



Welcome to the September 2018 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!

Florence Witherow Appointed as National Secretary



A lifelong football fan, Florence joins the SYFA from SecuriGroup where she was a Senior Project Manager, a role that saw her take charge of a number of successful national events and contracts, managing hundreds of staff.

On making the appointment SYFA chairman, John McCrimmond, said:

“First and foremost we are extremely pleased to be welcoming Florence to the organisation. As a board of directors, we are confident that she is the right person to take the organisation

forward as we continue to grow and provide greater access to safe, organised football for Scotland's young people.

With a wealth of experience in administration, project management and communication we are excited to start working with Florence to move the SYFA forward during this challenging yet exciting time for youth football in Scotland.”

On being appointed to the role, Florence said:

“I'd like to thank the SYFA board of directors for giving me this incredible opportunity to work with the amazing staff and volunteers at the SYFA. I really can't wait to get started and I'm very excited about the coming weeks, months and years.

I've been playing and watching football for as long as I can remember, and ever since my dad took me to my first ever game I have been hooked. This is an organisation filled with fantastic people and there is an enormous amount of potential here. I will be doing everything I can to unlock that potential and help get more young people playing football in Scotland.”

Scottish Youth FA are on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube!





SYFA U16 Development Tour 2019 Destination Announced

After the success of last few year's U16 Development Squad tours to [Valencia CF](#) & [PSV Eindhoven](#), we're happy to announce that the team will say 'Arriveiderci' to Scotland, and travel to [FC Internazionale Milano \(Inter\)](#) in April 2019, thanks to our partners [inspiresport](#).

As part of inspiresport's ongoing support to the SYFA, our U16's will be one of the first teams in Scotland to train at Inter Milan's Stunning Youth Development Centre with academy coaches from the club. The 4-day trip will also include a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic San Siro stadium, and fixtures against Italian opposition.

Inspiresport announced their **exclusive partnership** with FC Internazionale Milano in June 2018, and the club join an impressive exclusive and preferred portfolio of European 'big guns' like [Real Madrid CF](#), [Valencia CF](#), [Villarreal CF](#), [PSV Eindhoven](#) & [FC Porto](#) to name but a few.

SYFA Development Officer Brian Sproul said:

"When inspiresport suggested this destination for our 2019 tour, we jumped at the chance – for our players to experience the fantastic training facilities and get the chance to work with Inter's academy coaches is definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and it fits perfectly with our mission to enable every child to develop and flourish as a player."

Jed McCabe, inspiresport's Regional Expert for Scotland added:

"Aside from the team training like professionals, there are a lot of other benefits for teams traveling to Italy – the players will experience a very different culture and approach which will help them develop both on and off the pitch."

Manchester City FC

Only with inspiresport you can have exclusive access to [Manchester City FC](#) Grade 1 Academy. The pupils will train in official Manchester City kit.

They have tickets to all Manchester City home games including vs Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal.

If you're interested in finding out more about football tours across the UK or Europe contact Jed McCabe on 07841 143 750 or email: jed@inspiresport.com

inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup Booklet



The inspiresport Scottish Youth FA Cup has now kicked off for Season 2018/19! Click on the image to view the Scottish Cup Booklet

SYFA Information Website



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All Draws for the inspiresport Scottish Cup competition take place at Hampden for the first time ever!



For the first year ever SYFA have carried out all Regional Draws at Hampden Park. Pictured above are Tom Johnston from SJFA, Florence Witherow, National Secretary of SYFA and Thomas McKeown from SAFA. Also, Pamela Wilson from PJDYFL and Bob Toohill from West of Scotland Youth League, both kindly dedicated their time in helping with the draws. Round one of the Draw took place over two days and we have now finalised round two. Details of the draws can be found [HERE](#)

We wish everyone who is taking part in this years competition the best of luck and hope you enjoy this very successful competition. One of the most exciting parts is the luck of the draw, this year one of our teams was drawn to play a team over 334 miles from their home and they were on the hunt for a private jet for the day!

