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Last ten years shows a 33% increase in membership numbers

In the last ten years the membership numbers of the Aberdeen and District Juvenile FA have increased by a remarkable 33%.

This season there is a total of 204 teams playing. This includes the 12's age group that are now playing transitional 11-a-side football.

Ten years ago this would have been the competitive Under 11 age group. Since then we have had a FIFA directive changing the operative qualifying birth date so the table opposite gives you a direct comparison.

Probably the most pleasing statistic is that there are now 20 teams at the oldest 19's age group. This should allay fears of young adults dropping out from sport.

This means each weekend there are now over 3000 youngster enjoying the national game.

Number of Teams at Age	Season 1995/96	Number of Teams at Age	Season 2005/2006	Increase
18	17	19	20	17.65%
16	19	17	25	31.58%
15	20	16	27	35.00%
14	27	15	32	18.52%
13	21	14	30	42.86%
12	26	13	35	34.62%
11	23	12	35	52.17%
Totals	153		204	33.33%

There are also a staggering 103 teams playing regularly in the Development Seven a Side Fixtures bringing the total participation to well over 4000.

What is all the more remarkable about these figures that they have been achieved with no direct funding or support from Government Agencies.

The best support that such agencies could give youth football would be to maintain and improve the facilities that the youngsters have to play and change in.

Zero Tolerance

A club coach was sitting in the accident and emergency waiting room where he had taken one of his players after a particularly bad challenge in that afternoon's game. He was still seething regarding the referee's handling of the match.

"What an incompetent clown!" was one of his least offensive thoughts.

Suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by the sound of an altercation. A patient who was waiting to be seen with a cut eye and grazed face was shouting and swearing at the medical staff.

"Hey you lot I been sitting waiting for over twenty minutes, are none of you blank blank clowns going to see to me? Must I die before you do what your paid for? You are a bunch of useless blank blank blank."

He was still shouting when the security staff removed him.

"What an idiot." Thought the football coach. "Doesn't he realise the medical staff are doing their best."

Just then he spotted a poster on the wall about Zero Tolerance. No staff in the hospital should be subject to abuse just for doing their job.

The coach then thought about his comments about the referee. He too was doing his best and really shouldn't have to suffer the abuse from the touchlines. Perhaps it's time for Zero Tolerance on the touchlines too.

Youth Initiative Update

SFA Chief Executive David Taylor will make a presentation to an invited audience about the progress of Scottish Football's Youth Action Plan.

The Presentation will be held in Pittodrie Stadium.

He will outline how the newly appointed SFA Regional Managers will be working with local authorities, volunteers, schools and other football bodies to deliver the Action Plan.

Taylor will be accompanied by North Regional Manager Neil McIntosh and National Implementation Alan McNab.

Association Secretary Raymond Kelly and North Regional Secretary Neil Paterson have been nominated to represent the SYFA on the newly formed North Region Recreational Football Association. At the time of writing the Terms of Reference for this body has still to be finalised, but it is understood that they will have responsibility for overseeing implementation of the National objectives at a Regional Level. This will include managing Regional B representative squads. They will also be promoting the SFA Quality Mark for clubs within the Region.

Aberdeen FC

Coaching Code of Conduct

Attitude

Always have a positive attitude to achieve as much as you can. aiming as high as you can, and always give of your best .

Behaviour

You need good behaviour and self discipline to improve. Be all you can be. Remember you can improve, you can succeed, you can aspire with belief in what you are doing.

Enthusiasm

You only get out of life what you put in.

Responsibility

Take responsibility for your every action. Give respect in order to receive it.

Determination

Display the determination to improve and a desire to succeed within a disciplined framework

Enjoyment

Comes from the effort you make as well as the encouragement you receive. You will be allowed to make mistakes and will be encouraged to learn from those mistakes, and move on .

Esteem

Self esteem, self belief and a “can do” mentality are very important in both soccer and life.

Never

Never neglect whatever natural talent or ability you have. Natural ability must be nurtured, encouraged and developed.

Faith

Faith in your ability will allow you to fulfil your potential and Focus for your future.

Commitment

Means concentration, consistency of application, allied with good communication with your coaches. Always listen to your coaches.

The above Code was developed by the Dons in the Community SFA Community Coaching staff. The message however applies to all footballers.

