



Youth Action Plan
THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SFA YOUTH ACTION PLAN

Regional Development Plan



East Region
5 Year Plan 2007-2011



Introduction

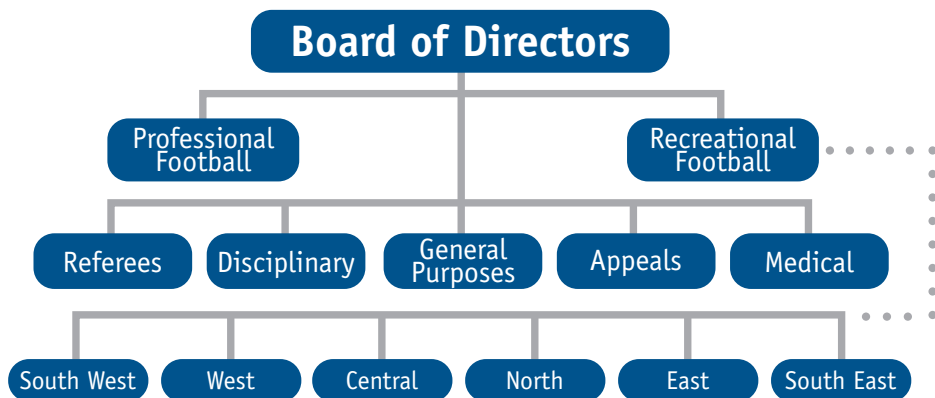
As a result of the Youth Action Plan, the Scottish Football Association has formed 6 new regions to support youth and recreational football.

The newly formed Regional Committee for the East comprises 2 representatives from the Scottish Schools FA (SSFA), Scottish Youth FA (SYFA), Scottish Women's Football (SWF) and 2 representatives from the Local Authorities in the region. This group acts as a Regional Football Partnership at a strategic level to focus and direct football development across the region.

The 5-year Regional plan for Football Development has been prepared by the Regional Committee to provide a clear vision and framework for the future development of our national game within the East region. In delivering successfully on the plan, there is a challenge to all those involved in football across the region to work cohesively and strategically on an agreed vision and related objectives.

This summary document sets out the vision for football in Tayside & Fife and identifies the targets that all partners have agreed they will contribute to achieving during 2007-11. All partners will also contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of these targets to show the impact the partnership is having on sport. The detailed East Regional Development Plan for Football is available on the regional section of the Football Central website (www.footballcentral.org)

The diagram below demonstrates how the Regions sit within the context of the new SFA structure:



Mission Statement - East Region

The regional football partnership will deliver a new strategic framework across the East, providing a coherent and effective programme for youth football, with the aim of increasing participation and developing the full potential of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.










Vision

Our vision is to help create and improve quality opportunities in football, for all.

We will;

Ensure that everyone in the East, regardless of background or circumstance, has the opportunity to get involved in football and is provided with the best environment to succeed, through creating the highest standard of football development.

We believe we have an obligation;

-  To help provide quality football experiences for all
-  To provide quality methods for developing participants, coaches and administrators
-  To help clubs and schools achieve their potential
-  To help partners achieve our common goals
-  To widely promote the benefits of football

Structure to Support Delivery

With the introduction of the six SFA regions it is important that an appropriate structure is in place at the Regional level to assist in the delivery of the Regional Plan. The development of existing or new Affiliate National Associations (ANA) support groups is essential to ensure appropriate communication and to drive forward specific areas of Football Development work.

The diagram below shows how the support groups will support the Regional Committee and how the introduction of Area Football Networks within each Local Authority will ensure that all involved in the provision of football within the region have an opportunity to contribute.





