SOUTH WALES PREMIER LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

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SW Premier League News

New Season - New Name - Same Competitiveness

PREMIERSHIP

Leaders Cardiff Airport remain the only "0" in the league but the title and promotion is now moving to the big phase. Llantwit Fardre, Caerphilly Athletic and Penydarren Seniors BGC look to be the main 4 but Aber Valley have a lot of games in hand. With these 5 all having games against each other - and against reigning champions FC Cwmaman who still have an outside chance - its going to be close again this season!

CHAMPIONSHIP

Afan United took the gamble and decided to concentrate solely on promotion and have led the table just about all season. Their 16 pt lead looks unassailable but...... Any of the top 7 could easily claim a promotion spot! Its going to the wire!!

DIVISION ONE WEST

The 2 promotion places look to be between Tata Steel United, Caerau All Whites and Llangeinor (whose cup exploits has meant they are chasing games). Both Caerau All Whites and Tata Steel United (twice) have to play Llangeinor in what will be the deciding 3 games.

DIVISION ONE EAST

As with D1W this looks like the 2 promotion places are between 3 teams - Splott, AFC Penrhiwceiber, and Penygraig United. AFC Penrhiwceiber have to play both Splott and Penygraig United have to play Splott away. 3 big games coming up!

Tables can be found here: https://www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/match-info/tables
Fixtures can be found here: https://www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/match-info/fixtures



FAW Player Registrations

The Registrations Department oversee all aspects of Player Registrations within Wales for both Professional and Amateur players. Our duties include:

- Administration of the FAW COMET Player Registrations module.
- Registration of all Professional and Amateur Players in Wales.
- Administration of the FIFA Transfer Matching System.
- Processing of all International Transfer Certificates (ITC) for Professional and Amateur player's both in and out of Wales.
- Implement all FAW, UEFA and FIFA Rules and Regulations regarding Player Registrations.
- Advise Clubs/Players on any queries regarding the Rules & Regulations including FIFA and Domestic Training Compensation claims.
- Governing Body Endorsements for Work Permit applications.
- Oversee Intermediary Activity within Wales.

REGISTRATION PERIODS

The Registration Periods for the 2024/25 season are as follows:

2024-2025 SEASON:

01.06.2024 to 31.05.2025

MEN'S CLOSED SEASON:

01.06.2024 to 15.07.2024

MEN'S PLAYING SEASON:

16.07.2024 to 31.05.2025

WOMEN'S CLOSED SEASON:

01.06.2024 to 19.08.2024

WOMEN'S PLAYING SEASON:

20.08.2024 to 31 May 2025

MEN'S PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION PERIODS:

00:00:00 on 14.06.2024 to 23:59:59 on 30.08.2023 and 00:00:00 on 01.01.2025 to 23:59:59 on 03.02.2025

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS PERIOD:

00:00:00 on 15.07.2024 to 17:00:00 on 04.10.2024 and 00:00:00 on 13.01.2025 to 17:00:00 on 11.02.2025

AMATEUR REGISTRATIONS PERIOD:

00:00:00 on 14.06.2024 to 17:00:00 on 27.03.2025

https://faw.cymru/player-registrations/



SWPL Club of the Month January 2025



LLANGEINOR

A total of 6 clubs were in contention for January's CotM - all having 100% win record. AFAN UNITED played and won all 3 scoring 8 goals, as did previous winners CARDIFF AIRPORT who scored 12 and their promotion rivals CAERPHILLY ATHLETIC who hit the back of the net on 10 occasions.

Also having 3 wins from their 3 games were D1E leaders AFC PENRHIWCEIBER - scoring 8 - and D1E promotion chasing PENYGRAIG UNITED who scored 12 which included an excellent win in the FAW Trophy over WWFA Premier League's West End FC.

However the decision was made to go to LLANGEINOR - who played and won all 4 games scoring 16. Congratulations!





