

COMET Competition Management webinar

Clubs

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Question and Answers

Q- How do you submit team sheets and record match events on COMET, if you are playing in an area where there is no signal?

A -If you are unable to submit an electronic team line-up and/or add the match events due to IT issues, then you would need to:

- Submit a paper team sheet to the referee prior to kick-off; and
- After the game, submit your electronic team sheet via COMET (which would be checked back to the paper team sheet) and add the match events

Q -If a club has 2 teams at the same age group, players are assigned to each team not either or, can this be shown on COMET?

A - Clubs can set up team rosters, into which players are then added. Only the players included within a specific team's roster can be physically selected on the system for that team.

We will show clubs and competition organisers how this works once all of the teams have entered the competitions and the fixtures have been created.

Q - Can you select a coach who is also a player? Even if they are playing?

A -Yes a person can be registered as a player and a coach. They would need to register separately in these roles. The player/coach would then be added to the team sheet as a player and also again as a coach.

Q - If the Comet Team Manager is away would a team helper be able to do this if they had the relevant access (Team selection)?

A - Anyone with user role TEAM LINE-UP MANAGER can select and submit the team sheets and record the match events. Clubs are free to set up whoever they wish with TEAM LINE-UP MANAGER access to the system.

Q - What happens if you do not have a referee for the game and you need to make a change to team sheet?

A – In situations where there is no referee, we can configure the system to allow the clubs to make changes to the team sheets after they have been submitted.

Q - The COMET LIVE app is only good if you have a smartphone?

A – All apps only work on smart phones or tablets. The COMET LIVE app is a new initiative which will help to raise the profile and interest in Welsh football. Whilst we acknowledge that not everyone has a smartphone, the app will be accessible to the majority. There is also no cost to access the app.

Q - How will the system recognise being able to select an overage player in a line up where special dispensation has been granted for that player to play for a particular team, e.g. a player's dob is 31 August but plays for the age group below ?

A – Each competition organiser has the ability to configure their competition rules to accommodate special dispensations.

Q -Are match events mandatory at all levels or only at specific tiers ?

A – Yes, they will be required for all matches recorded on COMET.

The biggest beneficiaries from recording the match events will be the clubs (who will be able to access detailed playing statistics). The data will also be of interest to players, coaches, and supporters since they will then be able to follow their Club's performances and access the playing statistics of their favourite player/team/competition.

We believe it will help increase interest levels across Welsh football

Q - If the app controls the time why is the time of an event not automatically captured?

A -If you use the timer option, the system will automatically be set at the correct match time in the game . We just wanted to show what would happen if someone did not use the match timer

Q - What happens if nobody watching the game has a mobile phone, as all subs and players would have locked their phones during the match in changing room or car. At our level or football, we might have one man and his dog watching a match, and nobody able to update live match data.

A – In the above scenario, then the match details would be entered after the game has been played. The main benefit of recording the match events in real-time mode is that your match will also appear in live mode on the app which we believe will be of interest to your club and its supporters.

Q - If player is getting second yellow card, do you enter it as a yellow or red?

A - You would enter it as a yellow card and the system will automatically calculate that this equates to a sending off

Q - Can each team add its own match events as coaches do not stand together to confer ?

A – We are happy for both teams to record their own match events but we would still prefer that the home team liaises with the away team upon conclusion of the game to ensure that the date entered is correct which will then make the referee's process easier.

Q -What does the COMET user do if they are a player/manager? They will not be able to record events as well as play.

A – Anyone with the COMET user role of TEAM LINE-UP MANAGER can add the match events. This can be anyone that the club decides.

Q - Will academies need to create a team roster this season?

A – The decision on whether to operate rosters is taken by the competition organisers

Q - Which email address will receive the team line ups?

A – It will go to the email addresses of the individuals set up with CLUB MANAGER, CLUB MANAGER (JUNIOR) and TEAM LINE-UP MANAGER roles.

Q - Are there club sanctions for not paying the fee ?

A - The sanction sits with the player who will be made ineligible for selection.

Q - What happens if the referee does not turn up on match day and one of the coaches referees the game?

A - The home club would enter the match details and would notify the competition manager after the game has finished. The competition manager can then move the match result to PLAYED

Q - Can clubs use these team sheets to use as evidence in the event of an Insurance claim if the club has Insurance with a private Insurance provider or would the club fall foul of GDPR Regulations?

A – The team sheets are public facing documents and we see no issue in these being used. They do not contain the contact details of the players and the system offers the choice to access team line-ups with or without photos. In this case, we would recommend you send the data without the photos.

Q - What is the latest that a team sheet can be confirmed before the actual day/time of the match?

A - This will be determined by each competition organiser

Q - If you are with a player who owes a fine, can you pay using their PayPal account?

A - You can pay with any PayPal account. You just need to log into your Club's MyComet account, select the items that you want to pay and then you decide which PayPal account you will make the payment out of

Q - For clarity, is the home team expected to enter every match event mentioned? This could be tricky at lower tier level where it is rarely clear who (especially opposition) has done what in real time. Would we be expected to constantly stop the game to clarify for entry?

A - Match events can also be added after the game. The benefit of adding them during the game is that all of your match data would then be in live mode on the app which would allow your supporters to follow your match in live mode too.

Q -Are the individual players notified of the fine ?

A -Whenever a player gets a fine, they will receive an email to notify them of the offence and that it must be paid within 31 days

Q – When can we access the mComet app ?

A - Please wait until we inform all clubs when it can be accessed. We will also provide a user guide as well.

At the moment, there is nothing for anyone to see on the app since competitions have not yet started and there are no fixtures uploaded

Q – Has the COMET LIVE app been checked with safeguarding i.e. protected children etc ?

A - We have privacy settings in place which will restrict the extent of the information that is published on COMET LIVE for junior players (i.e. there will be no photos). This has all been cleared with our safeguarding team

Q – Are competition fixtures the clubs' responsible or will they be done by the competition organisers (Juniors, Youth, Adult and Reserve football etc) ?

A - All fixtures will be generated by the competition organiser and notified to the clubs

Q - How can you review coaches and officials to see if they have permissions to complete team line ups and confirm team sheets ?

A – On your My Club profile, there is a tab called Users. If you click on this you will see all of the users in your club and also their user roles. The ones with CLUB MANAGER, CLUB MANAGER (JUNIOR) and TEAM LINE-UP MANAGER will be able to perform these actions.