Headline Objectives

1. Regional Infrastructure

“Develop an effective infrastructure that will support and drive the implementation of the Plan”

Key Targets

- 1.1.1 “To develop Regional planning groups and sub-groups that will ensure the Region Plan is effectively delivered”
- 1.1.2 “To develop Local Area Football Networks in each Local Authority”
- 1.1.3 “To develop and deliver local area action plans in each local authority area that will target local issues amongst key local partners”
- 1.1.4 “To ensure continued support for SFA Community Programme within each Local Authority”
- 1.2 “To ensure appropriate Administration support is available to assist Regional Partnership in delivering the Regional Plan”
- 1.3 “To facilitate effective communication throughout the Region”
- 1.4.1 “To raise awareness of the role of the regional committee”
- 1.4.2 “To increase the profile of youth football”
- 1.5 “To maximise Funding opportunities at all levels”
- 1.6 “To influence and support the provision of football facilities within the Region”
- 1.7 “To work in partnership with the SFA and all partners to implement effective systems to monitor and evaluate the plan”





2. Player Pathway

“To further develop the existing player pathway structure at local and regional level, by ensuring that a progressive pathway is integrated and in line with national governing body policy”

Key Targets

- 2.1 “To ensure that there is adequate provision for all children at a local community level through the delivery of local authority and Senior Club SFA Community Programmes”
- 2.2/2.3 “To increase participation and support regular football opportunities within schools”
- 2.4/2.5 “To increase participation and support regular football opportunities within clubs”
- 2.6/2.7 “To develop and support Area and Regional squads for boys at U13 with view to moving to U14 and U15 the following years”
- 2.8 “To ensure the continuation and support of the SFA Performance and Initiative programmes for boys”
- 2.9-2.11 “To develop and support Area and Regional squads for girls at U13, U15 & U19”

3. Disability Football

“Develop a clear and sustainable infrastructure for the development of disability football across the region”

Key Targets

- 3.1 “To increase levels of participation by developing existing and establishing new programmes for Disability Football”



4. Club Development

“Establish and support existing club structures across the Region”

Key Targets

- 4.1 “To support the implementation of the SFA Quality Mark Club Accreditation Scheme”
- 4.2 “To develop the Community Club model as the model of good practice”

5. Education & Training

“Ensure sufficient volunteers are identified, recruited, supported and rewarded to enable the effective implementation of football in the Region”

Key Targets

- 5.1 “To increase the number and improve the quality of active coaches in the Region”
- 5.2.1 “To increase the number and improve the quality of active volunteers in the Region”
- 5.2.2 “To increase the number and improve the quality of active officials in the Region”

QM Standard Clubs 2006

• Rothes Juniors FC (Glenrothes) • Broughty United FC (Dundee) • LKB United FC (Lochgelly) • Craigiebarns (Dundee)





Partners

Regional Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

- Improve communication between partners and agencies
- Improve the link between the adult game and the youth game
- Provide and assist with the attraction of funding for football development work;
- Create more support for volunteers for administration, coaching and Refereeing
- Building upon the SFA National Plan, create one football development plan for the region.

LA (sports/leisure development/education)

Roles and Responsibilities

- Develop football opportunities for all in their local communities
- Continue to fund the post of FDO with support from the SFA
- Develop Local Football Action plans

LA Parks/Facilities Departments

Roles and Responsibilities

- Provide, support and develop facilities for football development as well as supporting implementation of SFA Facility Strategy

SYFA (and Area Associations)

Roles and Responsibilities

- In affiliation to the SFA, to legislate for, foster, develop and improve the game of Association Football for boys among all classes of youth football clubs, leagues or associations of such clubs in Scotland and to conduct annually the Cup Competitions of the Scottish Youth Football Association



Scottish Youth Football Association

SWF (and Area Associations)

Roles and Responsibilities

- In affiliation to the SFA, to legislate for, foster, develop and improve the game of Association Football for girls among all classes of youth football clubs, leagues or associations of such clubs in Scotland and to conduct annually the Cup Competitions of Scottish Women's Football



Scottish Women's Football

SSFA (and Area Associations)

Roles and Responsibilities

- In affiliation to the SFA, to foster the mental, moral and physical development and improvement of pupils through the medium of Association Football and to help charitable funds and purposes



Scottish Schools' Football Association

Senior Clubs

Roles and Responsibilities

- In partnership with St Johnstone FC, Perth & Kinross Council and the SFA, continue to support the post of Football Development Officer to develop opportunities for all in Perth & Kinross
- Liaise with all clubs on delivery of community programme activities



Sport Tayside & Fife Regional Sports Partnership

Roles and Responsibilities

- To support the work of the Regional Football Partnership to enhance the infrastructure of sport at local and regional level by integrating resources, raising the profile of sports development and sharing best practice



To view the full plan visit www.footballcentral.org

For further information contact SFA Regional Manager, Mark Munro.





