



## **Season 2019/2020**

Dear Secretary,

Welcome to our new 2019/20 Season. Our 17<sup>th</sup> season (2018/2019), we congratulate on our EDF Challenge Cup Winner, Fulham Deaf FC and our EDF National League Champion Winner, St John's Deaf FC with Barnet Deaf FC who finish second. We also congratulate the winner of EDF Challenge Plate, Bristol Deaf FC and also all other teams who have participated in the competitions throughout the season.

We are now moving into our 18<sup>th</sup> Season, and we are finalising our plans together for our new season, as well as the confirming dates for our 18<sup>th</sup> Challenge Cup & Plate Final in May 2020.

Please see the following points, which you will need to be aware of:

### **League Formats**

Following the expansion of our EDF League during the 2018/19 Season which saw over 50 fixtures – EDF have held discussions with the clubs. The clubs have been voted with format for season 2019/2020. The majority vote is Option 1 (North and South Leagues). So next season the format will be North and South League.

- North League
- South League

North/South Leagues are best suited for teams who are looking to develop their squad and to enable competitions with other Deaf teams throughout the season. Top two of teams in both leagues will be go to semi-final and the winner in the final will be qualify for Deaf Champion League (DCL), runner up will be stand by. The place for the DCL will be approves via United Kingdom Deaf Sport (UKDS) and the England Deaf Football.

### **Deadline for Club Registration**

It is important to be aware that the deadline for club registration for the EDF Challenge Cup and EDF North/South League Competitions has been set for **11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**. If you have not entered your application form and paid the competition fees, your club WILL NOT be entered in the draw for the EDF Challenge Cup. The entry fee format has been amended for this season. Please read this carefully.

Entry fee for either EDF Challenge Cup or EDF League is set at £225 per team, and this INCLUDES registration of 30 players. This is one payment inclusive of one team in the cup or league and all 30 players are registered for one fee of £225 and for the matches in cup competition or league.

Entry fee for BOTH EDF Challenge Cup AND EDF League is set at £250 per team, and this INCLUDES registration of 30 players. This is one payment inclusive of one team in both cup and

league and all 30 players are registered for one fee of £250 and for the matches in cup competition and league.

If your club has a reserve team, and that you are entering both first team and the reserves team in the EDF competition together – please contact us at EDF. We provide discount entries for clubs entering 1<sup>st</sup> teams and reserves team together.

### **Deadline for Players Registration**

You will receive Players Registrations number/details from us, **once** you have completed your club application into the EDF Competition and/or EDF League and post the application back to us. The deadlines for players' registration continue to be same from last season – please read this carefully - Clubs are able to register a maximum of 30 players and all players **MUST** be registered by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

All clubs **MUST** register their players **AT LEAST** 48 hours before the player is able to participate.

For example; if your club has registered 20 players at beginning of season, and in October 2019, they want to add 3 more players to registration; these 3 players' names **MUST** be registered to EDF (EDF Registration Secretary) by **AT LEAST** 48 hours prior to match. These 3 players must also have not been registered to any team during the season (free agent).

Player Registration form must be completed correctly and clearly. Any mistakes/lack of details on the form will lead into the registration being incomplete.

### **Player Transfer**

Transfer has changed for the new season – therefore it is important that you read this.

Transfer Fee will remain the same at £15. No players can be registered or transferred **AFTER** 23:59 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and the transfer window will open again between 00:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 23:59 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. No further transfer can take place after 23:59 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. You are reminded to ensure the correct amount payment reaches us **BEFORE** the player is eligible to play; otherwise the transfer will be voided, and your club might be subjected to penalty.

### **Package Attachment**

This contains all the details you need to know for the new EDF season 2019/20. You are required to fill in these forms and return to us at EDF. (Email address supplied at bottom of this form, and you are encouraged to complete the forms electronically to reduce paper and postage). We also attach the players' registrations for your club. EDF Rules will be sent out to each clubs before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. We are expected to make some updates to the Rules – as directed by FA. We will provide you with brief simple version of all the changes we have made.

A general reminder - please read the rules – and get in touch with us if you need any clarification.

### **£100 Deposit**

As indicated in 2017 – in agreement with clubs, EDF will request for £100 deposit from each clubs prior to commence of EDF competitions, which will be held separately in a secure account. The purpose of £100 deposit is purely for the purpose of making payments and transactions between clubs to EDF more streamlined and effective for everyone involved.

An example: Should a club need to pay for transfer fee of £15 during the season, the EDF will automatic deduct this from the £100 deposit and a receipt will be issued to club stating this – and at end of season, the club will receive £85 back.

Clubs can pay for the £100 deposit with the application fee, or pay this separately. We ask clubs making online payment to state your club name clearly on the bank transfer so EDF can recognise and acknowledge the payments.

### **Club secretaries responsibilities**

We want to make this clear and firm – we will be communicating all important information and notices with all our Club Secretaries regularly and will not be making the communication via other form of social media – club secretaries must be the first contact to receive all information. It is important to ensure you have provided correct secretary details and correct communication methods (i.e. email address and phone numbers).

We are now making a new change to the way EDF League matches are played. Once all league clubs have submitted their entry – EDF will arrange fixtures for all league matches. ALL League matches will be played on fixed days of the football calendar, which are outlined and will be finalised by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. The fixtures are final and there will BE NO opportunities to amend/change the dates after the fixtures have been released.

This will allow clubs who are still participating in their hearing/other league to inform their fixtures in advance of the dates they are to participate in EDF League matches. These dates are to be fixed and we will schedule these fixtures in ourselves once all teams have confirmed their entry to the league for the new season 2019/2020

The following papers are attached for your reading:

- **EDF Club Registration** – (For your club to register and secure a place in the competition.)
- **EDF Club Players Registration** – (For all your players' registration/bulk registration)

### **Dates for your diary: -**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019: Meeting with UK Deaf Sport and the Football Association (Location: Birmingham)  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019: Club entry deadline  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019: Players registration deadline  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020: EDF Challenge Cup Semi Final (Provisional) (Location: TBC)  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020: EDF Challenge Cup & Plate Final (Provisional) (Location: TBC)  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2020: EDF League Final (Provisional) (Location: TBC)

Should you have any questions, please do email me at: [englanddeaffootball@gmail.com](mailto:englanddeaffootball@gmail.com)

Finally, I wish all clubs the very best of luck in your new season and we look forward to having your participation in the new season 2019/20.

Yours in Football

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*On behalf of England Deaf Football team*