

Shropshire FA Disability Football Information Guide



2014/15 Season

Shropshire FA

There's never been a better time to get involved and play disability football.

Opportunities for players with a disability to access football at various levels have grown incredibly over the past few years. You may be an enthusiastic grass roots player who likes nothing more than a kick about with your friends and enjoys the social aspect of this participation. Others may have ambitions to develop as a player and to potentially to play for their country – the good news is that the systems are in place for you access football at the level that meets your needs and aspirations.

To find out more information in the Shropshire area, please contact Eve Bailey – Shropshire Football Development Officer - Lead Officer for Disability Football. 01743-362769, email

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Grassroots Football Provision

Shropshire FA support a number of FA Ability Counts Football club sessions. These clubs have shown a commitment to providing opportunities for disabled people to take part in coaching and in some cases competitive football competing in the FA 3 Counties Ability Counts League.



Grassroots Football Provision

Junior Provision:



Madeley Sports FC Ability Counts Football Mash Up Sessions – (12 – 16 year old) Contact Rob Coulman, 01952-407198, r.j.coulman@blueyonder.co.uk Sessions run every Monday, 6-7pm at TCAT (excluding school holiday)



Shrewsbury Juniors FA Ability Counts Football Mash Up Sessions - (12 – 16 year old) Contact Chantal Harding, 07411 503 008, sjfc.cwo@mail.com Session run every Tuesday, 5-6pm at the Shrewsbury Sports Village (excluding school holidays)



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Grassroots Football Provision



Junior Provision:

Short Breaks 'All In' Ability Counts Football Sessions –Contact the Short Breaks team on 01743 250227. Sessions run every Friday, 4 – 5pm at Shrewsbury Sports Village (Term Time only)

http://www.shropshireleisurecentres.com/shrewsbury_svillage/CLASS_ShortBreaks

STFC Community Sports Trust – (5-8 year old & 9-14 year old) Contact Lee Pugh, 01743-289177 ext 216, lee.pugh@shrewsburytown.co.uk Sessions run 4 – 5.30pm every Friday at Shrewsbury Town Powerleague . (Each child successfully attending a block of sessions will be invited to a Shrewsbury Town home match for their presentation.)



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Wheelchair Provision:

Telford Powerchair Football Club - Based at Lillishall National Sports & Conference Centre, Near Newport, where they have training sessions. Telford PFC are affiliated to the Shropshire FA and the Wheelchair FA. They have formed a partnership with AFC Telford United, Telford and Wrekin Council, TCAT and the Shropshire FA. Telford PFC are entered in the WFA National Championship League and also in the Birmingham Ability Counts Premier and Championship Leagues and the Bolton Championship League. The club are always open to wheelchair users of all ages and gender to become new members. For more information, contact Angela Reeve, 01952-606578, email - telfordprc@yahoo.co.uk



Grassroots Football Provision

Adult Provision:

Telford Juniors FC – Training for anyone aged 16 or above, Contact Ian Preece, 07545-891769. Saturday morning session

<http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/telfordjuniorsfc/Home> Telford Junior take part in the FA 3 Counties Ability Counts League.

DNS FC. - In partnership with Derwen College and TNS FC. DNS FC take part in the FA 3 Counties Adult Ability Counts League. For more information contact, Stephen Evans - Sports & Leisure Co-ordinator, stephen.evans@derwen.ac.uk



3 Counties Ability Counts League

The 3 Counties Ability Counts League 2014/15 currently caters for adult teams with PAN Disability players however, the League is encouraging U16's to take part alongside these fixtures in the hope of creating a U16's fixture programme for the 2015/16 season.

DNS and Telford Juniors FC participate in this League.

If you are interested in entering a team for this season or next season, or you would like more information on the 3 Counties Ability Counts Football League, please contact Eve Bailey, Football Development Officer, eve.bailey@shropshirefa.com or phone 01743 362769



FA Disability Talent Pathway

The FA supports the delivery of England Elite Impairment Specific squads for blind players, partially sighted players, players with cerebral palsy, players with a Learning Difficulty, Amputee Players and female deaf players. These squads compete in European and World Competitions on a cyclical basis. The FA also takes responsibility for the Great Britain Disability Football Association which in turn supports the participation of Great Britain Blind and Cerebral Teams in Paralympic Games.

The Disability Player Pathway – Season 11-12



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England Squads

- Learning Disability
- Women's Deaf
- Cerebral Palsy
- Partially Sighted
- Amputee
- Blind
- Powerchair Football



Shropshire's Katie Edwards – England Footballer (Deaf)



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How to get into Coaching

FA Introduction to Coaching Disabled Footballers Course

Shropshire FA organise annually The Coaching Disabled Footballers course. This course is designed to give football coaches and teacher's ideas and practices for the inclusion of disabled players in football sessions within mainstream or impairment specific sessions. The course is six hours and covers both theory and practical elements, by the end of the workshop each participant should be able to met the following outcomes



"Football's a beautiful game."

David Clarke, Bank Manager
& England striker



Other Courses Available

- The FA Coaching Blind Footballers
- The FA Coaching Deaf Footballers Workshop



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