

# McDONALD'S SMALL-SIDED GAMES DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

## APPLICATION FORM



**Thank you for applying to join the McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre.**

I have enclosed an application pack for entering a team/s into a McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre. Please read the criteria and if your team meets all the criteria, fill in the team entry form and send it to your local Grassroots Development Officer.

Please read through the application pack and find enclosed benefits for players, the club, parents/guardians and also for the staff which can help to promote your club. For each additional team please photo copy the application form.

It is essential that you fill in the application form correctly to allow us to send details of any additional benefits that could be available to you and your team.

When your local Grassroots Development Officer has received your application form/s he will confirm your entry/entries by e-mail. After you receive this e-mail a copy of the McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre Rules and Regulations book will be forwarded to you along with other resources for parents and guardians.

If you require any further information in relation to the McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre, please feel free to contact me on any of the following details:

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### What are the benefits for the players?

- More decision-making experiences
- More playing-time
- More opportunities to play on both sides of the ball!
- More opportunities to score goals
- More freedom of expression
- Improves communication skills
- Improves fitness
- Promotes fair-play
- Less pressure
- Simplified rules

### What are the benefits for the club?

- Eligible to play at domestic and International half time displays
- Playing in an official licensed McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre
- Part of a National campaign to promote small-sided football
- Eligible to attend McDonald's Regional and National Games Development days
- Advice on funding applications
- Provides promotion of your club through Irish FA website and Irish FA magazines.
- Support of Grassroots Development Officers

### What are the benefits for parents/guardians?

- Reassurance that their children are playing in a structured programme that is safe, well organised and is developmentally appropriate
- All teams' insurance is verified
- All centres are monitored by Irish FA full-time staff
- Encourages and reinforces fair-play, good behaviour and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

### What are the benefits for the staff?

- Entry into 'Coach Bursary Awards' scheme
- Access to McDonald's coach development days
- Invitation to McDonald's Games Awards night
- Access to free Community Shield tickets
- Support of Grassroots Development Officers

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### Criteria for Entry

#### 1. Staff

- Must have obtained or be working towards an Irish FA Grassroots Intro Award by September 2011 and by September 2012 at least one of the coaches must have obtained the Irish FA Level One Award.
- All staff must be successfully Access (NI) Service checked.
- At least one staff member must have basic first aid qualification.
- Must be responsible for informing their supporters of the Irish FA Spectator Code of Conduct prior to each weekly fixture.

#### 2. Players information

- Contact sheets must be kept containing phone numbers of parents / guardians, to be used in case of an emergency and coaches informed of any medical conditions. These contact sheets should be brought to every game and updated regularly.

#### 3. Coach / Player Ratio

- The recommended ratio is a maximum of 2 coaches per team.

#### 4. Playing

- Children should be grouped appropriately in terms of age.
- Coaches must ensure equal playing-time for all players.

#### 5. Child Protection

- Adhere to Irish FA / Club Child Protection Policy and Procedures.
- Adhere to the Irish FA Coaches / Volunteers, Young Players and Parents / Guardians Codes of Conduct.

#### 6. Insurance

- Teams not already covered by NIBFA INSURANCE must produce a copy of their own INSURANCE.

#### 7. Equal Opportunities

- Mixed teams are allowed.
- Adhere to Irish FA Equality Policy & Procedures.

#### 8. Entry Fee

- All teams must pay an registration fee as determined by the Local Games Co-ordinator.

**The Irish FA reserves the right to withdraw a team or coach / volunteer if any of the above criteria are not adhered to.**

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### Team Entry Form

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Football Coaching Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Football Coaching Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

We the coaches would like to enter our club: \_\_\_\_\_

into the McDonald's Small-Sided Games Development Centre at Under \_\_\_\_\_

We have read the criteria and we agree to abide by all the rules set out in it.

We have enclosed a copy of our team insurance for your files.

Signed (Coach 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Coach 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use one application per team**