



**PARA  
FOOTBALL**

**FA Para Football Talent Pathway  
England Talent Days 2023**

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# England Talent Days 2023

Date	Venue
Sun 02/04/2023	<b>National Football Centre, St George's Park</b> Newborough Road, Needwood, Staffordshire, DE13 9PD
Sat 22/04/2023	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove Albion Training Ground</b> Community Pitch – American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, 60 Mash Barn Ln, Lancing, BN15 9FP
Sun 30/04/2023	<b>Fulham FC Training Ground</b> Motspur Park, KT3 6PT
Sat 06/05/2023	<b>Gloucestershire County FA</b> Oaklands Park Stadium, Gloucester Rd, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4AG
Sun 21/05/2023	<b>Lancashire County FA</b> County Ground, Thurston Rd, Leyland, PR25 2LF
Sun 04/06/2023	<b>Watford FC Training Ground</b> Bell Lane, Shenley, London Colney, AL1 1BZ
Sat 10/06/2023	<b>Bedworth United Football Club</b> The OVAL, Coventry Road, Bedworth, CV12 8NN
Sat 10/06/2023	<b>Plymouth</b> Manadon Sports and Community Hub, 121 St Peters Road, PL5 3FD
Sat 17/06/2023	<b>West Riding County FA</b> Fleet Lane, Woodlesford, LS26 8NX
Sat 01/07/2023	<b>Cambourne Sports Centre</b> Back Ln, Great Cambourne, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6FY
Sat 15/07/2023	<b>Durham University (Indoor venue)</b> The Sports & Wellbeing Park, Maiden Castle, DH1 3SE



# Event Details

- FA England Talent Days are utilised as a player's first engagement with the Para Football Pathway and as the first selective environment in the player pathway.
- The programme will identify and signpost players to the 'right' environment at that point in time and seeks to feed the subsequent Regional and National levels of the pathway. The Para Football player pathway runs **ALONG SIDE** any football that players already participate in, so does not compromise or replace any current involvement in the game.
- ETDs run on a yearly basis to ensure that players can be re-assessed and kept in the Talent System.
- ETDs will not be viewed as player development environments.
- The England Talent Day will be underpinned with the formation of local Para Football Recruitment Networks responsible for driving player identification and recruitment.
- The impairment groups included in England Talent Day activities are:
  - **Players who are deaf**
  - **Players who have cerebral palsy** (*and are ambulant*)
  - **Players who are partially sighted**
- **Age Range: 7 – 16yrs** (*with flexibility on this with regards to GKs at the SGP event*)



# Event Details

- All events run 10.30am until 1.30pm
- Players should come dressed ready to play football (including appropriate clothing, footwear and shin pads)
- Surfaces, venues & weather(!) may vary, so please come prepared to be adaptable to both indoor (sportshall) and outdoor (3G or grass)
- Please bring suitable hydration (no fizzy drinks!) as you may be playing for up to 2 hours
  
- Signposting to further Para Football Pathway opportunities for players will take place AFTER the event. No communication regarding this will be done on the day apart from to perhaps highlight local playing opportunities available to all.
- *NB: Eligibility criteria for the Para Football is set internationally and evidence of this will be required prior to a player's engagement at Regional or National level.*
- *Please be prepared to produce and share this medical evidence of the qualifying condition, should you be asked to do so either **at** your chosen ETD or via communications **after** the event.*
  
- **Player Registration Link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/V3Nqt5DZsf>



# 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ St George's Park

- Our England Talent Days will launch with a flagship event at St George's Park on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.
- In addition to following the same format as all of the other ETDs, this event will have an additional focus around 2 specific areas of the game...
- **Female CP Players**
- As we look to develop the Female CP game, we are looking to encourage Female CP players to attend ANY & ALL of the dates across the country, but the SGP event will have a particular focus around looking to identify & engage this particular cohort of players in a specific coaching session, before signposting them to further playing opportunities that may arise as part of the development of this particular player pathway.
- **Goalkeepers**
- The SGP event will also have a specific session to engage goalkeepers, both male and female across all of the Para Football formats. In particular, we are looking for:
- Non-impaired\* male & female GKs who are interested in being involved in our Blind Football (*male & female*) & Partially Sighted (*male*) pathways
- Deaf Male and Female goalkeepers
- *\*Non-impaired = no physical or sensory impairment required to be a GK in these formats of Para Football*
- *NB: The 7-16 age range does NOT apply to GKs at this event. This is an open age opportunity.*



# FA Para Football Talent ID Workshops 2023

- These sessions are designed to give anyone involved in ALL formats of football the opportunity to understand more about the Para Football player pathway, who we are looking to identify & recruit, and how to go about referring talented players.
- All events are virtual (*on Microsoft Teams*) and run 6.00pm until 7.30pm

Date(s)	Link to register / attend
<b>Wed 08/03/2023</b>	<p>Please register to attend your chosen date by completing the Google form via the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/XrgwFV3Xu5">https://forms.office.com/e/XrgwFV3Xu5</a></p> <p>A Microsoft Teams link to attend the session will be sent to the email address you submit on the registration form.</p> <p>Any issues etc, please email <a href="mailto:liam.drake@theFA.com">liam.drake@theFA.com</a></p>
<b>Mon 20/03/2023</b>	
<b>Mon 17/04/2023</b>	
<b>Mon 15/05/2023</b>	
<b>Wed 07/06/2023</b>	

