

## **T&DJFL Manager Registration & ID Initiative – Season 21/22 onwards**

With effect from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022 no one will be permitted in the ‘technical area’ at any T&DJFL game unless holding a current manager/coach/official registration with the League and clearly displaying their League ID badge at all times.

Note: Rule 20(k) still applies – *“Two technical areas for managers/coaches shall be marked out on the opposite side of the pitch to the spectators, each approx. 4m wide, set at least 1m back from the touchline so as to not impede the assistant referee. Managers/coaches must remain in their own technical areas during the match. This is to stop encroachment onto the field and managers/coaches running up and down the line. It will assist the match official to control the game more effectively Only two manager/coaches (plus substitutes) are permitted in the technical area; no-one else. Any other Team/Club officials must remain on the spectators’ side of the pitch, behind the barrier. Any manager/coach or other person acting as an assistant referee (linesman) must not coach from the line. “*

When managers introduce themselves and any assistants to the opposition manager/assistants before the game, they should make their ID badges available as they would do with the player ID sheets.

Referees will not enforce the ID badge requirement, however they will be requested to report any non-compliance to the League. In addition League Officials will undertake ‘spot-checks’ to ensure the requirements are being followed. Data will also be collected as part of the post-match statistics in Fulltime.

Where individuals are present in the technical area without an ID badge and/or current registration, the Club will be liable to be fined for failing to carry out League business.

A valid current registration requires –

- i) The individual to have registered successfully on the League web portal for that season.
- ii) The individual to be in possession of an in-date League ID badge including a current photograph.
- iii) The individual’s DBS and FA Safeguarding Certificates to be in-date.
- iv) The individual to be shown in a manager/assistant/coach role for the Club in the T&DJFL Whole Game / Competition Portal.

Registrations must be undertaken/renewed online on an annual basis, during July/August. To be registered, the individual must hold an Enhanced FA DBS & the FA Safeguarding Children certificate, both of which must be in-date on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

It is the responsibility of the individual/Club to ensure that any DBS or Safeguarding qualifications that are due expire during the current season are renewed prior to the expiry date. If a DBS or Safeguarding qualification lapses mid-season, the individual’s registration automatically becomes invalid.

NOTE: DBS check legislation states that is a legal requirement to ensure that an individual working in regulated activity with a vulnerable group (*e.g. children*) is not barred from doing so. It is a requirement of The FA, via the Affiliation requirements, that Clubs ensure that all coaches and managers working directly with under-18 players hold a current, FA-accepted Enhanced DBS Check.

Registration will be withdrawn if -

- a. Either the DBS or Safeguarding qualification lapses without being renewed, or
- b. The manager/coach is found guilty of a misconduct offence (E3, E4 or E20), or
- c. The LMC, acting reasonably, deem it to be in the best interests of the Competition to do so

Once withdrawn under (b) or (c), reinstatement of the registration will be at the sole discretion of the LMC, acting reasonably.

Note: In registering a manager/coach/official, the League in no way warrant the suitability of that individual to undertake their role, not that they hold current FA DBS or FA Safeguarding Children qualifications. Clubs remain responsible for the actions of their managers/coaches/officials. Clubs should follow The FA Guidance on “Safer Recruitment of Volunteers in Grassroots Football”.

Managers/coaches/officials should follow the FA Respect Codes of Conduct at all times.