

**THE EMIRATES FA CUP  
SEASON 2024-25  
LIST OF EXEMPTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

AFC Fylde	Ebbsfleet United FC	Solihull Moors FC
Aldershot Town FC	FC Halifax Town	Southend United FC
Altrincham FC	Forest Green Rovers FC	Sutton United FC
Barnet FC	Gateshead FC	Tamworth FC
Boston United FC	Hartlepool United FC	Wealdstone FC
Braintree Town FC	Maidenhead United FC	Woking FC
Dagenham & Redbridge FC	Oldham Athletic AFC	Yeovil Town FC
Eastleigh FC	Rochdale AFC	York City FC

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

Alfreton Town FC	Farnborough FC	Salisbury FC
Aveley FC	Farsley Celtic FC	Scarborough Athletic FC
Bath City FC	Hampton & Richmond Borough FC	Scunthorpe United FC
Boreham Wood FC	Hemel Hempstead Town FC	Slough Town FC
Brackley Town FC	Hereford FC	South Shields FC
Buxton FC	Horchurch FC	Southport FC
Chelmsford City FC	Kidderminster Harriers FC	Spennymoor Town FC
Chesham United FC	King's Lynn Town FC	St Albans City FC
Chester FC	Leamington FC	Tonbridge Angels FC
Chippenham Town FC	Maidstone United FC	Torquay United FC
Chorley FC	Marine FC	Truro City FC
Curzon Ashton FC	Needham Market FC	Warrington Town FC
Darlington FC	Oxford City FC	Welling United FC
Dorking Wanderers FC	Peterborough Sports FC	Weston Super Mare FC
Eastbourne Borough FC	Radcliffe FC	Weymouth FC
Enfield Town FC	Rushall Olympic FC	Worthing FC

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

AFC Sudbury	Dulwich Hamlet FC	Merthyr Town FC
AFC Telford United	FC United of Manchester	Mickleover FC
AFC Totton	Folkestone Invicta FC	Morpeth Town FC
Alvechurch FC	Frome Town FC	Plymouth Parkway FC
Ashton United FC	Gainsborough Trinity FC	Poole Town FC
Bamber Bridge FC	Gloucester City FC	Potters Bar Town FC
Banbury United FC	Gosport Borough FC	Prescot Cables FC
Barwell FC	Guiseley AFC	Redditch United FC
Basford United FC	Halesowen Town FC	Royston Town FC
Basingstoke Town FC	Hanwell Town FC	Sholing FC
Bedford Town FC	Harborough Town FC	Spalding United FC
Biggleswade Town FC	Hashtag United FC	St Ives Town FC
Billericay Town FC	Hastings United FC	Stamford AFC
Bishop's Stortford FC	Havant & Waterlooville FC	Stockton Town FC
Blyth Spartans AFC	Hebburn Town FC	Stourbridge FC
Bognor Regis Town FC	Hendon FC	Stratford Town FC
Bowers & Pitsea FC	Hitchin Town FC	Swindon Supermarine FC
Bracknell Town FC	Horsham FC	Taunton Town FC
Bromsgrove Sporting FC	Hungerford Town FC	Tiverton Town FC
Canvey Island FC	Hyde United FC	Walton & Hersham FC
Carshalton Athletic FC	Ilkeston Town FC	Warrington Rylands FC
Chatham Town FC	Kettering Town FC	Whitby Town FC
Chertsey Town FC	Lancaster City FC	Whitehawk FC
Cheshunt FC	Leek Town FC	Wimborne Town FC
Chichester City FC	Leiston FC	Winchester City FC
Cray Valley (PM) FC	Lewes FC	Wingate & Finchley FC
Cray Wanderers FC	Lowestoft Town FC	Workington AFC
Dartford FC	Macclesfield FC	Worksop Town FC
Dorchester Town FC	Marlow FC	
Dover Athletic FC	Matlock Town FC	

