

Kickabout



“improving standards at grassroots”

Welcome to the Autumn 2019 edition of Kickabout, the Scottish Youth FA's official newsletter. Here you will find the latest news and events from SYFA, we hope you enjoy browsing!

Record-Breaking Registrations!



September 2019 saw the Scottish Youth FA record its highest ever number of registered players since the Association was formed. With a huge volume of registration forms received throughout August and September, we've already smashed the previous record by over 1,000 players, and numbers are continuing to rise. These figures are testament to the phenomenal work being carried out by our volunteers across the country, highlighting the fact that grassroots football is continuing to flourish and develop in Scotland.

On reaching these fantastic figures, SYFA Development Officer, Brian Sproul, said:

'I'm really thrilled about the high number of players registered with the SYFA. From our point of view, the benefit of playing under our

jurisdiction is that it ensures a safe, supervised, positive environment. I'm out working with individual clubs and teams in the community, along with our hugely successful National Development Squads, every week, and it really is brilliant to see so many of Scotland's young people out playing football and having fun.'

Our admiration and gratitude as always goes to our team, club, league and regional officials providing footballing opportunities to so many children and young people week in, week out.

RECORD BREAKER

While we always do our best to ensure all registration forms are processed on the day they are submitted, teams are reminded to check their registrations online at www.scottishfalive.co.uk/syfa to make sure players have been registered successfully. Please remember your £2 fee for each player after 1st September.

15 years of inspiresport

This month inspiresport celebrates its 15th birthday and to celebrate they produced a special video for Jed McCabe who has been there from the start, showing clips from his personal experiences visiting the top clubs they have to offer. [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

Many of our member teams have visited Manchester City FC Grade 1 Academy coupled with the u16 Development Squads having experienced tours to Valencia CF, PSV Eindhoven and FC Internazionale Milano (Inter) to date.

To add to their incredible choice of destinations, inspiresport are delighted to announce Chelsea FC and Manchester Futsal Club as a new exclusive choice for our member clubs to visit.

Premier League Match Day

There is still availability for your team to enjoy a day out to the English Premier League which includes transport, lunch, match tickets and training session with professional coaches.

Last weekend, Neil McAughtrie from Glenburn Minors Welfare travelled with the team to Newcastle on a Match Day Experience.

Sunderland AFC

Although Sunderland AFC is in English League 1, the club offers a world class experience

for our member teams with access to their brand new £20m Beacon of Light academy in the shadow of the main Stadium of Light. As a special offer our member teams should they book a tour here will get a chance to meet some players and have a stadium tour on match day.

Tour Protection

All inspiresport tours are fully ABTA / ATOL protected and endorsed by the Scottish Youth Football Association.

For a no obligation proposal or to set up a meeting please contact Jed McCabe -

Tel: 07841 143750

E-mail: jed@inspiresport.com

inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup Booklet

The inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup has now kicked off for Season 2019/20! Click on the image to view the Scottish Cup Booklet

inspiresport Scottish Cup Draws!



For the second year running the SYFA carried out all Regional Draws for round one and two of the inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup at Hampden Park. Pictured above are Florence Witherow, National Secretary of SYFA and Jed McCabe from our Cup sponsors.

Player registrations haven't been the only record-breaking figures this year, as this season's competition sees more teams than ever before compete for the coveted trophies. 1,615 teams entered this year's inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup, almost 100 more than last year. As the event continues to grow and develop, we are looking forward to working with our sponsors at Inspiresport to ensure another highly successful competition.

The 2019/20 Finals will be held at the Penny Cars Excelsior Stadium on the 22nd-24th May 2020.

SYFA Information Website

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**Scottish Youth FA are on Facebook,
Twitter and Youtube!**

Child Wellbeing and Protection

All SYFA members must complete the SFA's Children's Wellbeing in Scottish Football E-learning course.

If you have completed this (CW) will appear in green under your name on the club page. If (CW) appears red under your name and you have completed the course, please contact: cwsfonlinesupport@scottishfa.co.uk and the team will change this for you.

For the full guide to help you access the course [CLICK HERE](#)

Under no circumstances can any official act on behalf of a club or league without this training.

For help and advice on e-learning and CWP training please contact: fiona.dainty@scottish-football.com

We have a section of our website dedicated to Child Protection. [CLICK HERE](#) to find all the information you need in order to Keep Children Safe.

PVG Checks

Club Secretaries must insure that all officials are registered on the Scottish FA Live system at CLUB level before their PVG can be processed. If a PVG application is received for an official who is not registered, their application will be destroyed.

Please contact your league to find out when the next PVG meeting is taking place.

First Aid

All SYFA teams must have a qualified First Aider dedicated to their Team ID.

The SYFA have received funding from the Scottish Football Partnership Trust so that our member clubs can access the National Sports First Aid Course run by Hampden Sports Clinic at a discounted rate. This highly regarded course is also recognised by the Scottish FA.

The training is available for a reduced cost of £25 per person (normally £75) for a limited time. Courses are held at Hampden Stadium and consist of a pre-course module and a one day practical course. Current dates available are 20 October 2019 and 24 November 2019.

If you are interested in one of these places, please email syfaoperations@scottish-football.com for an application form. This course can also be delivered in-house for any member club – please email for more details.

Dual Registration

Dual Registration between Junior Teams and Youth Teams should be completed using the Delayed Transfer Form and [SYFA Player Registration form](#) for each player. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

Tournaments

Tournament permits for existing teams must continue to be applied for using www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk
For any enquiries please email: syfaplayers@scottish-football.com

Match Rules for 7 v 7 and 9 v 9

2008s commenced playing in August 2019. The following rules should be adhered to at all times. [CLICK HERE](#) to view

To view the 7 v 7 Rules [CLICK HERE](#)

Partnership with Euro-Sportring

SYFA launched our partnership with Euro-Sportring in August 2018 and for the past year we have been teaming up with them, offering our clubs the chance to take part in tournaments all over the world.

The Celtic Nations Cup

The Celtic Nations Cup for u15 national development teams was hosted at Largs National Sports Centre in June 2019.

Kilmarnock first team players Gary Dicker and Jamie McDonald made the draw.

SYFA Development Officer Brian Sproul said:

‘Massive thanks to Gavin McIntyre and Euro Sportring for supporting the event which was won by the squad from Northern Ireland. Looking forward to the event again in 2020 which will be hosted by SYFA at Inverclyde National Sports Centre.’

For further information on Euro-Sportring and the Celtic Cup please contact Gavin at gavin.mcintyre@euro-sportring.co.uk or visit their website www.euro-sportring.com



To view the full album [CLICK HERE](#)

Good News

Giffnock Soccer Centre completed a fundraising event in August to raise funds to help support their charity partner, Back Onside.

Back Onside is a mental health charity who are committed to supporting Young People & Adults who face mental health challenges due to social exclusions, disability or life changing circumstances.

Coaches & Staff cycled 1300km (1km for every member at the club) in 8 hours on fixed cycles which were supplied by Anytime Fitness Clarkston.

Giffnock Soccer Centre have raised £1,285 so far. This money will be split equally between Back Onside & Giffnock Soccer Centre. The club will use the money to help develop, maintain & improve their facilities, as well as continuing with their community football.

For more information on Back Onside please contact info@backonside.com or call 07528243100. You can also visit their website www.backonside.co.uk

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