

## 2021 – 2022 End of Season Newsletter

Welcome, all & congratulations on the completion of our first full season since Covid. The return to football has seen a huge increase in the number of girls registered & taking part in football on a weekly basis across our region. This is a massive achievement & we extend a huge thank you to all the Clubs, coaches, first aiders, team support, volunteers, parents & grandparents for putting in their time each week to make this happen.

These are exciting times for the women's game in Wales, we have more players registered in our league than ever before, and we now need to put a league structure in place that can support this going forward. We need more volunteers to join the league so we can continue to provide the facilities and fixtures and support for the ongoing development of our sport.

The AGM will be held in July (date to be confirmed), if you are interested in a new challenge & would like to be part of the further advancement of the women's game then we would love to hear from you, no previous experience is necessary.

Please get in touch to find out more about the positions available & how you can help.

We are looking to fill the following vacancies

- Treasurer
- Assistant Secretary
- Fixture Secs at all age groups in all divisions
- Vice Chairman
- Club representatives
- Media

### **Hub Updates**

This season has seen the creation of the small-sided hubs, these have got off to a great start & continue to grow across all hubs. We expect the number of teams playing to continue to increase throughout the coming seasons.

### **Cardiff Hub (Venue: Ocean Park)**

This hub has been a major part of the development of the Cardiff Teams, this venue is now officially the designated hub in Cardiff for women's football. There are now around 40 teams playing out of Ocean Park every Sunday & only one fixture was

called off all season, which is a great achievement. This section continues to play a big part in developing the game locally.

### **Valleys Hub (Venue: Abercynon)**

This has seen a major change & increase in registrations since its move to its new home at the Abercynon venue. There are now around 25 teams playing out of this hub every week & it continues to be a growth area with more clubs looking to sign up for next season.

### **Bridgend Hub**

This hub is still establishing itself & developing. There is a great team based here delivering small sided football, they are committed to the continued growth of the league & are expecting more teams to sign up for next season.

### **Gwent Hub**

This season will be the last one for U12s in Gwent, from next season there will be a new Gwent Girls League catering for this age group. This shows just how well the game is developing here & we wish them all the best & look forward to playing against you (in friendlies!) in the future.

Good luck & thanks for all the support this hub has shown this season and in previous years.

### **League Update**

#### **League Presentations & Cup Finals – Venue Ocean Park, Cardiff**

The Cup Finals & league presentations will be held across 3 Sundays at Ocean Park in Cardiff, we welcome all fans to support and cheer on the teams. Admission is free.

We are looking for volunteers to help the league with presentations, setting up medal/trophy tables & support with queries, if you are able to help on any of the dates then please get in touch.

8<sup>th</sup> May – U16s & Women's League Cup finals, first KO 11 am – last KO 4 pm

15<sup>th</sup> May – U14s, U15s & U17s Cup finals, first KO 10.30 am – last KO 3.30 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> May – U12s & U13s Cup finals, first KO 10.30 am – last KO 2.30 pm

There are a lot of Cups that are still to be returned from the last cup finals in the 2018 – 2019 season. If you have one of the cups, please can you arrange for them to be returned to the league ASAP?

### **League Admin**

## **Game Confirmation**

When you play a game, please remember to confirm the game in Comet, when you confirm correctly you will receive the team sheet. If you do not receive the team sheet, then you have not confirmed the game.

## **Fees & Fines**

All club fees & fines for the season must be paid to the league by the 31st of May, failure to pay on time may jeopardise your entry into the league next season.

For any questions regarding payments, please contact Gail Powell.

## **Next Season**

The AGM will be held in July; we will share the date & time once confirmed.

On the 1st of June, The new season will start pre Registrations will be taken from this date on the league database. The registration of players/ teams will be in early June on the Comet System. dates for 2022 – 2023 will be shared in the next few weeks.

Finally, the League would like to thank you all for your ongoing support & we look forward to working with you & supporting your teams throughout the 2022 – 2023 season.

Gail Powell

SWWGL Secretary

On behalf of the SWWGL Committee