



English Schools' Football Association

# Membership Matters

## Don't forget...

The ESFA AGM will take place on **Saturday 23rd November** at the Beacon Centre in Stafford.

The event will start with a rep football themed workshop at 11am, followed by lunch, long service awards and the AGM meeting, which will commence at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing some of you there.

## Danone Nations Cup World Finals

The Danone Nations Cup World Finals took place in Salou and Barcelona last week from Thursday 10th - Saturday 12 October.

Team England were represented by four teams this year with the winning District and Girls' teams from the 2018 finals at the Ricoh Arena (Newham PSFA and Ponteland Middle School) and the District and Girls' winners from the 2019 Birmingham City FC finals (Nottingham SFA and Easington Colliery School).

All four teams had an incredible experience and had the opportunity to play in some great fixtures as well as taking part in a number of other meaningful and fun activities.

Part of Danone's mission for their football tournaments is to promote 'Fair Play' throughout with a view to rewarding those teams who demonstrate excellent sportsmanship to all teams they encounter as well as each other throughout. We are delighted to report that all four England teams were awarded the Fair Play awards for each of the four competitions, out of all the teams from the other 26 countries involved. We are delighted that Team England collectively showed such wonderful compassion and friendliness and congratulate all four teams on their success.

You can read a further roundup of the event [here](#).





## Futsal

Members will recall that the ESFA was not able to continue to run The FA's Schools Futsal Cup this season, following sponsorship rights for the competition being granted to a competitor of PlayStation. County FAs have therefore been invited to run the competition, with activity taking place in CFAs listed below. Whilst we cannot promote this activity nationally, you may wish to be able to refer your school teams to this should they be seeking an opportunity that cannot be provided from within our own Association. If your Association is invited to be involved in delivery of this cup locally, please be aware that there can be no ESFA branding associated with the event. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the CEO.

ESFA Area				
<b>A</b>	Durham			
<b>B</b>	Manchester	Liverpool	Cheshire	West Riding
<b>C</b>	Shropshire	Herefordshire		
<b>D</b>	Nottingham	Derbyshire	Northamptonshire	
<b>E</b>	Devon	Somerset	Wiltshire	
<b>F</b>	Berks and Bucks	Oxfordshire	Dorset	
<b>G</b>	Hertfordshire	Huntingdonshire	Cornwall	Bedfordshire
<b>H</b>	Sussex	Kent	Essex	

## Risk Assessment Template

An updated version of the activity Risk Assessment template can be found [here](#).

## Alan Heads– In Memoriam

An obituary to Alan Heads, ESFA chairman 1997-1998 is available [here](#).

## Portal Updates

A quick reminder that associations need to be constantly updating their data on the portal by:

1. DELETING staff who are no longer involved
2. ADDING any new staff working with teams

Please be aware that due to GDPR legislation, persistent failure to maintain accurate personnel records may result in association suspension.

**Reminder:** Team personnel details must be completed by 31 October to avoid team suspensions



## U11 Girls' District Football

The ESFA is keen to maintain the momentum stimulated by PLCF investment in U11 9 a side girls football and as such, has determined that a national final (rather than a national competition) for this age group/format should take place this year, despite PLCF funding being discontinued. The national final will provide the opportunity for winners of competitions which members may have set up to sustain activity in their own areas to enjoy an end of year national event to celebrate their local success.

## ESFA Development Fund

The ESFA Development Fund is launching for the fourth year and will be once again available for ESFA districts, schools, County Schools' FAs, County FAs and wider partners.

Throughout the lifetime of the Development Fund project, over 178 projects have been completed, totaling over £187,000 worth of investment across the country and creating over 6,000 new teams.

Over 2,500 teams have been specifically for the development of girls' football, just over 2,000 teams have been for boys' development, the fund has aided just over 900 mixed football teams and over 450 disability schools' football teams.

For more information on the development fund click [here](#).

## Funding opportunities for activities which support disadvantaged children

BBC Children in Need has just launched its small grants programme. Funding of up to £10,000 per year is available to those who aim to improve the lives of children living with disadvantage: this may therefore be of interest to you if you are a District in an area of high or multiple levels of deprivation, or if your Association is interested in developing disability football.

There are governance criteria to be met, but if you use the ESFA standard constitution template, you should be able to meet that particular criterion. There are a number of closing dates through the coming months, so please review this funding opportunity to see if it is relevant for you.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wWhd5lqf4RZ3xhL63G9Xmc/small-grants-what-you-need-to-know>



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