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long-term sustainability of grassroots football across the County.

## County Cup FAQs

### 1. What Cup Competitions Do We Run?

The BBFA run 20 Cup Competitions for U12's to Open-Age.

Please see [www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups](http://www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups) for a full list of the cups available

### 2. How do I register a team for a County Cup?

This is done as part of your affiliation process, when affiliating the team the club secretary can enter them in the appropriate cup. If you need help with this please contact

[Chris.Cole@berks-bucksfa.com](mailto:Chris.Cole@berks-bucksfa.com)

### 3. Do we have to enter the County Cup?

All youth teams from U12 - U18 have the choice to enter and can enter more than one team in each age groups cup.

For adult teams it is mandatory to enter, but you can apply for an exemption (see rule 7 of Adult Cup Rules).

Adult clubs can only enter one team per cup.

### 4. What do I need to do to get my Cup match played?

Each team will receive an email from Full Time with date, time and contacts of each other and the referees. The home team contacts opponents and appointed referee with address of ground, kit colours and kick off time.

### 5. Do I need to complete a team sheet?

Teamsheets need to be completed by both teams and submitted to the referee and each other before the game.

### 6. How do I report the result?

The named official for each team will receive a SMS from Full Time to reply to. A Match Sheet has to be completed and returned to the BBFA, this can be done online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBFACC11> (11-a-side cups) and

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BBFACC9> (9-a-side cups)

Or Teamsheets & Matchsheets can also be downloaded at [www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups](http://www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups) and returned via email or post.

### 7. When is the Draw made?

The draw for the first rounds will be made in August of each season. The draws for the following rounds are made 21 days (wherever possible) before each round

### 8. Where and when are the games played?

The match is played on the ground of the first drawn team, but can be moved with mutual consent of both teams and permission of BBFA. The kick off time is set by BBFA but can be moved with mutual consent. Morning kick offs must be after 10am and afternoon kick offs no later than 3pm. In Youth Cups kick off is the normal weekend time of the home teams kick off.

### 9. Who can play?

ALL players must be registered with their clubs and be a registered playing member of the team with the league that the team competes in. ALL players can only play for ONE team in the County Cups. Adult players must have reached the age of 16 by Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 to be eligible.

**PLAYING UNREGISTERED OR ILLELIGIBLE PLAYERS MAY LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

### 10. Is Extra Time Played?

No, Extra Time is NOT played. If scores are level after the allotted match time, the match will be decided by penalty kicks.

**11. How do substitutions work?**

In the Senior Cup, Senior Trophy & Women's Cup, 3 regular substitutions from 5 are allowed. In all other cups 5 Repeated Substitutions are allowed, where a player who is substituted becomes a substitute and can return to the field of play.

**12. What if the Kits Clash?**

If there is a clash the **HOME** team must change (except in the Senior Cup where the Away team changes). Teams must not wear black or dark colours.

**13. Who appoints the match officials?**

The BBFA appoint all officials.

**14. What happens if a referee doesn't arrive?**

The clubs agree on a suitable replacement from either club.

**15. Who pays the match officials?**

The fees are **EQUALLY SHARED** by both clubs and are to be paid when handing in the team sheets before the match. Fees vary across the cups, a full breakdown can be found at [www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups](http://www.berks-bucksfa.com/cups)

For the Full Version of the County Cup Rules please visit <http://www.berks-bucksfa.com/bbfa/bbfa-county-cup-rules>

For any other queries please contact Competitions Coordinator on [Chris.Cole@berks-bucksfa.com](mailto:Chris.Cole@berks-bucksfa.com)