



SUSSEX SCHOOLS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

District Ideas

2016 onwards

Introduction

As Chairman of Sussex Schools FA, I have been thinking of what it would be like to be a footballer in a Sussex School in 2015/2016. I came to the conclusion that my opportunities would differ depending on where I lived in the county. Surely that is wrong??

At present, there are three 'live' districts in Sussex. These are South East Sussex, Brighton and Hove and East Sussex. The latter does not run any inter school football and only runs representative teams.

There are also 5 additional 'Areas' that are playing inter-school football (with no district rep teams).

Depending on where I lived, would depend on whether I was playing regular recognised inter school football and whether I had the opportunity to play for a district team.. Again inherently wrong in my opinion.

Sussex Schools FA are the governing body for schools football in Sussex. All school football should come via the organisation and be supported. Districts should affiliate directly to the organisation and in return should be supported with any competition. All districts have schools that affiliate direct to them for their inter school competition. Districts also have the option to run District Representative teams.

In this document there are three different sections. These highlight what is currently happening in the county, along with two suggested ideas to discuss.

The hope is that schools will discuss these ideas within their area prior to a meeting at the Amex on Tuesday 23rd February at 5pm . The meeting will be an opportunity for schools to voice their opinions about the ideas prior to the Sussex Schools FA AGM in May.

Many thanks for your continued support of Sussex Schools FA.

Ross Maryan

Chairman Sussex Schools FA

WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING (AFFILIATED DISTRICTS)

Below shows the current state of schools football in Sussex based on affiliated districts.

There are currently three districts that affiliate to the ESFA.

These districts all run representative football. Two of the districts run local competitions. These are school leagues and or school cups.

The map shows all districts in the county and where the football districts are located (colour coded). Blue shows South East Sussex who run from the Kent border to Brighton and Hove in red. East Sussex have two schools affiliated to them (Coloured in yellow). The peach area shows schools from Ouse Valley that have been passed over to East Sussex, although none of these schools currently affiliate to East Sussex District.



District Area	Affiliated to ESFA	Runs Rep Football?	Runs local Competitions?	Number of Schools in Area	Number of Young People
South East Sussex	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	20952
East Sussex	Yes	Yes	No	6	7426
Brighton and Hove	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	15146

PRIMARY

Brighton and Hove

Crawley

Eastbourne

Hastings & District

Horsham & District

Lewes & District

Mid Sussex

Worthing & District

At Primary level, there are currently 8 districts. These offer inter school competitions usually at under 11 age.

Alongside the Primary districts there are Schools Games Organisers. These help to run a variety of sporting events including football for schools within their area.

Each of these districts currently run inter school competition. This is usually at Year 4 and Year 6.

Primary Football is usually divided into Boys/Girls and Small Schools.

Districts currently provided area winners which participate in a Sussex Finals day.

Winners of these competitions go on to represent Sussex at a National Competition.

District Idea 1

This would re divide all schools based on their district area they reside This would mean that some schools would have a change from the current leagues. Rationale for this idea is that it is clear that whatever district that the school resides in is the district area represented. Three of the districts would combine with a neighbouring district leaving a total of 9 District areas;

Hastings and Rother
Eastbourne and Lewes
Wealden
Brighton and Hove
Mid Sussex
Crawley
Horsham
Arun and Adur
Chichester



The proposal would mean an increase in district areas which in turn increases the possibilities for young people to play Football. With more districts available, it would mean more representative teams and potential for inter district competitions. It would also mean that no matter where a young person lives, they will have the same opportunities.

District Area

Number of Schools in Area

Number of Young People

Hastings and Rother

12

10575

Wealden

6

7429

Eastbourne and Lewes

17

13550

Brighton and Hove

13

14408

Crawley

7

8431

Mid Sussex

10

12140

Horsham

7

7538

Arun and Adur

13

14434

Chichester

8

8444

District Idea 2

This is based on what is currently happening in the area. It shows the current make up of inter school football in the County. This highlights that there is a lot of football in the county that is being played that is not affiliated to a Governing Body.

The idea could be that district 'areas' affiliate to Sussex Schools FA and to the ESFA. The hope would be that these 'areas' could be run like districts with district rep teams. It could also include the division of South East Sussex into a Hastings and Rother/Eastbourne and Lewes branch.

As it stands there is currently inter school football being played in 8 areas, with only 3 areas affiliated.



District Area

Number of Schools in Area

Number of Young People

SESFA Hastings + Rother	11	10215
SESFA Eastbourne and Lewes	13	12192
Wealden	5	6228
Brighton and Hove	15	15146
North Sussex	6	8431
Mid Sussex	12	15209
West Sussex South	11	13404
West Sussex West	11	13624

Comparing the ideas



CURRENT

Three districts affiliated. Two offering inter school competitions. All three offering Rep Teams. No recognised inter district competitions.

District 'areas' playing inter district football but not affiliated to anybody



Idea 1

Nine district areas based on local district council. All schools playing within the district that they fall under.

Inter District leagues and cups run. All district areas running rep teams. South East Sussex split into two (Hastings/Rother and Eastbourne/Lewes)



Idea 2

This is what is currently happening in Sussex. Eight district 'areas' . Idea is to affiliate these areas to Sussex Schools FA and the ESFA. All district areas would in time have rep teams for inter district competitions.

Differences between this and Idea 1 are; No Horsham District. Some Schools in this model

Discussion points based on this information are;

Should district areas be revitalised in an attempt to get all districts offering the same opportunities?

Should we have areas of a similar size?

Is there anybody within your 'district' that could commit to assisting and helping these ideas?

Are you happy with either of the proposals? Are there any other suggestions?

Benefits of ideas

Support from Sussex Schools FA in all areas.

All district areas offering the same opportunities to its students (inter school football and representative sides)

A more co-ordinated overview of what is happening within our county

Opportunities for; Inter District Rep Team League/Cup/Tournaments

Opportunities for; More footballers making the step to district level

Opportunities for; District players to be selected for full county honours

Opportunities for; Teachers to get involved in football (as a secretary, manager, organiser) which could lead to county job opportunities

Opportunities for; more footballers to play in ESFA District National Competitions

Barriers to the proposal

Lack of staff to run district 'areas' or representative teams

Change in district for South East Sussex

23rd February 2016 there will be a meeting at the Amex Stadium, Brighton. We would appreciate you coming to this meeting to discuss this information and potentially take a vote on any changes to inter district football and district areas. Visitors should arrive prior to the 5pm start and report to the North Side Reception. Visitor parking is available. We would recommend that any districts or areas meet prior to the meeting to discuss this information.

If you have any questions in the mean time then do not hesitate to ask.

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