

Exciting New format for The City of Glasgow Cup

The Glasgow Football Association today announced an exciting new revamp of the City of Glasgow Cup for season 2019-20, with matches beginning tomorrow, 20th August 2019.

The Glasgow Cup has a long and illustrious history, stretching back to 1887 and is actually the second oldest trophy to be played for in world football.

In the new format, Clyde will return to join fellow Glasgow FA members Partick Thistle, Queen's Park, Celtic Colts and Rangers Colts in this year's competition. It will be played on a league basis, with each team meeting each of its opponents twice (home and away), giving a total of eight league games per club during the campaign. The changed format has been designed to increase the competitive edge to the tournament and will provide enhanced development opportunities for the players taking part.

A final tie will then be contested by the top two teams in the group stage, taking place in April next year.

Two trialists will be allowed for each side in each match. The Celtic and Rangers Colt teams will be permitted to play a maximum of two over age players in any match; otherwise the qualifying players are at under-21 level.

In recent years the competition has been played at u17 and u20 level with the exciting change this year seeing the return of the first teams from Clyde, Queen's Park and Patrick Thistle.

Earlier this year, the Glasgow FA was delighted to announce that it had agreed a new three year sponsorship deal with City Refrigeration Holdings to support the activities of the Glasgow FA in the continuing development of Youth Football in the city.

The new partnership will mean the relationship between Willie Haughey's City Refrigeration and the Glasgow FA will now extend to 12 years, a fantastically generous and sustained level of support to the community.

The Glasgow FA's main objectives are as follows:

- To allow clubs to make a positive impact in their local community
- To encourage the City's primary schoolchildren to embrace health and fitness
- To provide a memorable experience for school children in the shape of the annual Football Festival Day.
- By participating in the City of Glasgow Cup, to provide aspiring young players with a platform to develop their football skills in a professional and competitive environment

A spokesperson for the Glasgow Football Association commented:

"We are delighted to announce this exciting new format to the City of Glasgow Cup which we are sure will prove very popular for players and supporters."

“The Cup is always keenly contested and is a great environment for the development of young players”.

“We are also delighted to be supported again in our activities by Willie Haughey and City Refrigeration Holdings. Willie shares our vision of making a positive impact to young people at local level through football and the support he has given the Glasgow FA will allow us to continue our important work in this area. We thank Willie and everyone at City for their continued support.”

The first round of fixtures for the City of Glasgow Cup are as follows:-

Clyde v Celtic Colts – Tuesday 20th August, Broadwood Stadium, 8.15 pm

Rangers Colts v Partick Thistle – Tuesday 27th August, C & G Systems Stadium, Dumbarton, 7.30 pm

Admission prices for the group matches will be £5 for adults and £3 for concessions.

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