

## Summer of Football – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### 1. Can my club or organisation apply?

Applications are open to clubs and organisations that are registered with the Scottish FA via the COMET system, meet Minimum Operating Criteria (MOC), hold Quality Mark accreditation, or are recognised Scottish FA Club Delivery Partner.

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### 2. What is the purpose of the Summer of Football funding?

The funding is designed to support free, inclusive and community-focused football activity, celebrating Scotland's participation in the FIFA World Cup while increasing participation and leaving a lasting legacy.

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### 3. What types of funding are available?

There are three key funding streams:

- Matchday Events
  - Summer Activity
  - Legacy Activity
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### 4. Do clubs need to deliver all three elements?

Clubs must deliver **summer and legacy activity**. There is flexibility to deliver one, two or all matchday events depending on capacity.

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### 5. When should matchday events take place?

Matchday events should take place **on or around the day Scotland play**, ideally prior to the game, creating a build-up and celebration atmosphere; but there is flexibility to be close to the game day as possible.

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### 6. What should matchday events look like?

Events should be **fun, family-friendly and festival-based**, including activities such as small-sided games, challenges and informal football, with a strong community focus.

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### 7. Can we host a watchalong event?

Yes. Watchalong events are encouraged where appropriate, provided all safeguarding, licensing and safety requirements are met in line with local authority guidance.

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### **8. Does activity have to be free?**

Matchday events must be **free at the point of access**. Summer and legacy activity should be **free or affordable**, ensuring accessibility for all.

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### **9. What is expected from summer activity?**

Summer activity should consist of **regular “come and play” sessions** throughout the school holiday period, designed to attract new participants and re-engage communities.

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### **10. What are the minimum delivery expectations for summer activity?**

- Minimum of **1 session per week**
  - Each session at least **2 hours long**
  - Minimum of **20 participants per session**
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### **11. Who should summer activity target?**

Priority groups include:

- Teenagers
  - Girls and women
  - Para participants
  - Walking football groups
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### **12. What is the purpose of the legacy activity?**

Legacy activity is designed to **sustain participation beyond the summer**, creating long-term opportunities within clubs and communities.

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### **13. When should legacy activity take place?**

From **August through to March 2027**, building on momentum from earlier activity.

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### **14. What are the minimum expectations for legacy activity?**

- Regular sessions (weekly, fortnightly)

- Minimum **2-hour sessions**
  - Minimum **20 participants per session**
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**15. Is there a target outcome for legacy activity?**

Yes. Clubs should aim to register at least **50 new members on COMET by March 2027**.

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**16. What can the funding be used for?**

Funding can support:

- Facility and pitch hire
  - Equipment and kit
  - Staffing and delivery costs
  - Event setup and catering
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**17. Can we work with partners?**

Yes. Partnership working with schools, community groups and local organisations is strongly encouraged to maximise impact.

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**18. How do we apply?**

Applications are submitted via the **Scottish FA online application process**, with guidance provided in the toolkit.

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**19. What will applications be assessed on?**

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Delivery capability
  - Inclusion and accessibility
  - Alignment with programme aims
  - Readiness to deliver
  - Value for money
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## 20. When will we find out if we have been successful?

Applicants will be notified **in early May**, with successful organisations receiving a grant offer letter.

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## 21. Will all applications be successful?

Due to high demand, not all applications will be funded. However, every effort will be made to support as many clubs and organisations as possible.

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## 22. What support will be available to clubs?

- A **digital toolkit** with guidance, templates and branding
  - Ongoing support from **Scottish FA regional staff**
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## 23. What are the branding requirements?

Clubs must use the official **Summer of Football branding toolkit** and follow Scottish FA and relevant World Cup branding guidelines.

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## 24. Do we need to evaluate our activity?

Yes. All funded clubs must complete evaluation as part of the programme.

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## 25. What does the evaluation involve?

Two phases:

- **Summer Evaluation (Aug–Sept 2026):** events, participant numbers, demographics
  - **Legacy Evaluation (April 2027):** ongoing activity, outcomes, photos and participant feedback
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## 26. How do we record participation?

Clubs must maintain accurate **registration and attendance records**, using templates provided in the evaluation toolkit.

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## 27. Who do we contact if we need help?

Clubs should contact their **Regional Office** [Scottish Football Developmental Regions](#)

| **Scottish FA** or use the dedicated Summer of Football contact email - [summeroffootball@scottishfa.co.uk](mailto:summeroffootball@scottishfa.co.uk)