Gt. Northern Trophies League Tables

19's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Middlefield Wasps	7	6	1	0	19
Hall Russell Lazio	9	6	1	2	19
Banchory St Teman Youth	8	5	3	0	18
Banks o' Dee A	6	5	1	0	16
West Garioch BC	13	3	4	6	13
Cove BC	9	3	3	3	12
Glentinar	9	3	3	3	12
ALC Spurs	10	2	3	5	9
Stonehaven YFC	11	1	2	8	5
Formartine United	10	1	1	8	4

19's LEAGUE B

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Westhill Boys	9	6	2	1	20
Lewis United Youth	10	5	4	1	19
Glendale BC	11	5	3	3	18
Bridge of Don SC	5	5	0	0	15
Upper Deeside BC	10	4	2	4	14
Portlethen SC	12	4	2	6	14
Culter BC	9	3	1	5	10
Kemnay FC	9	2	4	3	10
Colony Park	9	2	2	5	8
Westdyke BC	8	0	0	8	0

17's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Bridge of Don SC	12	10	1	1	31
Dyce BC	9	9	0	0	27
Stoneywood Potterton	13	6	2	5	20
Colony Park	8	6	0	2	18
Albion BC	9	6	0	3	18
Cove BC	11	5	2	4	17
Broomhill BC	12	3	2	7	11
Stonehaven YFC	13	3	0	10	9
Westdyke BC	11	2	1	8	7
Glendale BC	10	0	0	10	0

17's LEAGUE B

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Peterhead BC Athletic	15	13	1	1	40
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	14	11	1	2	34
King Street Ajax	13	7	3	3	24
Dee BC	9	7	1	1	22
East End Dons	10	7	1	2	22
Deveronvale FC	12	7	1	4	22
Newmachar Colts	15	6	3	6	21
Ellon Meadows	11	6	1	4	19
Bridge of Don SC A	13	5	1	7	16
Banchory BC	13	2	3	8	9
Huntly YFC	16	2	1	13	7
Formartine United	11	2	0	9	6
St Cyrus & Mearns YFC	12	1	2	9	5
Colony Colts	10	1	1	8	4

16's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Albion BC	10	9	1	0	28
Dyce BC	8	8	0	0	24
Albion Thistle	11	8	0	3	24
Peterhead BC	10	6	1	3	19
King Street Herald	13	5	2	6	17
Stonehaven YFC	13	4	1	8	13
Colony Park	11	2	1	8	7
Colony Colts	8	2	0	6	6
Banks o' Dee YFC	10	1	3	6	6
Formartine United	10	1	3	6	6

16's LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Lewis United Youth	13	11	0	2	33
Culter BC	12	10	0	2	30
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	10	9	0	1	27
Stoneywood SC	9	7	0	2	21
Garthdee BC	11	6	0	5	18
Angus & Mearns Boys	14	5	1	8	16
Portlethen SC	15	3	1	11	10
Glentinar	11	1	1	9	4
Glendale BC	13	0	1	12	1

16's LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Ellon Meadows	11	9	0	2	27
Dee BC	12	9	0	3	27
Stoneywood BC	10	8	1	1	25
Deveronvale	12	6	2	4	20
Upper Deeside BC	7	3	0	4	9
Culter BC Colts	13	3	0	10	9
Banchory BC	9	2	1	6	7
Westdyke BC	12	1	0	11	3

15's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Albion BC	9	9	0	0	27
Portlethen SC	8	8	0	0	24
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	13	7	1	5	22
Dyce BC	12	6	3	3	21
Deveronvale FC	13	6	2	5	20
Hilton Roma	11	5	0	6	15
Westdyke BC	7	3	2	2	11
Colony Park	10	2	2	6	8
Stonehaven YFC	11	2	0	9	6
St Laurence YFC	12	0	0	12	0

15's LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Peterhead BC	16	11	2	3	35
Colony Colts	12	10	1	1	31
Mugiemoss Youth	14	10	1	3	31
Parkvale BC	13	10	0	3	30
Culter BC Colts	12	8	1	3	25
Ellon Meadows	13	6	4	3	22
ALC United	17	6	4	7	22
Banks o' Dee YFC	15	6	3	6	21
Formartine United	15	4	3	8	15
Peterhead BC United	15	3	1	11	10
Byron Rovers	17	2	0	15	6
Scotstown Moors	15	1	0	14	3

Gt. Northern Trophies League Table

15's LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Culter BC	14	10	3	1	33
Northfield FC	15	10	3	2	33
Westhill Boys	12	8	0	4	24
Cove BC	15	6	6	3	24
Banchory BC	15	7	2	6	23
Fraserburgh BC	12	6	2	4	20
Upper Deeside BC	17	4	2	11	14
Glentinar Sports	17	4	1	12	13
Cornhill BC	13	2	5	6	11
Colony Lads	12	2	0	10	6