Player Pathway Matrix

Age	LTPD Stage	Recreation	Participation	Development	Elite	Coach Ed. Pathway
3 & 4	Fundamentals	Mini Kickers	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mini Kickers
5-7yrs	Fundamentals	Football Centres Holiday Courses School Visits 4v4 Festivals	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Children's Pathway Goalkeeping Pathway
8-11yrs	Learning to Train	Football Centres Holiday Courses School Visits 4v4 Festivals 7v7 Festivals	7v7 Club & School Matches Skills Development Centres Club Development Programmes	Performance & Initiative Senior Club 7s	Not Applicable	Children's Pathway Goalkeeping Pathway
12-14yrs	Training to Train	Night Leagues 4v4, 7v7 & 11v11 Festivals Football Centres	11v11 Club & School Matches Club Development Programmes Futsal Matches High School Girls 7s Leagues	Regional A Team Performance/Youth Initiative Programme Region B Team Area Development Squads Regional Girls Squad Area Girls Squad	Not Applicable	Youth Pathway Goalkeeping Pathway
15-19yrs	Training to Train & Training to Compete	Night Leagues 4v4, 7v7 & 11v11 Festivals	5-a-side Leagues 11v11 Leagues Club Development Programmes Futsal Matches High Boys & Girls Leagues	Performance/Youth Initiative Programme Regional Girls Squad	15's, 17's & U19's Girls National Team 15's, 16's, 17's & U19's Boys National Team	Youth Pathway Goalkeeping Pathway
19+	Training to Win	5-a-side Football	5-a-side Leagues 11v11 Leagues Club Development Programmes Futsal Matches 5-a-side Leagues	Pro/Semi Pro Leagues 11v11 Leagues	U21 National Team Full National Team Women's National Team	Adult Pathway Goalkeeping Pathway
Coach Education		Levels 1 & 2	Levels 2 & 3	Level 4 & License	Level 4 & License	



Consultation

A major part of the planning process has been the continued consultation with our key partners and deliverers of football opportunities within the Region. A significant number of consultation evenings were conducted through the early part of 2006 involving all youth league associations and school associations, as well as numerous meetings with local authorities, individual clubs and coaches, football development officers and community coaches. The aim of the consultation was for members of the footballing community to share their ideas and contribute to the future planning for the development of football across Tayside & Fife.

Those who attended the event encouraged further consultation in future and a large majority of workshop participants expressed an interest in hosting a pilot project for club development or contributing through individual meetings.

Feedback from the consultation days, both formal and informal, has been invaluable in identifying core concerns within grassroots football and influential within the planning process. These meetings have also laid an important platform for ongoing relationships with our key partners whose involvement is essential to the success of the Regional Football Development Plan.

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East Fife FC
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Cowdenbeath FC



Many Players, One Goal

To fulfil the ambitions of the Youth Action Plan for Scottish Football and the inaugural East Regional Football Development Plan in particular, it is evident that a great deal of work lies ahead. With new delivery structures in place and a real commitment to partnership working, the East Regional Development Plan will make a significant contribution to football development over the next five years and beyond.

Football impacts the lives of nearly every person in Scotland and all of us who care about the future of our national sport can begin a new era of co-operation, partnership and understanding. The East Regional Football Development Plan sets out to address the challenges of the football community in Tayside & Fife and in doing so ensure every individual fulfills their football potential regardless of age, ability or ethnic or social background.

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