SWFA Regulations for the Pyramid Structure (Tiers 4 and below)

- 1. Clubs Must have appointed a First Aid Officer.
- 2. The First Aid Officer must hold one of the following minimum qualifications:
 - Valid FAW First Aid Award
 - Any equivalent award, as approved by the FAW Medical Officer.
- 3. Clubs will be responsible for managing first aid relating to spectators
- 4. The First Aid Officer must attend all matches and training.
 - A replacement can be appointed if they meet the required qualifications above
- 5. The First Aid Officer MUST be duly registered on COMET
- 6. They must be duly registered with the FAW & hold a valid FAW DBS certificate.



SWFA WINTER REFERES SEMINAR 2025



FAW McDonald's Grassroots Inclusion (EDI) and I Football Awards 2023 Winner Amin Said involved in football.

The Winter Referees Seminar was held at Whitchurch Sports & Social Club. The SWFA Referees Officer Mike Pedlar open a busy evenings agenda.

Amin Said (left) gave a short, but eye-opening presentation, about Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and how this effects everyone involved in football

Dave King (SWFA Discipline Secretary) gave a brief update and report about Misconduct along with a few facts and figures.

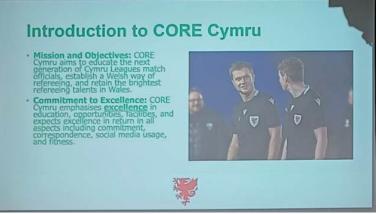


Dale Randall outlined the SWFA Referees Talent and Mentor Group and what is expected of those in the group before testing everyone - with Mike Pedlar -on an interactive quiz on the Laws of the Game!



The main speaker during the evening was John Bryant - a Fifa Assistant - who gave an insight into the FAW's CORE Cymru - the FAW's Centre of Refereeing Excellence





CORE Cymru is an elite referee development programme which educates selected candidates to prepare them for potential promotion to the JD Cymru Leagues. The FAW's Values of Respect, Excellence and Family will be instilled in the match officials throughout their time on CORE, preparing them for the challenges of elite refereeing.

The seminar was closed by a short interactive discussion with FAW Vice President Mark Adams (right)





FAW LAUNCHES PAWB MENTORING PROGRAMME



THE FAW HAS LAUNCHED THE PAWB MENTORING PROGRAMME (see below)

This new entry-level programme aims to support and inspire individuals from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds who are interested in exploring opportunities within football.

Starting in April 2025 and running for six months, the programme offers participants mentorship, networking opportunities, hands-on experiences, and skill development workshops. If you're passionate about football, this programme will offer a great introduction to pursuing a role in the sport. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm and a desire to learn and grow. Learn more about the programme, the session dates and how to apply are below.

FAW Equality Advisory Group Chair, Sean Wharton said:

"The PAWB Mentoring Programme is a vital initiative in the Football Association of Wales' commitment to increasing representation and inclusion within the game. By providing mentorship, networking opportunities, and hands-on experience, this programme will empower individuals from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to take their first steps into football. We are proud to support this programme, which will help break down barriers and develop the next generation of diverse talent in Welsh football."

FAW Senior EDI and Sustainability Manager, Jason Webber added: "The PAWB Mentoring Programme aims to open doors and create opportunities. We want to support and inspire individuals from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to take their first step into football. With hands-on experience, mentorship, and networking opportunities, this programme is designed to help participants build confidence, skills, and connections towards a future in the game."

Applications are now open and will close on Friday, 21st March 2025. The programme is free and open to individuals aged 18 and above from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

https://faw.cymru/news/faw-launches-pawb-mentoring-programme/





PAWB MENTORING PROGRAMME



KICKSTART YOUR JOURNEY INTO FOOTBALL THROUGH THE PAWB MENTORING PROGRAMME

The FAW is excited to launch the PAWB Mentoring Programme! This entry-level programme is designed to support and inspire individuals from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage and Minority Ethnic backgrounds who are interested in exploring opportunities within football.

If you're passionate about football this programme is your first stepping stone into a role in football. No previous experience is needed, just enthusiasm and the desire to learn and grow.

