Alexandra FC	Notts County FC	Wycombe Wanderers FC

**24 CLUBS EXEMPT TO FOURTH ROUND QUALIFYING** (*Step 1 of The FA National League System*)

AFC Fylde	Dorking Wanderers FC	Oldham Athletic AFC
Aldershot Town FC	Eastleigh FC	Oxford City FC
Altrincham FC	Ebbsfleet United FC	Rochdale AFC
Barnet FC	FC Halifax Town	Solihull Moors FC
Boreham Wood FC	Gateshead FC	Southend United FC
Bromley FC	Hartlepool United FC	Wealdstone FC
Chesterfield FC	Kidderminster Harriers FC	Woking FC
Dagenham & Redbridge FC	Maidenhead United FC	York City FC

**48 CLUBS EXEMPT TO SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING** (*Step 2 of The FA National League System*)

Alfreton Town FC	Bishop's Stortford FC	Braintree Town FC
Aveley FC	Blyth Spartans AFC	Buxton FC
Banbury United FC	Boston United FC	Chelmsford City FC
Bath City FC	Brackley Town FC	Chester FC

Chippenham Town FC  
Chorley FC  
Curzon Ashton FC  
Darlington FC  
Dartford FC  
Dover Athletic FC  
Eastbourne Borough FC  
Farnborough FC  
Farsley Celtic FC  
Gloucester City FC  
Hampton & Richmond Borough FC  
Havant & Waterlooville FC

Hemel Hempstead Town FC  
Hereford FC  
King's Lynn Town FC  
Maidstone United FC  
Peterborough Sports FC  
Rushall Olympic FC  
Scarborough Athletic FC  
Scunthorpe United FC  
Slough Town FC  
South Shields FC  
Southport FC  
Spennymoor Town FC

St Albans City FC  
Tamworth FC  
Taunton Town FC  
Tonbridge Angels FC  
Torquay United FC  
Truro City FC  
Warrington Town FC  
Welling United FC  
Weston Super Mare FC  
Weymouth FC  
Worthing FC  
Yeovil Town FC

**88 CLUBS EXEMPT TO FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING** *(Step 3 of The FA National League System)*

AFC Sudbury  
AFC Telford United  
AFC Totton  
Alvechurch FC  
Ashton United FC  
Atherton Collieries FC  
Bamber Bridge FC  
Barwell FC  
Basford United FC  
Basingstoke Town FC  
Beaconsfield Town FC  
Berkhamsted FC  
Billericay Town FC  
Bognor Regis Town FC  
Bracknell Town FC  
Bradford (Park Avenue) FC  
Bromsgrove Sporting FC  
Canvey Island FC  
Carshalton Athletic FC  
Chatham Town FC  
Chesham United FC  
Cheshunt FC  
Coalville Town FC  
Concord Rangers FC  
Cray Wanderers FC  
Didcot Town FC  
Dorchester Town FC  
Dulwich Hamlet FC  
Enfield Town FC  
FC United of Manchester

Folkestone Invicta FC  
Gainsborough Trinity FC  
Gosport Borough FC  
Guiseley AFC  
Halesowen Town FC  
Hanwell Town FC  
Haringey Borough FC  
Harrow Borough FC  
Hashtag United FC  
Hastings United FC  
Hayes & Yeading United FC  
Hendon FC  
Hitchin Town FC  
Hornchurch FC  
Horsham FC  
Hungerford Town FC  
Hyde United FC  
Ilkeston Town FC  
Kettering Town FC  
Kingstonian FC  
Lancaster City FC  
Leamington FC  
Leiston FC  
Lewes FC  
Long Eaton United FC  
Macclesfield FC  
Margate FC  
Marine FC  
Marske United FC  
Matlock Town FC

Merthyr Town FC  
Mickleover FC  
Morpeth Town FC  
Needham Market FC  
Nuneaton Borough FC  
Plymouth Parkway FC  
Poole Town FC  
Potters Bar Town FC  
Radcliffe FC  
Redditch United FC  
Royston Town FC  
Salisbury FC  
Sholing FC  
St Ives Town FC  
Stafford Rangers FC  
Stamford AFC  
Stourbridge FC  
Stratford Town FC  
Swindon Supermarine FC  
Tiverton Town FC  
Walton & Hersham FC  
Warrington Rylands FC  
Whitby Town FC  
Whitehawk FC  
Winchester City FC  
Wingate & Finchley FC  
Workington AFC  
Worksop Town FC

**64 CLUBS EXEMPT TO PRELIMINARY ROUND** *(Step 4 of The FA National League System)*

AFC Rushden & Diamonds  
Bashley FC  
Beckenham Town FC  
Bedford Town FC  
Belper Town FC  
Biggleswade FC  
Biggleswade Town FC  
Binfield FC  
Bowers & Pitsea FC  
Brentwood Town FC  
Brighouse Town FC