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

AFC Dunstable	Didcot Town FC	North Ferriby FC
Anstey Nomads FC	Dunston FC	Pontefract Collieries FC
Atherton Collieries FC	Felixstowe & Walton United FC	Quorn FC
Avro FC	Haringey Borough FC	Ramsgate FC
Beaconsfield Town FC	Harrow Borough FC	Raynes Park Vale FC
Belper Town FC	Hayes & Yeading United FC	Runcorn Linnets FC
Berkhamsted FC	Herne Bay FC	Sheppey United FC
Bootle FC	Hinckley LR FC	Sittingbourne FC
Bradford (Park Avenue) FC	Kingstonian FC	Southall FC
Brentwood Town FC	Lancing FC	Stafford Rangers FC
Bristol Manor Farm FC	Larkhall Athletic FC	Stotfold FC
Bury Town FC	Leatherhead FC	Three Bridges FC
Carlton Town FC	Long Eaton United FC	Waltham Abbey FC
City Of Liverpool FC	Lye Town FC	Walthamstow FC
Clitheroe FC	Margate FC	Ware FC
Concord Rangers FC	Mousehole FC	Westfield FC
Cribbs FC	Newton Aycliffe FC	Witton Albion FC

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There will be **123** 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 **32 newly promoted Clubs from Step 5** and also the **91 lowest ranked Step 4 Clubs not relegated**, based on their points per game (PPG) from the 2023-24 season, listed below.

**The 91 lowest ranked Step 4 Clubs shall comprise of 11 Clubs from five of the eight Step 4 Leagues, and 12 Clubs from the other three.**

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

AFC Croydon Athletic	Flackwell Heath FC	Real Bedford FC
Bishop Auckland FC	Garforth Town FC	Shaftesbury FC
Cinderford Town FC	Heaton Stannington FC	Sherwood Colliery FC
Congleton Town FC	Helston Athletic FC	Sporting Bengal United FC
Darlaston Town FC	Leverstock Green FC	Steyning Town Community FC
Deal Town FC	Loughborough Students FC	Tilbury FC
Eastbourne Town FC	Mildenhall Town FC	Wellingborough Town FC
Emley AFC	Moneyfields FC	Worcester City FC
Erith Town FC	Newmarket Town FC	Wythenshawe FC
Falmouth Town AFC	Racing Club Warwick FC	Wythenshawe Town FC
Farnham Town FC	Rayners Lane FC	

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

AFC Rushden & Diamonds	Bideford AFC	Coleshill Town FC
Ascot United FC	Biggleswade FC	Consett AFC
Ashford Town (Middx) FC	Binfield FC	Corby Town FC
Ashford United FC	Bishop's Cleeve FC	Coventry Sphinx FC
Ashington FC	Boldmere St Michaels FC	East Grinstead Town FC
Aylesbury United FC	Bridlington Town AFC	Enfield FC
Badshot Lea FC	Brighouse Town AFC	Evesham United FC
Barton Rovers FC	Brightlingsea Regent FC	Exmouth Town FC
Bashley FC	Broadbridge Heath FC	Gorleston FC
Basildon United FC	Burgess Hill Town FC	Grantham Town FC
Beckenham Town FC	Cambridge City FC	Grays Athletic FC
Bedworth United FC	Chasetown FC	Grimsby Borough FC
Bemerton Heath Harlequins FC	Cleethorpes Town FC	Hadley FC

Hanley Town FC  
Hanworth Villa FC  
Hartley Wintney FC  
Hednesford Town FC  
Hertford Town FC  
Heybridge Swifts FC  
Horndean FC  
Hythe Town FC  
Ipswich Wanderers FC  
Kidlington FC  
Kidsgrove Athletic FC  
Kings Langley FC  
Leighton Town FC  
Littlehampton Town FC  
Liversedge FC  
Maldon & Tiptree FC  
Malvern Town FC  
Melksham Town FC

Merstham FC  
Metropolitan Police FC  
Mossley AFC  
Nantwich Town FC  
Newcastle Town FC  
North Leigh FC  
Northwood FC  
Ossett United FC  
Phoenix Sports FC  
Redbridge FC  
Rugby Town FC  
Sevenoaks Town FC  
Sheffield FC  
Shepshed Dynamo FC  
South Park (Reigate) FC  
Sporting Khalsa FC  
Stalybridge Celtic FC  
Stocksbridge Park Steels FC

Sutton Coldfield Town FC  
Sutton Common Rovers FC  
Tavistock AFC  
Thame United FC  
Thatcham Town FC  
Trafford FC  
Uxbridge FC  
Vauxhall Motors FC  
Walsall Wood FC  
Welwyn Garden City FC  
Westbury United FC  
Widnes FC  
Willand Rovers FC  
Witham Town FC  
Wroxham FC  
Yate Town FC