What's Involved?

Starting in April 2025 and running for six months, the PAWB Mentoring Programme will give you:

- A personal mentor to guide and support you based on your goals and aspirations.
- Opportunities to network and learn from industry professionals, including senior leaders from across the game.
- Engaging in-person and online workshops to develop key skills.
- Shadowing experiences with FAW staff to see the game in action behind the scenes.
- Panel discussions featuring inspiring stories and advice from football professionals.
- This programme is all about helping you build confidence, develop your skills, and gain a
 deeper understanding of what it takes to progress in football.

Programme session dates

- Day 1 (in-person) 30th April 2025 9:30 AM 4:00 PM Dragon Park, Newport.
- Day 2 (Online) 15th July 2025 6:30 PM 8:30 PM.
- Day 3 (in-person) 23rd/24th October 2025 (TBC) 9:30 AM 4:30 PM Dragon Park, Newport.

Why Apply?

By joining the programme, you will:

- Gain practical insights into football roles.
- Build valuable connections across the industry.
- Overcome barriers with the support of dedicated mentors who are passionate about helping you succeed.
- Take your first step towards a future in football.

Don't miss this opportunity to start your journey in the game.

APPLY NOW

- The PAWB Mentoring Programme is Free to access.
- The deadline for applicants is on Friday 21 March 2025. Applications received after this date will
 not be considered. You will be notified about the outcome of your application by 28 March 2025.
- Please note that the programme is only open to individuals aged 18 and above of all genders, from Black, Asian, Mixed-Heritage and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.
- Participants should have an interest in becoming involved in football in Wales or already be involved in any role throughout the game at any level.

To apply please complete the application form below: click on the PAWB logo and click "Open Link"



If you require any support in completing the application or require the application form in a different format please contact PAWB@faw.cymru
Or go to: https://faw.cymru/pawb/news/pawb-mentoring-programme/



FAW Trophy QF Draw - SWPL Clubs

Ties to be played weekend of 22 February 2025



Bow Street

v Penygraig United





Port Talbot Town v

v FC Cwmaman



A fantastic achievement by the 3 SWPL clubs to reach the last 8!



FAW Amateur Trophy SWPL Winners & Runners-Up

1951-52	Winners
1997-98	Winners
2001–02	Runners-Up
2011-12	Winners
2015-16	Runners-Up











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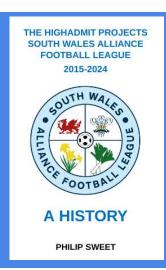
Llangeinor

Sully Sports

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Sully Sports FC double-winning team of 2011-2012 FAW Amateur Trophy & SWFA Senior League Champions



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Compiled by the SWPL Secretary Phil Sweet Cost £5 plus £2.50 P&P Available from Phil -Email: swplsecretary@gmail.com



Football Association





W JOHN OWEN CUP DRAW

Round 3

Saturday 15th February 2025

KO 2.00pm



Aber Valley

v Pantyscallog Village FC



Saturday 22nd February 2025

KO 2.00pm



Grange Albion FC

v Pencoed Athletic BGC FC



Saturday 22nd February 2025

KO 2.00pm



Llangeinor FC

v Penydarren Seniors BGC



Saturday 22nd February 2025

KO 2.00pm

QUARTER FINAL DRAW



Vale United

V

Llantwit Fardre



Saturday 22 February 2025

KO 2pm



Porthcawl Town Athletic

Llangeinor /



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Penydarren BGC



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Grange Albion /
Pencoed Ath BGC

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Cardiff Airport



TBC



Aber Valley / Pantyscallog Village

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FC Cwmaman



TBC

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or the new X account twitter.com/SWPLInfo

The SWPL website is continually updated with information Go to the Downloads and check out the folders.

www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/downloads

If anyone has any suggestions or articles for the SWPL Newsletter please let me know

PAST NEWSLETTERS CAN BE FOUND HERE: www.southwalespremierleague.co.uk/downloads/newsletters

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