



WFA COACHES ASSOCIATION - STUART PEARCE TO ATTEND

The WFA is delighted to confirm that the next meeting of the Coaches Association (CA) will welcome England under 21 National Team Coach Stuart Pearce as a special guest.

The former Nottingham Forest and England full-back will be in attendance to the CA on Thursday 28th October at the University of Worcester, to share his wisdom, take questions and deliver a practical demonstration – PSYCHO fashion!



The start time of the event is yet to be confirmed but full details will be published on the County FA website shortly, following which bookings will be taken.

The evening is exclusively for members of the County CA, but limited places are available. **Would you like to join the CA?** Please visit our website to apply – click link: <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/CoachesAssociations/>

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3 COUNTIES DISABILITY LEAGUE

Following consultation between The FA and the 3 respective County FA's (Herefordshire, Shropshire & Worcestershire) it has been unanimously decided that an Ability Counts '3 Counties League' (3CL) would be funded for season 2010/11. The League will accommodate players with Pan-Disabilities (variation) across 5 age groups; U12 mixed, U16 boys, U16 girls, adult male and adult female.

3CL fixtures will be conducted through hosting 6 half-day festivals across the course of the first season, from October 2010 to April 2011, with 2 festivals taking place in each county (Worcestershire will host in November 2010 & March 2011).

The WFA is working closely with partners to raise awareness of the 3CL across the County - Any teams, groups or individual players are more than welcome to take part in the festivals, click link for more details: <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/Disability+Football/>

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Charter Standard Player Development Scheme (PDS) replaces the Boys Charter Standard Player Development Centre which has run for the previous 4 years. The PDS will work under the same ethos as the Development Centre but aims to have a greater impact on player development across the County – through accommodating children with wider ability levels across more age groups – whilst maintaining the high standards previously set.

The PDS will undergo a pilot from late September to December 2010. Full details of the scheme will be published online and sent to all Charter Standard Club Secretaries on Friday 19th August 2010, following which there will be an opportunity to apply. Future web link:

www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/WFA+Player+Development+Scheme/

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RESPECT UPDATE

A new season, a new found

Respect



The County FA would like to thank all Leagues, Clubs, Volunteers, Players and Referees for working hard over the last 18 months to embed the RESPECT programme across the County. The hard work does not stop here though for the RESPECT Programme is on-going as we continually aim to create a fun, safe environment for all to enjoy the beautiful game. For a reminder of what The FA's RESPECT Programme entails go to: <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/Respect/>

New Barriers are available for clubs to purchase at their discretion to assist with marking out designated spectator areas; the new barriers are lighter, less bulky, and more robust. For details please visit: www.touchlinelogos.com.

WORCESTERSHIRE FA - DEVELOPMENT E-ZINE

AUGUST-OCTOBER 2010



GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The details for the Girls Player Development Centre have been finalised! The Girls PDC will run from Wednesday October 6th at Worcester University (new 3G pitch) from 6pm-9pm for age groups U10, U12, U14 and U16.

For more details and information on eligibility and trial application process please ask your coach, club secretary or teacher, additionally trial application forms can be downloaded from the County FA website which can be found at <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/WomenAndGirls/GirlsPlayerDevelopmentCentre/> please note that applications must be received by 8th Sept no walk-ons will be considered. Successful players at the PDC will access high quality coaching and be able to bring what they have learnt back into a club environment. **If you are interested in coaching at the Centre, please contact me for application forms or again use the link above.** Available positions include Centre Director, lead and assistant coaches and Child Welfare Officer.

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MIXED FOOTBALL

Confirmation that the recent proposal and pilot that some of you have been involved in, to increase the age of mixed football from U11 to U13, has recently been rejected.

Therefore from the age of 11, girls **must** either play in a girl's specific team or join an FA Centre of Excellence. For details on which clubs offer opportunities for girls football and club contacts, please go to <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/WomenAndGirls/GirlsClubs/>.

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WORCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FA, U16 GIRLS REP TEAM

This season Worcestershire Schools FA will be running an U16 girls side, competing in the Midlands Schools Championship. Details regarding trials will be distributed to schools in the first 2 weeks of the new academic year with trials scheduled to be held during the 3rd week of September.

To qualify you must attend a school within Worcestershire.

PLAYING OUT OF COUNTY

Please be aware of the new national rule regarding girl's teams playing outside of their county;

"From and including season 2009 / 10, any Clubs wishing to enter a new girls' team into a league competition shall only do so if the league competition is sanctioned by the County FA with which the Club has Membership."

