



Club communications update
28th January 2022

1. 2021/22 season summary

We are now halfway through the 2021/22 football season, and detailed below is a summary of the position so far:

- Number of registered players: 98,071 (including 12,538 female players)
- Number of registered referees: 1,057
- Number of registered coaches: 12,170
- Number of registered officials: 4,869

- Number of active clubs: 920
- Number of active teams: 5,726
- Number of active competitions: 510
- Number of matches played on COMET: 17,846
- Number of match events added by clubs and referees via the COMET Football app: 160,791
- Number of active users of Cymru Football app: 61,000

We are grateful to all clubs for their support and co-operation during the season so far. The Cymru Football app has increased interest in grassroots football, and the app's success is down to the hard work of the thousands of football volunteers who enter the information onto COMET in a timely manner.

2. Player registrations

Player registrations are now at record levels with over 98,000 players currently registered on COMET.

The FAW's Player Registration Department are continuing to work their way through all submitted registrations and the average number of registrations processed each week is around 800.

We would kindly request your continued patience as the registrations are processed in the order in which they are submitted.

3. Match day checklist

We are extremely grateful to all clubs for their help and support during the first half of this season, Although the number of match day queries continues to reduce, please see below a list of the most common queries we still receive

a. "I've just had a player's registration confirmed on COMET, but when I then try to add the player to the team line up, he/she is not showing on the list of available players"

There may be two reasons for the above:

- Under FAW Rules, a player's registration commences on the day after it has been confirmed by the FAW (this is the Date from on the player's registration profile). Therefore, if your player's registration is confirmed on a Friday, then his/her registration only commences on the Saturday. If you have a match on a Saturday and you try to add the player to your team line-up on a Friday night, the player will not show as being available, However, if you try to add the player to the line-up on a Saturday morning, then he/she will show as being available.
- In addition to the above, please note the additional step you need to take if your team operates a squad roster. If your team has created a roster, you must remember to add all new confirmed players to this roster. If you don't you will not be able to select them.

b. "One of the subs scored a goal (or assisted with a goal) but I cannot assign the match event to them"

Where rolling subs are in operation for a competition in which your team plays, please ensure you mark all of your subs as PLAYED **before confirming** their line-up. If you don't, it will then prevent you from adding goals to these subs (it will only allow you to assign yellow or red cards instead).

c. "I definitely selected my team line-up on COMET, but my competition organiser has told me that I did not submit my team line-up on time"

After you have selected your team line-up, please remember to then CONFIRM the line-up on the COMET Football app. If you don't, the line-up will not show as being submitted.

4. 100,000th goal of the season

We are on the verge of recording the 100,000th goal of the season on COMET.

The player who scores this milestone goal will receive an email from the FAW along with £300 of JD Sports gift vouchers and 4 tickets for the Wales v Austria FIFA 2022 World Cup Play-Off semi-final match on Thursday 24th March.

Subject to the weather, we expect the 100,000th goal to be scored this weekend. Good luck to all of your teams and players this weekend.