Brightlingsea Regent FC  
Chasetown FC  
Chertsey Town FC  
Cirencester Town FC  
Clitheroe FC  
Coleshill Town FC  
Corby Town FC  
Corinthian Casuals FC  
Cray Valley (PM) FC  
Dunston FC  
Evesham United FC

Felixstowe & Walton United FC  
Frome Town FC  
Grays Athletic FC  
Hadley FC  
Hamworthy United FC  
Hanworth Villa FC  
Harborough Town FC  
Hartley Wintney FC  
Hebburn Town FC  
Hednesford Town FC  
Herne Bay FC

Heybridge Swifts FC  
Hythe Town FC  
Kings Langley FC  
Leatherhead FC  
Leek Town FC  
Liversedge FC  
Lowestoft Town FC  
Marlow FC  
Metropolitan Police FC  
Mossley AFC  
Nantwich Town FC

North Leigh FC  
Northwood FC  
Ramsgate FC  
Runcorn Linnets FC  
Sheffield FC  
Sheppey United FC  
South Park (Reigate) FC  
Spalding United FC  
Sporting Khalsa FC  
Stalybridge Celtic FC  
Stocksbridge Park Steels FC

Stockton Town FC  
Stowmarket Town FC  
Tavistock AFC  
Walthamstow FC  
Ware FC  
Welwyn Garden City FC  
Wimborne Town FC  
Witton Albion FC  
Yate Town FC

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*There will be **95** Step 4 Clubs that are not exempt to the Preliminary Round and will instead enter the Competition in the Extra Preliminary Round.*

*These Clubs will be the **28 newly promoted Clubs from Step 5** and also the **67 lowest ranked Step 4 Clubs not relegated**, based on their points per game (PPG) from the 2022-2023 season, listed below.*

**The 67 lowest ranked Step 4 Clubs shall comprise of 8 Clubs from five of the eight Step 4 Leagues, and 9 Clubs from the other three.**

#### **(28) Step 5 Promoted Clubs**

Anstey Nomads FC  
Ascot United FC  
Ashington FC  
Avro FC  
Badshot Lea FC  
Bemerton Heath Harlequins FC  
Broadbridge Heath FC  
Coventry Sphinx FC  
Cribbs FC  
Enfield FC

Erith & Belvedere FC  
Horndean FC  
Ipswich Wanderers FC  
Leighton Town FC  
Lye Town FC  
Malvern Town FC  
Mousehole FC  
Newton Aycliffe FC  
North Ferriby FC  
Phoenix Sports FC

Quorn FC  
Raynes Park Vale FC  
Redbridge FC  
Rugby Town FC  
Stotfold FC  
Vauxhall Motors FC  
Walsall Wood FC  
Winterton Rangers FC

#### **(67) Step 4 Lowest PPG**

1874 Northwich FC  
AFC Dunstable  
Ashford Town (Middx) FC  
Ashford United FC  
Aylesbury United FC  
Barton Rovers FC  
Basildon United FC  
Bedworth United FC  
Bideford AFC  
Bishop's Cleeve FC  
Boldmere St Michaels FC  
Bootle FC  
Bridlington Town FC  
Bristol Manor Farm FC  
Burgess Hill Town FC  
Bury Town FC  
Cambridge City FC  
Carlton Town FC  
Chichester City FC  
Chipstead FC  
City of Liverpool FC

Cleethorpes Town FC  
Consett AFC  
East Grinstead Town FC  
East Thurrock United FC  
Exmouth Town FC  
Gorleston FC  
Grantham Town FC  
Gresley Rovers FC  
Grimsby Borough FC  
Hanley Town FC  
Hertford Town FC  
Hinckley LR FC  
Kempston Rovers FC  
Kidlington FC  
Kidsgrove Athletic FC  
Lancing FC  
Larkhall Athletic FC  
Littlehampton Town FC  
Loughborough Dynamo FC  
Maldon & Tiptree FC  
Melksham Town FC

Merstham FC  
New Salamis FC  
Newcastle Town FC  
Ossett United FC  
Paulton Rovers FC  
Pontefract Collieries FC  
Prescot Cables FC  
Sevenoaks Town FC  
Shepshed Dynamo FC  
Sittingbourne FC  
Southall FC  
Sutton Coldfield Town FC  
Sutton Common Rovers FC  
Thame United FC  
Thatcham Town FC  
Three Bridges FC  
Trafford FC  
Uxbridge FC  
Waltham Abbey FC  
Westbury United FC  
Westfield FC

Widnes FC  
Willand Rovers FC

Witham Town FC  
Wroxham FC