



The Bolton, Bury and District Football League

Coaching Pathway and Bursary Scheme

Coaches entering the league at all age groups, but in particular the youngest age groups are encouraged to follow the BBDFL Coaching Pathway (See Flowchart below). The BBDFL is a Charter Standard and FA RESPECT League and has a development ethos. If you are a coach who does not follow this ethos, then the BBDFL is not for you.

The pathway is flexible and can be adapted to meet particular needs although the outcomes will be that coaches will endeavour to reach a high standard by the time they are at the youth / young adult level

Under 7s Coaches – Year 1

- Minimum FA Level 1 (Self-funded by individual or clubs)
- Attendance at Mandatory League welcome event
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event on Behaviour Management
- Welfare session provided for all coaches and parents

Under 8s Coaches – Year 2

- Youth Appropriate Module 1 (50% funded by BBDFL)
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event focusing on U7 to U10 Age groups

Under 9s Coaches – Year 3

- Youth Appropriate Module 2 (50% funded by BBDFL)
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event focusing on developing creativity

Under 10s Coaches – Year 4

- Futsal Level 1 (50% funded by BBDFL)
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event focusing on integration of goalkeepers



Under 11s Coaches – Year 5

- FA Level 2 (50% funded by BBDFL)
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event focusing on the U11 to U16 age groups

Under 12s Coaches – Year 6

- Youth Appropriate Module 3 (50% funded by BBDFL)
- Attendance at BBDFL CPD event focusing on Developing the adult player