



AFA Development News

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Summer 2005

Season 2005-2006

Congratulations, Kew Association

SAL club, Kew Association, have recently been awarded a Football Foundation grant of £591,000 to assist them in rebuilding their facilities at Riverside Drive.

Peter Lee, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation welcomed the latest funding boost: 'We warmly congratulate the club for their hard work and dedication in securing this award, grass roots football is the lifeblood of the game in this country which is why it is vital that projects such as this now have the benefit of Foundation cash.' Kew, who were also recently awarded with the FA Charter Standard Award, hope to have work completed for the start of season 2006/07

Representative Trials



Trials for the under 16 and under 18 representative squads for the coming season will be held at Southbury Road Leisure Centre, Southbury Road, Enfield EN1 1YP, on Wednesday 14th September and at Kent County Cricket Club, Worsley Bridge Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1RJ on Wednesday 21st September. Once again the teams will compete in the Home Counties Youth Competition against London, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and the Royal Navy (u18's) matches will be played on Sundays and midweek. If you would like to propose a player for consideration, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com

Coaching and Courses Brochure

In September, the AFA Development Team will publish a Coaches and Courses Brochure, which will be available to all our clubs, outlining the initiatives for the coming season. Level 1 and 2 coaching courses are planned along with EFCA courses on Charter Standard, Funding and Sponsorship, Developing Youth Football and Coaching Adults. Emergency Aid and Child Protection Workshops will also be included. If you would like us to set up a course at your club for your members, please contact Bob Leeds at the office on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail him at bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com

Online Coaching Courses

Sir Trevor Brooking, The FA's Director of Football Development, unveiled the new programme of courses at Soho Square and says they clearly demonstrate how education can be used to raise standards in key areas of the game.

Anyone with internet access, coaches, parents, fans and players at all levels, can learn about the vital parts of football such as the laws of the game, coaching, child protection and fitness.

Over 5,000 people have already pre-registered and in the first week of the new online fitness course going live more than 150 students have enrolled.

For more information about the FA online learning courses and all other qualifications go to www.thefa.com/learning



**Minister for
sport**

underlines

benefits of

becoming a

CASC

Save Money, become a CASC

Sports Minister, Richard Caborn, has recently underlined the 'win, win' situation for sports clubs who register with the Inland Revenue as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) Clubs registering as a CASC can benefit from, Rate Relief– at 80% on the clubs business rates. Exemption from Corporation Tax on trading income, doubled to £30,000 and most importantly, the scheme also provides a range of benefits to encourage members to support their club, including Gift Aid on donations by individuals, worth an additional 28 pence for every pound donated.

Does this make sense to you? If not show it to your treasurer NOW! And let the Taxman be your friend for a change. For more information and to register your club as a CASC go to www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/casc or call Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667



Charter Standard

Make season 2005/06 the season that your club achieves FA Charter Standard

Adult clubs will need a Constitution, AGM Minutes, Annual Accounts, Public Liability Insurance and an FA Emergency Aid certificate holder for each team. Clubs with youth sections will in addition to the above, need all team managers/coaches to hold a minimum of FA Level 1 Coaching badge. To find out more, call Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail

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AFA Coaches Association

Season 2005-2006

Next season we will be forming the AFA Coaches Association to assist all coaches further their football knowledge. We hope to initially hold 2 meetings per year in which we will invite top coaches to hold sessions at one of our member clubs. In addition we will produce a newsletter giving all the latest information on equipment, books etc.

Membership of the association is open to anyone over the age of 16 regardless of whether they hold a coaching or medical qualification

Annual membership will cost £10.00 or £7.00 if you are a member of a Charter Standard club.

If you want to find out more on how you can join, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667.



Women's and Girls Football

Welcome to the AFA, Leicester City, Ipswich Town and Norwich City, who will join Arsenal, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Colchester and Millwall in the inaugural, AFA Women's under 19 Academies League. Games will be played on a home and away basis on Wednesday afternoons.

AFA Girls Cup

We have had enquiries at the office regarding setting up an AFA Girls cup competition and have been able to set up one competition so far. If you would like to enter a team, please contact Mike Grimshaw at the office on 020 8359 3493 stating age group and whether you play on Saturday or Sunday.

AFA Centre of Excellence.

Centre of Excellence clubs, Chelsea & Arsenal staged two exhibition matches at the recent Grassroots Football Show at ExCel London

This years Festival will be held on Saturday 10th September (venue TBA)

Leicester City,

Norwich and

Ipswich Girls,

join the

AFA

Affiliation

With the new season looming over the horizon, all of our clubs have now affiliated and I am sure are looking forward to September.

In season 2005/06 we will have 264 adult male clubs affiliated which equates to around 900 teams and 74 boys youth clubs have affiliated bringing 340 teams. In addition we have 16 women's and girls clubs (18 teams) and 280 Referees. Giving us a grand total of over 15,000.00 people participating in AFA football and that's a lot of balls! (& whistles, oranges etc,etc)



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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)

Level 2 coaches wanted

Tottenham Hotspur in the community are looking for reliable and enthusiastic football coaches to work in Essex, Hertfordshire and North London areas, to work with children between the ages of 5-13. Candidates will have a minimum Level 2 certificate and have excellent communication skills as well as previous experience.

For more information, e-mail Pat Staunton at pat.staunton@spurs.co.uk

Referees Corner

Futsal—Congratulations to AFA Referees Peter Georgiou, Chris Phillips and Chris Evans, who were all selected to officiate in the recent Futsal Internationals between England and Poland, held at the Grass-roots Football Show at ExCel in the Docklands. They were selected following impressive displays at the FA national Futsal finals in Sheffield.

CRB Verification—The Development team will be holding 'verification' evenings at clubs across London over the next few months, if you wish to have your documents verified, please contact either Trevor Syms or the AFA office on 020 7359 3493