## **RWBL Snapshot**

LATEST NEWS FROM THE READING AND WEST BERKSHIRE LEAGUE



147 Teams Registered from under 7s to under 15s

1792 players registered

Referees Provided for under 12 to under 15 matches

Save the date our mini football festival is back 16th and 23rd April



#### Under 6,7 and 8 Football Festival

Our end of season Football Festival for Under 6,7 and 8 age groups is back!!

If all under 7 and 8 age group coaches could confirm if their team will be entering to their Division Secretary as soon as possible

For under 6 teams please contact the RWBL Secretary James Barrow via Email.

The format will be a group stage round robin for the Under 6 age group with all players receiving a medal.

For the Under 7 and 8 age groups this will be Tournament style event with a cup and plate final. All players will receive a participance medal.

More news will come out soon with venue and timings via the age group managers

Click Here for league contacts

#### Winter Futsal is coming back for the 23/24 Season

YES, we will be bringing this back for the January/ February period of the 23/24 season. I can almost hear the sigh of relief on reading this!

We have a new committee member, Greg Pullam, who has kindly volunteered to have this as his mission, and I can report is already working hard to find venues.

Stay Tuned for further information

### Form A's heading out ready for the 23/24 Season

Our form A for the 23/24 season will be landing with all clubs any day, We ask for these to be filled in and completed promptly for us to start building the league structures. We are actively looking to grow the league with new teams to help build the competition.

# Do you know of any qualified Referees looking for weekly matches click here to contact our secretary

As you will all be aware we are a new committee in general and have been getting to grips with how the league runs etc for most of the season to date (with the guidance of Graham who I would like to praise for his patience so far this season). We acknowledge that this has not always been smooth sailing but have tried to prioritise the core value of all grassroot leagues and that is to get kids playing!! We want as many kids as possible to be enjoying their time in this league and playing football with their mates, there will always be bumps in the road, but our core mission is to give these kids a league to play in at their level and to have fun.

We have been talking as a committee and would like to know your thoughts on Slide tackling in the under 7s and under 8 age groups within the RWBL? Please take a couple of Minutes of your day to complete a poll we have put together by Clicking Here All Managers should be submitting the final scores via the FA text message as soon as the final whistle has been blown with both managers in agreement of the score given to them by the referee.

Should a match be postponed if all Managers could reply with P-P and notify their divisional managers this will then allow the fixture to be rescheduled.

Match reports are to be completed via Full time or The FA Matchday app. These reports would also allow us to identify any issues arising with a team and we also think it would help show the FA we have a solid commitment as both League and Clubs to adhere to the RESPECT guidelines.

If you need to raise welfare or safeguarding concerns please click here for the Berks and Bucks safeguarding reporting form and also contact our league welfare officer by clicking here and email Charli Pyle.

We hope that you have found this newsletter a worthwhile read and that it shows as a committee we are working hard on the improvements that are needed to get this league back to where it was before COVID

We welcome any feedback from you and would ask that you send a copy of the Newsletter out to your coaches and that you send us any feedback that they may have.

Kind Regards

The RWBL Committee