



Entering Match Results SMS

This guide explains how OYFL teams should report match results using the FA Full-Time SMS results service. Both home and away teams should report the score so that Full-Time can process and validate the result.

KEY REQUIREMENT

Do not reply until the match has finished. Report the result in the exact format requested by the Full-Time SMS message and submit it before the OYFL result-reporting deadline.

Deadline

6.00 pm matchday

All match results must be sent by replying to the Full-Time SMS Results text. For midweek matches, the deadline is 9.00 pm.

SMS setup

Full-Time sends the SMS results request to the registered result contacts for each team. Make sure the relevant team administrators have an up-to-date mobile number on their FA record. If an SMS contact needs changing, contact the League Fixtures team.

SMS text message

During the game, Full-Time normally sends a text message asking for the result. The message identifies the fixture and tells you the reply format to use.

EXAMPLE

FA Full-Time Results: AB12 v KY12, Sun 16 Oct 10:30. Reply H-A score: e.g. 2-2 3-3 AET 3-1 PENS

Important: do not reply until the match has finished.



Replying to the SMS text message

When the game has finished, both the home and away teams should report the score by replying to their Full-Time SMS message.

Always enter the score in home-away order as shown on Full-Time, even if the fixture was played at a different ground or at a neutral venue.

1. League games

For a standard league game, reply with the home score first and the away score second, separated by a hyphen.

EXAMPLE

If the final score is Home 2 - Away 1, reply: 2-1

2. If you administer more than one team

Full-Time may ask you to include the team code after the score so it can identify the correct fixture. Use the team code shown in the SMS message.

EXAMPLE

If the message asks for code AB12 and the score is 2-1, reply: 2-1 AB12

3. Cup games

Cup matches may involve extra time and penalties. Only include the additional information when it applies, using the format requested in the SMS.

Normal time

2-1

After extra time

2-2 2-3 AET

After penalties

2-2 3-3 AET 3-1 PENS



Other match outcomes

Postponed and abandoned fixtures

If Full-Time asks you to report a postponed or abandoned fixture by SMS, use the requested code and add the team code if the message asks for one.

Postponed

P-P

Abandoned

A-A

Switched games

If the match is switched to your opponent's ground or to a neutral venue, still report the result according to the home and away designation shown in Full-Time. If your team is listed as the home side, enter your score first; if it is listed as the away side, enter your score second.

Trophy events

Follow the SMS request sent by Full-Time. Do not assume that a Trophy Event result can be ignored: reply where Full-Time asks for a result, except where the League has explicitly advised that central-event results are being handled centrally.

Conflicting results

A conflict occurs when the two teams submit different scores. This delays publication and requires manual League intervention. If you realise you have submitted the wrong score, contact the League Fixtures team promptly with the correct result.

Team codes

A team code is a short identifier used by Full-Time when a person is submitting results for more than one team. Use the code shown in the SMS message. The historic season-specific appendix of team codes has been removed from this refreshed guide because current codes are supplied by Full-Time in the message itself.



Important notes

- Do not include extra commentary, goal scorers or match reports in the SMS reply. Send only the information requested.
- Do not try to submit the result by SMS before the Full-Time results message has been received.
- If the SMS asks for a team code, add it after the score exactly as requested.
- Keep your mobile number up to date on your FA record so that Full-Time can send the result request to the correct number.
- If a fixture is wrong in Full-Time, tell the League before the match is played.
- The SMS reply is processed automatically, so the format must be correct.

Frequently Asked Questions

I have not received a Full-Time results text. What should I do?

Enter the result directly in Full-Time using the match statistics/results screen, and check that the correct SMS result contact is set up for your team.

Do I have to respond immediately?

No. Reply after the final whistle and before the reporting deadline. Reporting promptly reduces the risk of forgetting later.

I sent the SMS but the result has not appeared in Full-Time. Should I send it again?

Usually no. There can be a short processing delay, or Full-Time may be holding the result because the two teams submitted different scores.

I am submitting more than one result. How does Full-Time know which fixture I mean?

Where required, the SMS asks you to include your team's unique code after the score. Use the code shown in the message.



Frequently Asked Questions

My phone says the SMS reply was not delivered. What should I do?

Try again. If you are approaching the deadline and the reply still will not send, enter the result directly in Full-Time.

Does the away team have to reply?

Yes. Both teams should report the score so Full-Time can validate the result.

What happens if I submit the wrong score?

Contact the League Fixtures team promptly with the correct result so that it can be checked and corrected.

What happens if I do not submit a result?

Where a result is not submitted and no problem has been reported to the League, the club may be dealt with under the League's current rules and charges.

What about goal scorers or match reports?

Do not include them in the SMS reply. Where required, goal scorers and other match statistics should be entered separately in Full-Time using the OYFL Entering Match Statistics in Full-Time guide.

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