

Harborough Town FC



Announcement from UK Government & The FA regarding COVID-19 Restrictions

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

We are writing to update you following the government's announcement this afternoon regarding the expansion of Tier 4 areas which includes Leicester, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

- ☀ Football for adult participants across 'non-elite' football in Tier 4 areas is not permitted, including all training and fixtures.
- ☀ Youth fixtures and training will be permitted subject to full adherence to Government FA and Club regulations and protocols for social distancing and covid compliance. It is important to note that players, coaches and parents are not permitted to travel into or out of Tier 4 for training or fixtures.
- ☀ It is permissible for youth fixtures (u18 and below) and training to take place in tier 4.

This immediate advice from the Football Association in place from 31st December applies to the following aspects of 'non-elite' football in England in Tier 4 areas: Steps 3-6 of the National League System [NLS]; Tiers 3-7 of the Women's Football Pyramid [WFP]; Regional NLS Feeder Leagues; The Barclays FA WSL Academy League; FA Girls Regional Talent Clubs [unless under elite status]; Indoor and outdoor adult grassroots football; The Vitality Women's FA Cup (which is currently classified as 'non-elite' at this stage in the competition).

The Government's Tier 4 guidance www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home states organised outdoor sport for under 18s and disabled people will be allowed.

The Government's guidelines on travel between Tiers should be adhered to in that players cannot move in or out of Tier 4 to train or play.

It is extremely important that clubs, players, coaches, match officials, league officials, volunteers, parents, carers, and facility providers in Tiers 1-3 (and permitted football in Tier 4) continue to strictly follow both the UK Government's latest guidance on COVID-19 www.gov.uk/coronavirus and respective bespoke guidance documents from the FA. www.thefa.com/news/2020/dec/01/fa-guidance-on-return-to-grassroots-football-011220

Any incidents of non-compliance will be reported to the local County Football Association. If you require any further information in respect of Harborough Town please contact Maz Hayton.

The Trustees would like to thank our members and parents for their co-operation to date, and for their co-operation as the further restrictions are applied. We will of course keep you updated with changes to the restrictions when they are announced.

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