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Development News



AFA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM SERVICES

The Football Development Team at the AFA is able to offer a number of services to affiliated clubs. Here are just some of them.

Improving your facilities

- Helping you secure grant aid from the Football Foundation and a wide range of other sources
- Assisting you in negotiations with Local Authorities and other pitch providers
- Providing venues and establishing partnerships with adult clubs

Coach Development

- Finding Coaches to coach your sides
- Training your people to obtain coaching qualification
- Organising specific coaching sessions for your players

Volunteers

- Helping you recruit new volunteers and training your existing volunteers and EFCA

Specialist Training

- Child protection, Refereeing, Medical Training

Competition

- AFA Youth Cups at all age groups on Saturday and Sunday
- AFA Under 16 and Under 18 Representative Sides in Home Counties Competition

Information Centre

- Sourcing information about any aspect of football
- Reference Library and database of contacts

FA Charter Standard

- Helping clubs to become part of the FA Community Club concept
- Helping Junior clubs to become FA Charter Standard Clubs

Communication

- Sending you all the latest FA initiatives
- Development News (Monthly) and AFA Record (Quarterly)

Representative Matches

Jan 4th—Under 16's v Surrey at Leatherhead FC kick off 7.00pm

Jan 15th—Under 18's v London at Croydon Athletic Kick off tba

Jan 22nd—Under 16's v Middlesex at Uxbridge FC kick off 1.00pm

Jan 25th—Seniors V RAF at Dulwich Hamlet FC kick off 7.00pm

Goalposts, Safety is Still our Goal!

Since 1991 nine young footballers have been tragically killed by unsafe goals. Many more have been seriously injured by goals that fail to meet even basic safety standards. To put an end to these accidents, The Football Foundation has earmarked around £4m to replace unsafe and non compliant goals in England. Amazingly, research by the FA has revealed that in recent tests 41% of mini soccer goals, 50% of 5-a-side goals and 22% of junior goals failed basic stability tests.

Applications are welcome from AFA affiliated clubs and 50% funding is available up to a ceiling of £1,500

Unsafe goals include—Goals built before 1996, Home made goals, Wooden goals and rusted goals or goals with rusted bolts. For further information, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or visit www.footballfoundation.org.uk



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Special points of interest:

- Level 1 Courses
- Under 16's
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- Charter Standard
- Centre of Excellence
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Merry Christmas

The Development team would like to wish all our players, clubs, referee's, volunteers and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2006.

2005 has been a bumper year for development in the AFA with ten Level 1 Coaching Courses, two Level 2 Coaching Courses and twelve new FA Charter Standard Clubs. In addition there have been several EFCA Courses and numerous stand alone Emergency Aid & Child Protection Courses. We hope to increase and sustain all of our services to clubs in 2006, so if you are interested in any Development issue, get in touch.

Level 1 Coaching Courses

There are a number of Level 1 Coaching Courses being organised early next year at Alelyn Old Boys (January) Oaks Park School, Ilford (February) Carshalton FC (March) and Old Actonians (April).

Due to popular demand, we have added a further course, which is being held at Norsemen FC, Edmonton on Sundays 19th/26th February with the final assessment on Sunday March 5th. (9.00am-5.00pm) The Child Protection & Emergency Aid modules will take place on Wednesday's 15th & 22nd February (7.00pm-10.00pm) All details and an enrolment form, can be found on our website www.amateur-fa.com but if you would like to find out more, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



Under 16 Representative Team

The under 16 representative Squad, lost 4-0 to the Sussex FA in the Home Counties Youth Championship at Lancing in November. It was a bit of a baptism of fire for the lads who were playing together as a team for the first time. Centre half Tom Hill (Cheshunt Youth) played well throughout as did team mates Michael Malins, Chris Nash & Tom Tresadern, but we really lacked the fire power to make any lasting impression. The next outing for the under 16's is on Wednesday 4th January, when we visit the Surrey FA at Leatherhead FC, kick off 7.00pm.

Referees Course

Referee's Development Officer Trevor Syms is organising a Basic Referee Training Course for one of our Charter Standard Clubs Potters Bar United.

The course will be held at Old Owens Sports Club, Coopers Lane, Northaw on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm. The course lasts for 8 weeks and cost's £30.00 which is refundable once you have refereed in 10 matches.

There are still one or two spaces available on the course, so if you feel that you would like to take the first step to becoming a referee, contact Trevor Syms or Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667.

Alternatively, Trevor will set up a course at your club



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Charter Standard Clubs

Congratulations to Old Owens, Old Finchleians and Kent Magpies, who have all recently been awarded FA Charter Standard Status. Other clubs in the pipeline for the award include, Old Meadonians, Civil Service, Alleyn Old Boys, Old Parmitarians, Alexandra Park Youth and Old Dorkinians.

Why not make 2006 the year your club achieves Charter Standard? Which is The FA's 'kite mark' for administration, discipline and good practice.

To find out more about how you can achieve FA Charter Standard status, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com

AFA Girls Centre of Excellence League

The Girls Centre of Excellence League has reached the half way stage and now enjoys a Christmas break. Champions Arsenal are once again leading the way with 29 points from 11 games, while second placed Millwall have 22 points from 10 games. Southampton are still in with a shout and currently lie in 4th place on 17 points. Girls football is the fastest growing sport in the uk and more girls now play football than any other sport. If you would like advise on how to start up a girls section in your club, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



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Old Kit Required

Do you have any old kit or equipment lying around, cluttering up cupboards, sheds and garages? If so why not donate it to Old Salesians, who will ensure that it is put to good use and forward it on to children in Liberia, West Africa. Salesians, in association with the Don Bosco Programme have helped to purchase a generator which will soon be on it's way along with kit kindly donated by Old Owens and their parent school, Dame Alice Owens in Potters Bar.

If you would like to donate your clubs old kit, please call Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com



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Sports Match

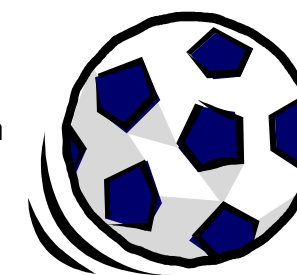
Sportsmatch is the government's grass roots sports sponsorship incentive scheme. It is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport through grant aid from Sport England and administered in England by the Institute of Sports Sponsorship. Sportsmatch can match for commercial business sponsorship for a grass roots sporting event or activity. Sportsmatch acts as an incentive by offering to double the pot of money available from your sponsor on a £ for £ matching basis.

Matching awards are available between £500 and £50,000. The minimum sponsorship per sponsor is £500 and the maximum per project is £50,000. Projects being sponsored should be aiming to include one or more of the following elements: increased participation at the grass roots and/or improved skills, new activities or extend/enhance existing activities, provide links to the local community and ensure long term benefits. For further information visit their website www.sportsmatch.co.uk

*Enrol on to
an EFCA or
Coaching
course
today*

Referee CRB Checks

Referees have up until 31st December to register for free, their details with the FA CRB Unit in Nottingham. Understandably, many referees are reluctant to send their documents in the post and the AFA have a number of trained verifiers available to check documents either at the AFA office in Islington or if needs be at more convenient venue to suit you. If you would like to find out more, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



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