



# Gray Hooper Holt LLP

## MSFL Newsletter



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### WELCOME!

Hello everyone!

Our new season is in full swing & we hope that you are all enjoying playing competitive matches even if the weather has been pretty rubbish recently.

Congratulations to all those teams that have progressed through the initial rounds of their County FA Cups.

Also congratulations to those clubs that have achieved or maintained the prestigious England Football Accreditation. More of our clubs than ever now have this FA seal of approval & we look forward to assisting even more of the clubs in their pursuit of this mark of excellence. As you know we need 60% of our teams to be England Football Accredited for our league to become Accredited.

Just 11 more teams needed to achieve that criteria! Get in touch if you need the league to assist in scoring this GOAL!

Best of luck in your pursuit of footballing happiness, playing the game we all love in the MSFL.

### FA GROUND REQUIREMENTS

Our Premier division is a FA National Feeder League in respect of the non-league FA pyramid structure. There are minimum requirements for grounds used by all our Premier division teams. In recent seasons some clubs have been a bit loose in their interpretation of these requirements. Consequently we have prepared a guidance document that has been issued to all members of your league management committee to complete when they visit a Premier Division match. These will be reviewed regularly.

### FA LOVE FOOTBALL: PROTECT

#### THE GAME

Have you read the latest guidance from the FA? There is a new code of conduct that clearly sets out expectations in respect of player behaviour in our grass roots game.

Have you discussed the revamped sin bin protocol with your players?

There are new accumulations criteria for penalty points for behavioural offences such as dissent or threatening behaviour. Every reason to prevent penalty points in the first place as if the criteria are breached then your club could be asked to evidence the steps planned to be taken to address the poor behaviour.

It is in everyone's interest to read the full guidance.

### BLOCK BOOKING OF PITCHES &

#### VAT

Does your club block book pitches for matches or training?

Do you know that if the hire is for at least 10 sessions at regular intervals (more than 1 day but less than 14 days apart) & your club is affiliated to a local league then the cost of your booking is EXEMPT from VAT.

Check your invoices to ensure you are not being charged VAT.

### CHRISTMAS FIXTURES

Saturday 21st Dec – Premier Division Only  
Saturday 28th Dec – No Fixtures  
Saturday 4th Jan – Full Fixture Programme

## **GRAY HOOPER HOLT LLP SERVICES**

Our league sponsor has been a superb supporter for over 25 years, minimising the cost of our football with their generous financial support.

If you need a Solicitor then perhaps you can support Gray Hooper Holt LLP. Services offered include:

- Individuals
  - Contested probate
  - Disputes
  - Driving offences
  - Employment law
  - Family law & divorce
  - Fare evasion
  - Moving home
  - Personal injury
  - Travel fare compensation
  - Wills & Probate
- Business
  - Business disputes
  - Business start-up
  - Commercial property matters
  - Advice for employers
  - Professional negligence

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If you enquire further with the team at Gray Hooper Holt LLP be sure to mention your involvement with a MSFL football club.

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## **USEFUL WEB SITES**

### **MSFL**

<https://midsussexfl.co.uk/>

### **FA Full Time (MSFL)**

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/index.html?league=568629645>

### **FA Whole Game**

<https://wholegame.thefa.com/>

### **Sussex County FA**

<https://www.sussexfa.com/>