



AFA Development News

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Introduction in to Coaching Adults Course

The Development Team are in the process of setting up two Introduction into Coaching Adults Courses in North and South London, in September and October.

Course 1 will take place at Alleyn Old Boys FC, Burbage Road, Herne Hill on Monday 17th September 7.00pm—10.00pm and Sunday 23rd September 9.00am—4.00pm (Practical & Theory) The Emergency Aid Module will take place on Monday 24th September 7.00pm—10.00pm.

Details of the North London Course are yet to be finalised and will appear in the next edition and on the website. If you would like to find out more, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com

Football Foundation's Goalpost Safety Scheme - Update



The Foundation Board has recently approved some changes to the Goalpost Safety Scheme policies. Specifically they have agreed that applicants will be able to apply for:

- * new goals as well as replacement goals
- * an extended range of goals including 9 v 9 goals
- * up to £3,000 (% level of support will remain at 50%)

The Football Foundation will be rolling out this policy with effect from 16th July. From this date, appropriate flyers and price lists will be available on the Foundation's website www.footballfoundation.org.uk
To find out more, call Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667

Under 18's New Manager

Bill Blackwell has been appointed as the new manager of the Under 18 Representative Squad for next season. Bill who oversees the coaching at his club Bealonians FC is an UEFA B Licence holder and was the FA/McDonald's Grassroots Coach of the Year 2006. The South East Counties Youth Championship under 18's format for the coming season is two divisions of four and the AFA have been drawn in Group B along with Kent FA, Surrey FA and the Royal Navy. The winners of the group will play the winners of Group A which includes Sussex FA, Middlesex FA, London FA and the Army. We would like to wish Bill and his squad all the best in 2007/08

Junior Kit Scheme

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The aim of this scheme is to support Under 18 teams and adults with disabilities by offering a free kit and/or equipment voucher up to the value of £400.

The voucher can be exchanged with Football Foundations nominated supplier-Nike. Schools may only receive one grant every three years.

Clubs may apply for two vouchers every three years, as long as one application is for a girls' team, and the other is for a boys' team.

Any club, school or organization can apply for a kit as long as they have not previously received a kit grant from either the Football Foundation's Junior Kit Scheme or the recent Barclaycard Free Kicks Scheme within a three-year period.

This is with the exception of clubs, as long as one application is for a girls' team and the other one is for a boys' team.

Application forms are available from website www.footballfoundation.org.uk or the helpline 0845 345 4555



Football Foundation—Small Grants Scheme

The aim of the Small Grants Scheme (SGS) is to support applications which introduce new activity and skill up the football workforce by promoting coach education and volunteering programmes.

Applications are encouraged from community groups, youth clubs, football Clubs and education establishments. Priority will be given to those groups whose annual income is less than £15,000. Individuals and profit making organisations are unable to apply.

Under the SGS, funding (of up to 90% i.e. £9,000) is available for NEW projects with costs of less than £10,000. You can apply for coaching, referee and admin courses, hiring coaches and facilities, taster days (aimed at attracting new members to the club), publicity and first aid kits

Applicants must have a constitution, child protection policies and procedures (where applicable) and a bank account before making an application. Once you have completed your application in draft you must send it to the AFA Football Development Team for their comments and advice

Application forms are available from www.footballfoundation.org.uk or their helpline 0845 345 4555.

FA/McDonald's Grassroots Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Shane O'Connell of Old Actonians Youth FC who has been selected as the FA/McDonald's Grassroots Coach of the Year for the London Region.

Shane will now attend Bisham Abbey later in July where he will compete against coaches from across England for a chance to be crowned National Grassroots Coach in front of a panel of judges consisting of FA National Development Manager Les Howie, Eric Harrison and Sir Geoff Hurst.

Congratulations and best wishes to Shane from everyone at the AFA



Youth Representative Trials

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This season's youth representative trials for the under both the Under 18 & under 16 County Squads will be held at Norsemen FC on Sunday 2nd September 2007., and clubs are invited to recommend a maximum of 4 players. **ALL** applications must be made through club secretaries or managers and names **MUST** be registered through the AFA office.

Letters will be sent to all clubs inviting recommendations and further information will appear on the website.

The teams will play in the South East Counties Youth Competition against Middlesex, London, Surrey, Sussex & Kent FA's

If you want to find out more, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com



Futsal - Vaughans fall at Final hurdle

AFA Futsal Champions, Vaughans FC narrowly missed out on becoming FA Futsal Cup winners after losing 6-4 to Ipswich Wolves in the final at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield on 8th July.

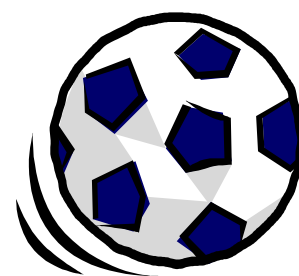
In the group stages Vaughans overcame Middlesborough Futsal Club (7-6) Baltic Utd (5-1) and Chippenham Futsal Club (9-4) In the quarter finals they beat London Brazil on penalties after finishing 1-1 to set up an semi final encounter on Sunday morning against FA Futsal Cup holders and UEFA Futsal representatives White Bear, this game also finished with 1 goal apiece. In the penalty shoot out, keeper Dean Thornton pulled off a tremendous save to allow Vaughans Alex Lobban the opportunity to slot home the winning goal and send an ecstatic Vaughans into the final.

The final was a highly contested match with both sides creating chances. Ipswich Wolves opened the scoring but Vaughans responded immediately, Wolves went ahead on three more occasions, only to see Vaughans equalise each time in a real end to end battle. Towards the end of the game Ipswich converted a penalty which changed the course of the game and saw Ipswich Wolves crowned FA Futsal Champions. Well done to all concerned at Vaughans in particular Coach Luis Melville who will be looking to go one better next year.

Classifieds

Alexandra Park Youth are looking for new players for their Under 15 side for next season. They play in the Watford Friendly League and are holding trials on 9th August. To find out more contact u 15s manager Mario DeCesare on Mario_decesare@yahoo.co.uk

Wood Green Old Boys and **Old Minchendenians** are looking for a level 3 coach to take pre season training on Saturdays throughout the summer. For further info contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com



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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 clubs to achieve FA Charter Standard status

Communication

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

CRB Verification

If you are a coach, referee, parent or player who needs to complete an FA Criminal Records Bureau check, you can, if you wish have your documents verified at the AFA office, 55 Islington Park Street, London N1 1QB.

To make an appointment please call 020 7359 3493

FA Charter Standard Award

With the new season almost upon us, why not make 2007/08 the season your club gains the FA Charter Standard Award? The Award, is the 'kite mark' which proves that your club is well run and provides a safe environment for members to play football. Basically you will need to provide evidence of your clubs AGM minutes, annual accounts, public liability insurance and for an adult club have an FA Emergency Aid certificate holder for each team. Youth clubs will also require a minimum FA Level 1 coach per team. To find out more, contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com