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Charter Standard.

INTERIM FA CHARTER STANDARD CLUB ACCREDITATION CRITERIA 2020/21



COVID-19 has impacted on The FA and county FA's ability to offer face to face education

Whilst long term plans are being made to offer alternative, sustainable delivery models it is necessary to make temporary changes for the 2020/2021 season. These changes apply for new and existing FA Charter Standard accredited clubs.

Two new free, online courses to support coaching and safeguarding

FA Education have made two new courses available. Both courses are free, online and can be accessed by any internet enabled device.

- **The FA Playmaker supported by BT:**
an introductory course for people over 14 new to supporting football activities. This course includes information about equality, diversity, concussion and planning safe and inclusive football activities as well as an introductory safeguarding module called 'Safeguarding for All'.
- **Safeguarding For All:**
an introductory safeguarding course identical to the module within The FA Playmaker that stands alone and can be taken by anyone over the age of 14.

The courses above do NOT replace The FA Level 1 in Coaching Football qualification, The FA Safeguarding Children Workshop or any of The FA medical qualifications level 1 to level 5 but have interim and longer-term roles in creating safe, fun and inclusive football for the youth game.

Two free, online courses to support first aid in football

FA Education continue to offer the two below courses to support first aid in football. Both courses are free, online and can be accessed by any internet enabled device.

- **The FA's Concussion Guidelines:**
Learn how to recognise and manage a concussion from the time of injury through to a player's safe return to football.
- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest:**
Unfortunately, a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) can happen to anyone. This learning is designed to help you to recognise an SCA and respond appropriately.

FA Charter standard youth teams

Interim position 2020/21

Interim coaching, first aid and safeguarding criteria for new FA Charter Standard Applications during the 2020/21 Season:

Requirements of all clubs with youth teams

- All youth team officials managers assistant managers/coaches/assistant coaches must have an in-date accepted FA Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).
- The Club Welfare Officer must have an accepted in date FA DBS, Safeguarding for Committee Members, attended the Safeguarding Children Workshop and have attended the Welfare Officer Workshop.
- A further update will be communicated during the 2020/21 season around the delivery of the Safeguarding Children Workshop and Welfare Officer Workshop.
- All clubs with youth teams must have their Secretary, Club Welfare Officer, Chairperson and Treasurer complete The FA Safeguarding for Committee Members online course.

Requirements for FA Charter Standard accreditation

- One team official per youth team (named manager or named coach on the FA Whole Game System) should have The FA level one in coaching football qualification (or above) with in date IFAiF and in date FA Safeguarding Children workshop (SCW). However if this person does not yet have these qualifications they may as an interim measure have completed the new free online course The FA Playmaker supported by BT.
- If the named manager or coach of a youth team is part way through their FA Level one course and has not completed the Safeguarding Children Workshop (SCW) they must as an interim complete The FA 'Safeguarding for All'.
- If the named manager or coach of a youth team is part way through their FA Level one course and has not completed the Introductory to first aid in football (IFAiF) qualification they are to provide evidence of completing the online FA modules for Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Concussion.
- Team officials with SCW must keep their qualification in date using the free online safeguarding children recertification available here.

Best practice

- The FA Playmaker supported by BT is encouraged for all named managers, coaches, assistant managers and assistant coaches who do not have FA Level 1 in Coaching Football or above.
- Safeguarding For All is encouraged for anyone with a role in the club who is over 14 years old - for example young leaders, parents, catering staff/volunteers, committee members etc. This is encouraged to build a greater level of safeguarding awareness throughout the club.

The logo for FA Youth, featuring the word "YOUTH" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Above the letters "O", "U", and "T" are several small, dark blue dots arranged in a triangular pattern, suggesting a stylized representation of a football pitch or a team formation.

FA Charter Standard Adult Teams

Interim position 2020/21

Interim first aid and safeguarding criteria for new FA Charter Standard applications during the 2020/21 Season:

Requirements for all clubs with players U18

- All team officials (managers/assistant managers/coaches/assistant coaches) in teams with under 18s must have an in date accepted FA Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

Requirements for FA Charter Standard accreditation

- All team officials (managers/assistant managers/coaches/assistant coaches) who do not hold an in date The FA Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFaIF), or an accepted Non-FA qualification at the point of renewal, are to provide evidence of completing the online FA modules for Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Concussion.

Best practice

- Everyone working with open age adult disability teams in Adult CS clubs is strongly encouraged to complete the free online course 'Guide to Safeguarding Adults'.
- All team officials (managers/assistant managers/coaches/assistant coaches) in teams with under 18s are encouraged to complete Safeguarding For All and may also wish to complete The FA Playmaker supported by BT.

ADULT

Existing FA Charter Standard accredited clubs

Interim criteria for existing FA Charter Standard clubs during the 2020/2021 season will be the same as above for youth teams and adult teams, whilst the annual health check process will be suspended for the 2020/2021 season to support clubs as they manage COVID impacts.

2021/22 season whilst we suspend the annual health check for the 2020/21 season.

Whilst no validation of criteria will take place this season we expect existing FA Charter Standard accredited clubs with:

- Any new youth teams
- OR**
- A newly named manager or coach

to adhere to satisfying the interim criteria for youth teams on page 3.

- Any new adult teams
- OR**
- A newly named first aider with any adult team

• To adhere to satisfying the interim criteria for adult teams on page 4.

Development club or FA Charter Standard Community club accreditation, then you will still be able to apply and receive support via your local County FA from 25 September 2020.

For more information please visit www.TheFA.com/CharterStandard from 25 September.