In short, any new girl's team that is created from this season onwards must be entered into a Worcestershire League

The following exceptions to the above regulation shall apply, where the Club can establish and WFA give written consent:-

- The travelling required is less onerous than the travelling that would be required to compete in the appropriate league.
- There is no appropriate age group division in the leagues within the Worcestershire.
- The Worcestershire leagues do not offer the format of football that the Club wishes the new team to compete in eg. 11 v 11, 7 v 7.

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SUPPORT FOR NEW TEAMS

For any club wishing to establish female teams whether they have an existing female section or not, please get in touch. We can support in terms of school club links, coaching, equipment and general guidance.

GIRLS AND WOMEN'S FOOTBALL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the Girl's football meeting at the end of last season, which proved beneficial. Therefore I can confirm the next meeting will be on **Tuesday September 7th at 6.30pm at the WFA** and will also be open to Women's teams. For more details and how to book please visit; <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/womenAndGirls/womensgirlsnoticeboard>

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Get into Football

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WORCESTERSHIRE FA - DEVELOPMENT E-ZINE AUGUST-OCTOBER 2010



BECOME A REFEREE (QUESTIONS? CONTACT REFEREES@WORCESTERSHIREFA.COM)

Eleven A-Side Football: Courses are open to all those who will be 14 years of age by the time of the final examination (Module 3). You will initially be registered as a Level 9 Trainee Referee. Upon successful completion of the course (completion of all five modules), refereeing 6 matches (11-a-side) and attending the 6-Match Seminar (module 4) you will then be registered as a Level 7 or 8 referee. At this seminar you will be refunded your Course fee. **The next course is:**

- **Course 4 - Droitwich Spa** Module 1 & 2: Sundays 21st & 28th November 2010 9.00am-4.00pm
Module 3: Friday 3rd December 2010 – 7.00pm to 9.00pm Safeguarding Children: Friday 10th December 2010 – 6.30pm to 9.30pm Module 5: Friday 18th March 2011 – 7.00pm to 9.00pm.
- Please go to <http://www.worcestershirefa.com/GetIntoFootball/Refereeing/Courses> to apply.



PLAYING OUT OF COUNTY SEASON 2011/12

A note to all clubs, there is a new rule to be introduced for season 2011-12 (please see rule 33 in the county handbook, once distributed) regarding WFA parent affiliated clubs playing outside of Worcestershire. **Teams wishing to play league football outside of the county must seek written permission each year before 1st of May from the WFA** this includes all youth Football (U16 and below) and all open age football below step 7 of the national league system.

CHILD WELFARE

Just a quick reminder, **that if you have any club/child welfare enquiries they should be directed in the first instance to your Club Welfare Officer (CWO)** as they have the tools and training to manage the majority of cases within the club. If you do not know who this is within your club please ask your club secretary. Club welfare officers seeking further guidance please feel free to contact Suzanne Scott the County Welfare Officer (01905 827137 ext. 215)

YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Young Leaders that aspire to be managers, coaches, referees and administrators are the future volunteer workforce of grassroots football. The WFA recognises this and in doing so believes that investment in the development of young leaders is a key part of football development within the county. For further details on the County FA Leadership Programme, click link: www.worcestershirefa.com/Development/YoungLeadership/



WORK FORCE & COACH EDUCATION

([HTTP://EVENTSPACE.THEFA.COM/WORCESTERSHIREFA/PARTICIPANT/S.ASPX](http://EVENTSPACE.THEFA.COM/WORCESTERSHIREFA/PARTICIPANT/S.ASPX))

FA LEVEL 1 (2 X FULL DAYS 3 X 3HR EVENINGS)

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| • Location: Pershore High School, Pershore | Start Date: 05/9/2010 | Book Online Now |
| • Location: King George V, Brickfields, Worcester | Start Date: 25/9/2010 | Book Online Now |
| • Location: King Charles High School, Kidderminster | Start Date: 23/10/2010 | Book Online Now |

FA YOUTH MODULE 1 (2 X FULL WEEKENDS)

Part of new age appropriate coaching pathway. Module 1; Developing the Environment a thought provoking and inspiring course targeted at coaches who work with grassroots players.

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| • Location: King George V, Brickfields Worcester | Start Date: 9/10/2010 | Book Online Now |
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AGE APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTORY (1 X 6HR DAY)

An introduction to the new age appropriate coaching pathway from The FA.

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| • Location: Pershore High School, Pershore | Start Date: 3/10/2010 | Book Online Now |
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