14's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Dyce BC	10	9	0	1	27
Peterhead BC	9	7	2	0	23
Deveronvale FC	12	7	2	3	23
Albion BC	8	6	2	0	20
Peterhead BC Colts	14	5	2	7	17
Middlefield Wasps	9	4	1	4	13
Colony Park	11	3	3	5	12
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	12	2	1	9	7
Westdyke BC	9	1	3	5	6
Glendale BC	14	1	2	11	5

14's LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Formartine United	11	10	1	0	31
Banks o' Dee YFC	12	10	1	1	31
Sheddocksley Rovers	16	9	2	5	29
Banchory BC	15	9	1	5	28
Ellon Meadows	16	9	0	7	27
Colony Colts	11	8	2	1	26
Cornhill BC	16	5	2	9	17
Peterhead BC Thistle	17	5	2	10	17
Broomhill BC	17	1	2	14	5
Stonehaven Swifts	15	0	1	14	1

14's LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Cove BC	15	12	1	2	37
Stonehaven YFC	11	11	0	0	33
Culter BC	13	10	2	1	32
Dee BC	13	7	2	4	23
Upper Deeside BC	14	7	1	6	22
Bridge of Don SC	13	6	1	6	19
Westhill Boys	11	4	3	4	15
Portlethen SC	15	2	1	12	7
Glentinar	14	1	2	11	5
Cove BC United	15	0	1	14	1

13's LEAGUE A

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Deveronvale	9	6	0	3	18
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC	6	5	1	0	16
Albion BC	5	5	0	0	15
Dyce BC	8	4	0	4	12
Ellon Meadows	6	2	1	3	7
Lewis United Youth	2	2	0	0	6
Inter Westdyke	4	2	0	2	6
Banks o' Dee YFC	5	1	1	3	4
FC Stonehaven	8	1	0	7	3
Stonehaven YFC	7	0	1	6	1

13's LEAGUE B SECTION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Portlethen SC	12	8	2	2	26
Fernhill Rovers	10	7	1	2	22
Colony Park	8	7	0	1	21
Peterhead BC Athletic	13	6	2	5	20
Middlefield Wasps	12	6	1	5	19
Newmachar Colts	9	5	3	1	18
Banchory BC	8	5	1	2	16
Culter BC	8	4	1	3	13
Glendale BC	12	4	1	7	13
Westhill Boys	8	2	1	5	7
Fraserburgh Link-Up YFC United	1	1	1	8	4
Real Westdyke	8	1	0	7	3
Cove BC United	10	1	0	9	3

13's LEAGUE B SECTION TWO

	P	W	D	L	Pt
East End Datus	10	7	2	1	23
Cove BC	8	7	1	0	22
Sheddocksley Milan	8	7	0	1	21
Middlefield Hornets	9	6	0	3	18
Bridge of Don SC	11	5	0	6	15
Formartine United	7	4	1	2	13
Peterhead BC	8	4	0	4	12
Upper Deeside BC	10	3	1	6	10
Colony Colts	10	3	0	7	9
KBC Inter Milan	9	2	0	7	6
Stoneywood BC	8	1	1	6	4
Colony Lads	6	0	0	6	0



Local Ladies Football Stalwart Honoured

On the day of her fiftieth birthday Hazel Reid of the Aberdeen Girls Football League was awarded the Sunday Mail and MacDonalds GrassRoots Award for Ladies Football. Hazel was presented with her award by Kenny Dalglish at a dinner at Hampden.

At the same dinner Willie McIlvaine of Sygenta Juveniles of Grangemouth and Jim Stewart of Greystone Rovers Dumfries were awarded the Children and Youth Awards for nearly 60 years service to football between them.

Match Secretary Breaks Leg

Association Match Secretary Carol Baxter football days may be over.

Playing that is. Carol suffered a horrendous leg break whilst playing on her regular Monday night Football at Goals down at Inverdee.

According to witnesses she was tackled from behind against the side boards.

With the injury hospitalising Carol for two days and requiring and operation to set the break Carol will be unavailable for association business until further notice.

All queries should be directed to Ann McKenzie or Raymond Kelly

Old Players finally to receive Caps

In this day and age when you find young players receiving trophies and medals galore at club presentation nights it is hard to imagine that players of yesteryear were not given anything for the ultimate honour of playing for their country.

Tradition dictated that caps were only awarded for playing in the Home International Championship.

Players like Eddie Turnbull who played nine times for Scotland including the 1958 World Cup Finals has no cap to show for it.

The players plight was highlighted by Gary Imlach's book "My Father and Other Working Class Heroes". Television presenter Imlach's father Stewart also played for Scotland in the World Cup but had nothing tangible to prove that he had. Prior to his father's death in 2001 Gary wrote twice to the SFA asking if all players in a similar position to his father could be given a commemorative cap in recognition of their playing for their country. These pleas were rejected at that time.

