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Berks & Bucks FA

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Berks & Bucks FA

Lead, Protect & Support: *“Your Journey in Football” by working in the interest of the long-term interests of grassroots football across the County.*

- 3300 Teams , 63 competitions, 1300 Referees

In Milton Keynes we currently have

- 87 mini soccer teams affiliated
- 16 Youth Female
- 113 Youth Male
- 57 Adult male 11 v 11 teams
- 7 Adult female teams
- 16 Disability Teams
- 7th largest County FA in the Country
- Employer of 16 Full time staff and 1 Part Time Staff



Football Development Team

The Football Development Team offer a goal-based approach to support the sustainability and growth of teams within each respective area. Clubs and Leagues have a dedicated link for Football Development as identified on the map below.

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Club affiliations
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DARREN EDWARDS
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General discipline

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Competitions Coordinator
County Cup coordination
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General discipline

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Football Services Assistant
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Processing cards
(from 25 October 2016)



Sanctioning Leagues - Background

It's BBFA's responsibility to sanction Leagues and their divisions at a local level.

In Milton Keynes there have been some differing opinions on what leagues, days, and age bands should be sanctioned for which league.

In previous years MKDDL were sanctioned to run 7 v 7 football and MKBCYL ran 11 v 11

The introduction of 9 v 9 football caused a grey area but the desire by parents and players to remain playing on Saturday allowed sanctioning to continue and brings us to where we are today.

Prior to sanctioning divisions for the 17/18 season the FA have asked that some consultation with Clubs, teams, players and parents takes place.



Sanctioning Leagues

The following factors should be considered by teams when making these decisions.

- Facility usage - are there enough pitches to play all matches on 1 day? Even when the weather gets poor.
- Officials are there enough officials to do all matches on one day.
- Quality of competition - is there enough teams at the older age groups to play separate competitions on different days?
- If age groups are run over two days will there be players tempted to play twice in a weekend risking overplay injuries?
- Families wanting to remain playing on the same day they have always played?



Sanctioning Leagues

Consideration for questions in survey

Option 1 - *MKDDL run football on Saturdays and BCYFL run all football age groups on Sundays*

Option 2 - *MKDDL Run all small sided football (on either day) or BCYFL Run all 11 v 11 football (on either day)*

Option 3 –

MKDDL Run all football in MK on Both days and/or BCYFL Run all football in MK on Both days

Option 4 - Would you prefer development leagues on one day? competitive on another?



Consultation

Will take place from November 2016 to January 2017

- **Supported by Buckingham University students.**
- **What should this look like? – Monkey survey**
- **What is the best way for teams to feed back – with team name, but open to all.**
- **Distributed directly to clubs, coaches, leagues, links added to club and league websites.**
- **Youth player responses welcomed.**



Buckingham Student Support – timeline

October – understand background and reason for survey, pull together Monkey Survey – liaise with BBFA Contact seek comments from Leagues and guidance from Football association on Survey.

November 2016 to January 2017

Release Survey - BBFA will take on promotion, marketing, distribution of survey.

Late December / January collate findings

Early - Mid January present results.

March – April BBFA take consultation



Moving forward

There is a need for a Local football partnership in Milton Keynes which supports issues, shares resources and has stronger voice to lead grassroots Football in MK.

MEETING 14th November 2016

If you are interested in being part of this or need help with Football development at your club please contact

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