First Aid



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

The First Aid page on the Scottish Youth FA Website has all details of SYFA Recognised Suppliers. For further information [CLICK HERE](#)

Child Wellbeing and Protection

All SYFA member Officials, regardless of their role, must complete the Children's Wellbeing in Football e-learning online module. To access the e-learning course [CLICK HERE](#)

Also the Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer of ALL Clubs must complete the Managing Child Wellbeing Workshop. To book on this course please [CLICK HERE](#)

Please read the following guidance for details on how to book and any questions you may have:

[Booking a course](#)
[FAQ's](#)



PVG Checks

Club Secretaries must insure that all Officials are registered on the 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.

Child Protection

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

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Dont forget to like and follow us!



Launch of Partnership with Euro-Sporting

SYFA launched our partnership with Euro-Sporting in August and we are delighted to be teaming up with them offering our Clubs the chance to take part in Tournaments all over the world.

On the back of their Celtic Cup involvement, Gavin from Euro-Sporting Tweeted: 'We look forward to continuing to provide the member clubs with our exciting Euro-Sporting International Tournaments programme.'



Pictured above is Gavin McIntyre from Euro-Sporting and Duncan Mayze SYFA sealing the deal at Hampden Park.

The Celtic Cup supported by Euro-Sporting

Euro-Sporting Celtic Cup for age group 15's teams will be hosted on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 2019 at The National Sports Centre, Largs. Included in the competition will be Northern Ireland Boys FA, North Dublin District School Boys FA, Scottish Youth FA and Welsh County FA. Below is the launch of the Celtic Cup with SYFA Staff, competing teams and National Sports Centre Staff.



Player Registrations

SYFA have registered over 23000 players in the last 2 months and we still have approximately 8000 to go in the coming months!

Please remember your £2 fee for each player after 1st September 2018. If sending your player form by email or fax, please send a cheque in the post with 'player registrations and your team ID number marked on the back of the cheque. If sending by email, please only send these to syfaplayers@scottish-football.com. If this has not been actioned within 48 working hours, please get in touch with us.

Dual Registration

Dual Registration between Junior Teams and Youth Teams should be done 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.syfaregistrations.co.uk. For new teams please email details of your Tournament/Friendly to syfaplayers@scottish-football.com. We will have a better system in place for this shortly. Watch this space...

Match Rules for 7 v 7 and 9 v 9

2008's will play 9 v 9 from 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](#)

Email Addresses and Team ID

Please check with your Club Secretary that your email address is up to date on our system. We have had problems with communication from the office due to duplicate/non deliverable email addresses. This is the main form of communication from the office so it is imperative that we have them right. Also please make sure your Team ID is on every piece of correspondence to the office.



CSP Pitch Finder App



CSP Scotland's 'pitch finder' app has been developed in conjunction with the SYFA. The app has been designed to assist coaches organising fixtures by helping parents get to any venue safely, on time and hassle free every week.

The Community Sponsorship Partnership Scotland's Pitch Finder application allows parents, guardians and supporters of youngsters playing youth football in Scotland to check on upcoming fixtures as well as locate the pitches where those fixtures are to be held.

The CSP Pitch Finder is available for Android and iOS phones and tablets providing an intuitive and convenient mobile solution wherever you are, as long as you have a mobile data or wifi signal! More information [CLICK HERE](#)



SYFA and Teamer Sponsorship

The Scottish Youth Football Association are delighted to announce a 3 year Partnership Agreement with Teamer Group who operate a number of digital sports assets including teamer.net, leaguewebsite.net, clubwebsite.net and fixtureslive.net.



The 3-year partnership will see Teamer working closely with the SYFA to provide education on the digital platforms, on-board assistance and dedicated customer support to the 900 clubs associated with the organisation. Together, Teamer and SYFA aim to keep the game alive and grow youth football in Scotland by increasing participation, enhancing the organisation of coaches, volunteers, officials and parents, and make it more enjoyable for all involved.

Robert Mattar, CEO of Teamer, said "The Scottish Youth FA are a fantastic team working to grow youth football participation across Scotland. We're excited to be partnering with them to help them achieve that vision by delivering Teamer's suite of applications to the many youth teams, clubs and leagues throughout Scotland."

John McCrimmond, Chairman of SYFA, added "We welcome the sponsorship with Teamer, as the Apps provided by Teamer can assist all our leagues, clubs and teams in the organisation of their football games."

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

To get your Club set up with Teamer [CLICK HERE](#)

SYFA Players and Coaches Wanted



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