

THE FA SUNDAY CUP

SEASON 2026-27

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Applications received after the closing date may not be accepted.
2. Each Club applying to enter must complete all aspects of the application in full.
3. A Club must be a member of The Football Association and/or affiliated to a County Football Association to take part in any Competition.
4. Any Club that is removed or withdrawn from a relevant League during the season may be subject to removal from the Competition.
5. Acceptance of an application shall be notified by email and publication on www.TheFA.com. Refusal of an application to enter the Competition shall be notified separately.
6. By entering the Competition specified in this application, each Club agrees to be bound by and comply with the Rules for the Competition as are determined by the National Game Board of The Football Association from time to time.

As part of these Rules each Club acknowledges and agrees that:

- a) The entire ownership, organisation, control and management of each Competition is vested in The Football Association.
 - b) The National Game Board has the power to formulate the Rules of the Competition and to alter or add to the rules as they, from time to time, see fit.
 - c) The National Game Board shall appoint a Committee to control and manage each of the Competitions on its behalf and to give decisions on matters arising in the Competitions.
 - d) The Football Association shall be entitled to enter into contracts with third parties in relation to the Competition, including in relation to broadcasting by any media and sponsorship and other commercial matters, which shall be binding on each Club. Each Club acknowledges and agrees that The Football Association has exclusive rights to grant broadcast rights to third parties and to grant access to a Club's ground for broadcasting purposes.
7. Attention is drawn to Rule 23 of the Competition which relates to the dual interest and associations. Should any of the relevant circumstances exist at the time of the Club's application, then these must be recorded on the Club's application by answering "Yes" at Question 9. Should there be any change in the Club's circumstances in this regard after the application has been submitted, then these changes or new circumstances must be notified to The FA Competitions Department immediately for consideration.
 8. Attention is drawn to Rule 6 of the Competition:
 - (a) A Club wishing to participate in the Competition must complete the application and payment process on or before the specified closing date for entries in the season previous to the season in which such Club proposes to compete in the Competition.
 - (b) Clubs entering the Competition will be required, on the closing date for entries to have the following in place:
 - Annual accounts prepared in accordance with the Rules of The Association as are in force from time to time.
 - An up to date set of Memorandum and Articles/Club Rules.
 - A bank account in the name of the legal entity of the Club entered into the Competition.
- Clubs may be required to provide evidence of the above to The Association at any stage. Clubs found to have failed to adhere to these Regulations may be subject to sanction by The Association.