Now however the SFA have had a change of heart following a degree of by certain sections of the press.

SFA Chief Executive David Taylor said "Times have changed, and although the British Championship was once seen as the highlight of the season, playing for Scotland in any match is a great honour. That is why we have taken this step, and I hope that it will be welcomed by the players and their families."

Offside Rule explained by the ladies of the SYFA

Following the article in the last edition of the Juvenile News that alluded to the fact that more women understand the offside rule than men the following explanation of the rule was given by the ladies in the SYFA office.

You're in a shoe shop, second in the queue for the till. Behind the shop assistant on the till is a pair of shoes which you have seen and which you must have.

The female shopper in front of you has seen them also and is eyeing them with desire.

Both of you have forgotten your purses.

It would be totally rude to push in front of the first woman if you had no money to pay for the shoes.

The shop assistant remains at the till waiting.

Your friend is trying on another pair of shoes at the back of the shop and sees your dilemma. She prepares to throw her purse to you. If she does so, you can catch the purse, then walk round the other shopper and buy the shoes.

At a pinch she could throw the purse ahead of the other shopper and, whilst it is in flight you could nip around the other shopper, catch the purse and buy the shoes, always remembering that until the purse had actually been thrown it would be just plain wrong to push in front of the other shopper.

Understand it now Poppet

Registration Rules

The introduction of the new Recreational and None Recreational Forms has raised a number of questions for clubs whose players are involved with senior clubs Development.

A copy of the SFA Registration Procedures can be downloaded from the SFA Website. Click on to Publications then on to Handbook. You can then click on to Registration to download a PDF copy of the Procedures. Clubs may be interested to know that should a Senior club wish to sign one of their Recreational Registered players then they should send you a recorded delivery seven days beforehand. A similar letter should be sent to the SYFA National Secretary and once they sign the player the sum of £10 should be sent to the SYFA.

Its important for clubs to keep records of all such signings as under FIFA Regulations the club could be entitled to a proportion of future transfer fees should the player be transferred prior to his 23rd birthday

Corn Corner

Why did the footballer cross the road?

He wasn't very good at taking corners

Why are footballers like fishermen?

They're both happiest when they've got one in the back of the net

Have you heard about the new footballing exam designed to test players' teamwork?

If they don't pass, they fail

Q: What tea do footballers drink?

A. PenalTea!

Stop Spitting in Soccer

Spitting soccer stars were given a roasting – for helping to damage the health of our streets and our nation.

Charity Keep Britain Tidy slammed players and managers who gob on the pitch and at each other as “morons who have made this filthy habit appear macho”. The Campaign claimed that streets have become caked in chewing gum and saliva and the fear of catching infections such as TB has increased because kids copy sloppy Premiership stars.

And Keep Britain Tidy aren't the only ones spitting chips about the problem. Because 75% of football fans today voted Bolton Wanderers striker El Hadj-Diouf's spit at defender Arjan de Zeeuw in a Premiership match last season, as: “The grossest thing they've ever seen on a football pitch.”

“Spitting remains the ultimate insult, a contemptuous gesture drowning in hate,” said Alan Woods, Chief Executive of Keep Britain Tidy. “But it is not just revolting – it has a cost. Saliva and chewing gum deposited on the street needs to be cleaned-up and when it is aimed at another person, spit can spread colds, flu, measles and mumps.”

To illustrate how dangerous medics view spitting, Alan Woods pointed to the reaction to the SARS outbreak in China, back in 2003. There, spitting was banned with hefty fines levied on offenders. Since Tuberculosis is carried in tiny water droplets, it can be transferred by spit – and cases of TB are on the rise here in Britain.

Such has been the increase in incidents of spitting in this country, that traffic wardens are now equipped with spit-kits – to track down offenders who gob at them, through their DNA. Meanwhile, our streets are also bearing the brunt of spitting. Apart from the cost of washing away saliva and other secretions, around 90% of our high streets are covered in chewing gum.

New measures in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (which hit the statute books last year) will make it easier to fine those who spit-out gum. A raft of new laws on anti-social behaviour should also properly punish those who gob at another person. To encourage footballers to quit spitting, Alan Woods will be writing to Gordon Taylor, Chief Executive of the Professional Footballers Association, outlining why he thinks players should set a better example.

“Almost all of our matches are now covered by television and top footballers enjoy a huge profile and lucrative lifestyle” continued Alan Woods. “But they have to realise that with notoriety comes responsibility and that their actions are monitored and copied.

I would ask them: do you want to help breed a generation that shows contempt for each other and the environment? And by your thoughtless actions, do you want to be responsible for a serious epidemic?

Football has done much to bring people together and combat problems such as racism. Now it is time to tackle spitting.”