8.5 How to Submit SMS results

We recommend that you issue some guidance to your team administrators on submitting SMS scores, along with a list of dos and don'ts. Suggested information (which you may wish to edit to suit the needs of your league) follows:-

How the SMS Results system Works

The league is now asking clubs to report the scores of games using the SMS message system provided by the Football Association, as part of their "Full-Time" league administration package.

For each team, two mobile numbers can be registered. Initially we'll register the number of the Club Secretary, but if you want the Team Manager (or someone else) adding just let us know the names and mobile numbers of the two people you want to register. Please make sure you send us the update at least 48 hours before games kick off to give us time to process them.

*During each game, the FA system will send an SMS Text Message to each registered mobile number, reminding you to send in the result of the game. After the game, both home and away clubs should report the score by replying to their message using the word **RESULT** (followed by a space) and giving the score for the game, **home team first, away team second, and separated by a hyphen.***

*For example:- **FULL-TIME @TheFA CHE1 v MNU1 K.O. SUN 21 SEP 2008 14:00. Submit your result after the match as: RESULT H-A***

To report a 2-1 win to the home side (Chelsea 1sts!) you would simply reply:

RESULT 2-1

The only exception is if you are registered to send in results for more than one team, in which case Full-Time will include a team code, which you need to add after the result so that Full-Time can identify which team is being reported. In the above example the text you would receive would say:-

FULL-TIME @TheFA CHE1 v MNU1 K.O. SUN 21 SEP 2008 14:00. Submit your result after the match as: RESULT H-A CHE1

(note the CHE1 team code at the end) and the reply would be:

RESULT 2-1 CHE1

It is important to note you should not add other information and that the text must begin with the word RESULT or Full-Time will ignore it. The text must be sent from one of the registered mobiles (as Full- Time identifies you by the mobile number it has been given).

*Full-Time allows you to report postponements (**RESULT P-P**) and abandonments (**RESULT A-A**). **Hints and Tips***

If users are having problems with sending in results, please ask them to check the following:-
*Your message **must** start with **RESULT** – otherwise it won't reach Full-Time.*

If Full-Time asks for a team code, make sure it's included.
*Make sure you give the correct team code (if one is required) **after** the scores. Make sure you give the **home score first, away score second.***
Tell the league if you change your mobile number!
Tell the league if a fixture is incorrect on Full-Time before the game is played.