Hi All

Another season is upon us with over 80 odd games going ahead next week we all need to be up on what's going on.

The new handbook will be sent out shortly; this will contain the rules, a list of the fixture secretaries and a list of committee members.

Teams and club contacts for fixtures will be on the league database under your club so please make sure the contact details are there for your coaches this is very important. I do understand that many have what's app groups at some ages please be kind and keep them to fixtures and essential questions. There is a rule regarding abuse over the whats app groups as these are league groups in many cases so please be mindful.

SSF Small Sided Football 7,8,9

There are three areas these hubs are Cardiff at Ocean Park Valleys at Abercynon Bridgend

This year we have coordinators at each of these hubs /age groups to add the fixtures to Comet, so please support the rules. Acceptance of games must be in by Thursday times will be arranged through your coordinator so the fixtures can be added to Comet.

Also, the Hubs at 7,8,9, will be invoiced three times per season for 5.00 per team per week to help with the cost of the hubs as we cannot take the brunt of the cost as we have very little to run the league as it is

SSF Small Sided Football 10,11

These are played independently of the hubs; these have fixtures and an allocated fixture secretary. Bullying within groups is not acceptable. We have tried to fit everyone's needs in, Two teams at the same venue each team that you register needs a coach and to be added to accreditation it is impossible sometimes to fixture at the same venue, these games can KO anytime between 9 and 11 this is down to the host of the fixture on that day. All teams must be available to travel although distances are worked out to be fair across the area to cut down on travelling.

Small Sided 12s and 13s

9v9

Competitive Games

Competitive team entries on COMET are now closed. 95% of provisional entries (299 of 315) were confirmed, so the Divisions have been planned and fixtures scheduled.

Team entries are made on COMET using the links in the South Wales FA tab here. Please also remember to add a venue for each team on COMET so that this can be used for your fixtures. If you have two teams in a Junior Age Group or teams in consecutive Junior Age Groups then please remember to use the Team Roster facility to assign your players to a team for the season.

Team Entries by Age Group **can be viewed here** with Team contact details for the new season. On match days please remember that we use Rolling Substitutes across all Age Groups <u>so set your substitutes to Played</u> then Confirm your team sheet before kick-off.

Season Plans, Dates and Fixture Secretaries are here.

A summary of current Club entries can be viewed here.

Junior Football 14-16 / Women

Fixture secretaries are in the new Handbook for these divisions, pay particular notice of referee fees and procedures if you have not been allocated a referee and rules for free dates regarding the fixtures. All fixtures are on the Cymru app Please also make sure games are confirmed on Comet for the results to be live and for the referee and opposition to have your team sheet.

Wales v Estonia 6th September

Wales Women will be playing a very important game at Cardiff City Stadium against Estonia It is a World Cup qualifier Please try and be there on the night this is a great opportunity to show our support as a league for the female game in Wales and your support is greatly needed We are trying to get to 10,000 supporters we are almost there I know it's not the best time or the best day as children going back to school but we are governed by FIFA on timings and dates. I hope the girls will get inspired by the Squad and find excellent role models within the team. Please wear Red. and don't forget the songbook

Chairman's Message

I hope this season is going to be a good season with lots of good football please be mindful of the people that are in positions to help you such as Fixture Secs, Hub Coordinators, league officials and referees we are all volunteers at the end of the day so as a league we all support and help each other to make this league the best it can be.

Looking forward to a good season Wishing you all the best Let the games begin

Gail Powell SWWGL committee