



CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE TRAINING EVENING

Please see below details of the **Club Assistant Referee Training** event, I'd be grateful if you could circulate this to your member clubs for them to cascade to their teams;

Date: Wednesday 9th August
Time: 19:00 – 21:00
Venue: Bedfordshire FA, Skimpot Road, Dunstable, LU5 4JU
Cost: Free

[Do you run the line for your local team?](#)
[Do you know the new offside law?](#)
[Do you understand what you can and can't flag for?](#)

Bedfordshire FA are inviting all volunteer assistant referees to a training event on 9th August where you will receive training from an **FA Referee Tutor** and a **National League Premier (Panel Select) Assistant Referee** on the basic techniques and skills needed for running the line as a Club Assistant Referee. Anybody is welcome and we would encourage you to join us, brush up on the Laws of The Game relevant to be an assistant referee and enjoy an interactive evening of training and development.

If you wish to attend the event or send along a group of Club Assistant Referees' from your club, please let me know by reply with the names of those attending and the club they represent.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

Mike Desborough
Referee Development Officer | BedfordshireFA

FA SIN BIN PILOT

From previous correspondence, you will be aware that following discussions, the CYFL applied to The FA to be considered as a pilot league for the forthcoming Sin Bin Pilot during season 2017 / 18. This week we have received notification from The FA that we have NOT been chosen to be a pilot league. We will monitor how the pilot goes in other leagues around the country – there will be circa 40 league participating in the pilot – and feedback to member clubs any findings and progress in due course. We wish the pilot well and hope that there will be a noticeable reduction in dissent offences occurring during games.



WHOLE GAME PLAYER REGISTRATION UPDATE

Pamela Johnson will be hosting further training sessions / workshops for those clubs who have not yet started with the process of loading / registering player details onto the Whole Game System in readiness for the 2017 / 18 season. Please remember that clubs are required to have registered a minimum of 12 players by the 15th August. Details for the workshop sessions are as follows:-

Wednesday 5th July	7pm start	Bedfordshire Football Association, Dunstable
Monday 10th July	7pm start	Bedfordshire Football Association, Dunstable
Tuesday 1st August	7pm start	Bedfordshire Football Association, Dunstable

PITCH & GOAL SIZES (FA RECOMMENDED)

Ahead of the 2017/2018 season we are very keen to ensure that all affiliated youth football is played on The FA approved pitch sizes with the appropriate goals. We realise that there a lot of factors that can affect the accessibility to the appropriate size pitches, however we believe that by working closely with our youth leagues we will be able to send a clear and consistent message regarding pitch and goal sizes.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us to promote the importance of playing on the appropriate size pitches by including content in your league handbooks and on your respective websites.

Please see below The FA pitch size table which highlights all age groups and formats with the pitch and goal size they should be using (The column in the centre containing larger sizes includes run-offs).

Pitches in the past have been marked out using the maximum and minimum pitches sizes as outlined in the laws of the game. These sizes vary tremendously, are often adapted to fit the space available and have been open to local interpretation. The FA has consulted widely and has been encouraged to produce national pitch sizes for mini soccer, 9v9, Youth football and Adult football.

The FA Recommended Pitch Sizes							
Age grouping	Type	Recommended size without runoff (safety area around pitch)		Recommended size including runoff (safety area around pitch)		Recommended size of goal posts	
		Length x width (yards)		Length x width (yards)		Height x width (ft)	
Mini-Soccer U7/U8	5 v 5	40	30	46	36	6	12
Mini-Soccer U9/U10	7 v 7	60	40	66	46	6	12
Youth U11/U12	9 v 9	80	50	86	56	7	16
Youth U13/U14	11 v 11	90	55	96	61	7	21*
Youth U15/U16	11 v 11	100	60	106	66	8	24
Youth U17/U18	11 v 11	110	70	116	76	8	24
Over 18 (senior ages)	11 v 11	110	70	116	76	8	24

*If a pitch is to be provided for U13/14 it is recommended that 7 x 21 goalposts are provided. However, it should be noted that 8 x 24 would also be acceptable as not all sites will be able to provide specifically for this age group.

We appreciate that this is not such an issue for the mini-soccer leagues but thought we should copy you in just to make sure everyone is on the same page.

If anyone has any questions or wants any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either James Petty or myself.

Regards
Charlie Mann
Football Development Officer South | BedfordshireFA



MATCH DAY SQUAD SIZES / SUBSTITUTIONS

A question has been raised regarding the number of players permitted to be part of a squad on match days and the number of substitutions that are allowed. Having consulted (via the Beds FA) with The FA's Licensing and Sanctions Department, I would like to clarify the following, which is in accordance with The FA's Standard Code of Rules (Youth):-

For youth football i.e. U11-U18 – leagues have the option of 3 from 3, 4 from 4, or 5 from 5 substitutions; therefore maximum match day squad is 16. – **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CYFL OPERATES A ROLL ON / ROLL OFF SUBSTITUTION POLICY, WITH 5 SUBSTITUTES PERMITTED TO BE NAMED AND USED IN A REPEAT SUBSTITUTION BASIS**

The max for an Under 11 or Under 12 (9v9) team is 9 plus 5 subs = 14.

The max for an U13 to Under 18 (11v11) team is 11 plus 5 subs = 16.

Therefore Under 11 and Under 12 teams should not have 18 players in its match day squad, as they are classed as youth football (U11-U18) and not mini soccer (U7-U10).