

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
FA CUP, FA TROPHY, FA VASE AND FA YOUTH CUP
SEASON 2019-2020**

ENTRY CRITERIA

THE FA CUP

- Clubs to be automatically accepted subject to the ground fully conforming to the minimum standard
Clubs in The Premier League, English Football League and in Steps 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 of The FA National League System.

- Clubs to be accepted subject to available places and subject to the ground fully conforming to the minimum standard
Clubs in Step 6 of The FA National League System.

In the event the Competition is oversubscribed, places will be determined based on a Clubs points per game at Step 6 of The FA National League System in the previous season.

- Clubs must also be participating in either The FA Trophy or The FA Vase Competitions in season 2019-2020.

THE FA TROPHY

- Entry is restricted to Clubs competing in Steps 1-4 of The FA National League System subject to the ground fully conforming to the minimum standard.

Clubs moving to and from Step 4 will automatically be moved between The FA Trophy and The FA Vase Competitions accordingly.

THE FA VASE

- Entry is restricted to Clubs competing in Steps 5-7 of The FA National League System subject to the ground fully conforming to the minimum standard.

THE FA YOUTH CUP

- Clubs to be accepted subject to the ground fully conforming to the minimum standard
Clubs participating in The FA Cup, The FA Trophy or The FA Vase in season 2019-2020.
- Clubs participating in a recognized Youth League or suitable Competition in season 2019-2020 that is sanctioned by The Association or an affiliated Association.
- Youth Teams representing a Club must be properly integrated, in the opinion of The Association, with the Club.

MINIMUM GROUND STANDARDS

THE FA CUP

Clubs must have a ground which fully conforms to a “G” grade of The FA National Ground Grading (appropriate to Step 6 of The FA National League System) or higher.

THE FA VASE

Clubs must have a ground which fully conforms to a “H” grade of The FA National Ground Grading (appropriate to Step 6 of The FA National League System) or higher.

*Clubs with grounds not fully conforming to the minimum standards **WILL NOT** be permitted entry by nominating an alternative ground for home matches in FA Competitions*

Clarification on the various ground grades related to The FA National League System can be found under the following link <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/clubs-leagues/ground-grading>