



## Registration For Season 2020/2021

10 May 2020

To all clubs

The NWFT would like to extend our good wishes to all involved with football and the wider community during this challenging time. We hope you are all keeping your spirits up and we have been warmed by the positive response to the actions taken by the BBDFL at this time and the many positive social media posts from clubs, teams and individual members including fundraising, planning and some of the fun elements whilst making the most of the lockdown. You are a credit to the game and the community.

We appreciate that you all want to know what we are going to do regarding the forthcoming season and as clubs you will have received communication from your County FA and the FA regarding the wider picture and the decisions that are being made at a regional and national level.

Over the course of this lockdown we have been in constant dialogue with Lancashire FA. We are working together, sharing ideas and support, on how we can restart the game. Right now, we do not know when that will be, but that does not deter us from being ready.

The NWFT is determined to support its clubs through what will no doubt be an incredibly challenging period for all. With the right support and help we can come through this better and stronger than ever.

The effect of Covid-19 will no doubt be felt for a number of years to come. With this in mind, the Trust will subsidise our league pricing structure for the coming two seasons (2020/2021 & 2021/2022), to kick start the game and support clubs.

For the coming season, **2020/2021**, our pricing structure will be significantly subsidised across the BBDFL and NWGFL, as follows:

- Clubs will pay £50/team, capped at £250 per club. No club will pay more than £250 – irrespective of team numbers across the BBDFL & NWGFL
- Cost of central venue use will be in addition, and communicated closer to the season start
- Payment per team is due in full, irrespective of joining date to the league



- Payments will now be via monthly direct debit, or one off bank transfer only. Cheques will no longer be accepted

For the season, **2021/2022**, in addition to the above the cap per club will be raised to £500 per club.

By lowering the cost of entry for clubs across all age groups, including our girls football, we are actively supporting and encouraging clubs to maintain and grow their team numbers.

In addition, the Trust will be working with the BBDfL & NWGFL to support the development and retention of coaches and referees across our game. This will require not only financial support, but support from our leagues, clubs, volunteers, and the wider community.

In total, over the coming two seasons, an **investment of over £60,000** in our football league's will be made. This significant investment has been made possible by the strong operating model put in place by the Trust.

As we come out the other side of Covid-19 this investment will not only aid the growth of our league's and their clubs but will have a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of our clubs, and the communities we operate within.

If you wish to register for the new season, please could we ask Club Secretaries only do this via the registration's portal at the following address (If you scroll to the bottom of the page there are some help videos to guide you through the registration process):

<https://bbdf.org/registration-platform/>

To all those connected with our clubs, and the wider community: Please continue to follow government advice. Let's beat this together.

***Stay Alert. Control The Virus. Save Lives.***

Regards

The Trustees