



Club communications update
1st October 2021

1. 2021/22 season summary

The 2021/22 football season started on 2nd July and Welsh football's post-COVID bounce back has been impressive:

- Number of matches played on COMET: 6,473
- Number of match events added by clubs and referees via the COMET Football app: 63,550
- Number of registered players: 91,068 (record level)
- Number of registered referees: 947
- Number of registered coaches: 11,423 (record level)
- Number of registered officials: 4,836 (record level)
- Number of active teams: 6,993

We are grateful to all clubs for their support and co-operation over recent months. It is much appreciated.

2. "Our Wales" Strategic Plan

Earlier this week, the FAW unveiled its new six-year strategy covering the period to 2026. The "Our Wales" strategic plan aims to ensure that football continues to grow rapidly, regarding inclusivity, accessibility, and success on and off the field.

The FAW has a clear focus on reaching 120,000 registered footballers (including doubling the size of the Women's and Girls' game), increasing the number of registered referees, and ensuring that grassroots facilities are developed in line with these targets. For further information on the FAW's "Our Wales" strategic plan- [please click here](#).

3. Player registrations

Player registrations are now at record levels with over 91,000 players currently registered on COMET.

The FAW's Player Registration Department are continuing to work their way through all submitted registrations and during the past week, a further 1,750 registrations have been processed.

We would kindly request your continued patience as we look to process the remaining registrations.

4. Insurance

There are two different types of insurance cover arranged by the FAW: **Personal Accident Insurance** and **Liability Insurance**.

Further details are outlined below and we would be grateful if you could familiarise yourself with these details in case you receive any insurance related queries from your players, coaches or officials.

a. Personal accident insurance

Every registered person on COMET (players, coaches, referees, and officials) is automatically covered under the FAW's **Personal Accident Insurance Scheme**.

The policy covers matches and training (including your travel to and from them), and even some social events.

The insurance cover starts when the registration is moved to status **CONFIRMED** on COMET and remains in place until such time as the person's registration moves to status **TERMINATED**.

The FAW provides its insurers with a list of all registered individuals (including the date the registration started), and in the event that a claim is made by an individual, the insurer checks to see if that person is included on the list.

When the registration on COMET is moved to status CONFIRMED, the person being registered will receive an email including a link to the insurance policy, provided they have supplied their correct email address on COMET. This is another reason why it is important to provide a personal email address and not a generic club one.

Copies of the Personal Accident Insurance Scheme documents can be found [here](#). Please take time to read them, making a note of the policy number (which is SL1000764089), in case you need to make a claim.

Further information, including how to make a claim can be found [here](#).

b. Liability Insurance

The FAW also provides **Liability Insurance** for all affiliated clubs, leagues, area associations and match officials, which protects them in the event of a claim against them.

Further information on this policy can be found [here](#).

5. Match day checklist

We are extremely grateful to all clubs for their help and support during the first 3 months of the season.

There are now 360 different competitions underway across Wales, and by the end of this weekend, we will have had over 8,000 matches played.

We kindly request that you keep up your good work and refer to the following checklist in the event of queries:

Step 1: Selecting and confirming your team line-up and substitutes

- Select your team line-up and substitutes.
- For matches with rolling subs, please remember to also mark all of your subs as PLAYED.
- Then confirm your line-up

Step 2: Using the match timer

- The home team should be responsible for operating the match timer on the COMET Football app
- Please start the timer when referee starts the game,
- Please stop the timer at half time
- Please re-start the timer at the start of second half
- Please stop the timer at the final whistle
- If the match is a cup game, and the score is level after normal time, please remember to move the match phase to extra time and/or to a penalty shoot-out before you add any further match events.

Step 3: Recording the match events

- Before kick-off, speak to the opposing team and agree whether one team (home team) will enter the match events on behalf of both teams via the COMET Football app, or each team will be separately responsible for adding their own match events
- Please record the match events (goals, subs, cards) during the game via the COMET Football app.
- Once the match events have been added, the referee will then be able to check these are all correct before confirming the match result and moving the game to PLAYED on COMET.

6. Other

As per previous communications, we would be grateful for your continued help in ensuring the following:

- That every registered person in your club (player, coach, official) has a valid and personal email address. Please do not use the club generic email address.
- That the ethnicity category for every registered person in your club (player, coach, official) has been selected
- That you add the attendances for your matches so that the FAW can demonstrate to existing and potential new funders, the social value of football in Wales.