

The England Football Accreditation Scheme

The Dorset Football League continues to participate in the “The England Football Accreditation Scheme”. All clubs who previously held Charter Standard were automatically transferred and were accredited.

However, they had to re-accreditate by 30 April 2023, and it is pleasing that over 68% of our clubs now have. The framework helps to ensure that our football is played in a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

The “England Football” name is intended to be a new name and visual identity to represent, unite and promote football in England. The aim is to create more chances for everyone to play, coach and support football and better connect the grassroots game with England’s national teams.

Englandfootball.com is the new digital home for English football players, fans, coaches, and volunteers. There are links to the latest learning resources and administrative tools to help us make managing the grassroots game more efficient. Information is available on the DFL website, or you can contact our England Football Accreditation Representative by emailing derekhansford2020@outlook.com

Any clubs who are not accredited can apply when the 2023/2024 accreditation period opens, which is expected to be in November 2023.

Teams in the Dorset Football League will be subject to the following three stage disciplinary process.

(PLEASE NOTE)

Penalty points tally and any misconducts are taken from the league statement accessed via the Dorset Football League general secretary and clubs on a weekly basis.

STAGE 1

Clubs will receive a letter from the Dorset Football League warning as to their future conduct having passed 65 penalty points and/or reaching 5E misconduct charges and will be fined £20.

STAGE 2

Clubs will be called before the Dorset Football League Management Committee having passed 85 penalty points and/or reaching 7E misconduct charges and will be fined £30.

At this stage clubs must provide an action plan stating how they plan to improve their discipline.

STAGE 3

Clubs will be further called before the Dorset Football League Management Committee upon passing 105 penalty points and/or reaching 9E misconduct charges and will be fined £50.

The League reserves the right to automatically remove the award for clubs found guilty of serious infringements (i.e., Assault on the match officials) and also for clubs regularly violating league membership rules.