

GMS ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES July 2018

ELECTRONIC MATCH CARD

What is changing?

Electronic Match Card (EMC) will be extended to Level 8 within the men's league structure and to National Challenge 1 within the women's league structure. This will result in an additional 518 clubs and additional 5000+ matches captured via EMC. The level of detail required will be the same currently required at levels five and six i.e. team line-ups, result and sign off.

Why is this happening?

EMC allows for great accuracy and integrity within league administration. It should also reduce the administrative burden on clubs and league secretaries who were previously carrying out the process by hand. From the RFU's perspective it allows us to measure the game more accurately and analyse data to a much greater level. The RFU will also be able to profile players and teams who are performing well by highlighting their stats and comparing across leagues in England.

The use of EMC will also come with benefits for the 280+ clubs who currently have FSI club websites. Those clubs will be able to surface all of their fixture information on their websites, which should lead to a subsequent increase in online traffic.

When is this happening?

Face to face training is being rolled out late July/early August. We are delivering 3 sessions per DOC area (North, Midlands, London/South East and South West). As well as this we will be providing online tutorials, guideline documents and a dedicated weekend phone helpline.