



FLEETWOOD FOOTBALL GROUP



PRO PATHWAYS  
**FTIFA**  
UK



**CHASE YOUR  
DREAMS**



ONWARD 2024





The Fleetwood Football Group boast a global network of football clubs, including Waterford FC competing in the League of Ireland Premier Division, and Hout Bay United Football Community who play in the the second tier of South African football.



FLEETWOOD TOWN FC



WATERFORD FC



HOUT BAY UNITED FC







# WELCOME TO THE FLEETWOOD TOWN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Our International Football Academy works in more than 20 countries around the globe, providing players with pathways to careers in professional football.

FTIFA aims to provide a unique experience for all participants to sample what it is like to train like the pros. Our aim is to empower all participants, develop character and provide opportunities to fulfil their potential through a life changing experience in a unique, challenging and motivational learning environment.

As one of the UK's leading sport learning and development centres, we offer a wide range of packages to suit the needs and ability of any player or team. Bespoke packages can be tailored for any duration, which give a team or individual not only the chance to experience the day-to-day life of a professional football player, but also the opportunity to be in the environment of a professional football club.





# OUR MANIFESTO

**Our manifesto is centred around the belief that football is not a linear, one dimensional game. This is why we not only believe in the path less travelled, but actively promote and provide less-traditional pathways into professional football.**

1. Develop the person, challenge the player. This phrase is what all FTIFA Coaches live by! We want to create and develop talented and skillful football players, but more importantly, we want to inspire our players to be the best possible people that they can be.
1. We understand that football is a game of opinions, and that coaches may have completely different views of a player, but that these individual opinions do not define the player's ability or worth.
2. Talent is not limited to a specific region. Players from all over the world have the ability to realise their goals of playing the highest level of professional football that they can!
3. Gone are the days of the only players making it into professional football being the ones who were scouted at a very young age by leading professional academies. Former Fleetwood Town FC and England National Team player, Jamie Vardy is living proof of this. In the modern game, players can go on to have hugely successful careers, even if they did not start out as being child-prodigies.
4. Although our programmes offer many real opportunities into professional football, there are still numerous barriers in place that could prevent the progression of any player's career. Injury, visas and not fitting a particular coach's system, are just a few of the many others.





# WHO WE ARE

## FLEETWOOD TOWN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Players will follow the FTFC club ethos which aims to improve players technically, tactically, physically and mentally. We will also provide specific workshops to help the players understand other areas of the game and to develop personally as individuals.

All FTIFA coaches are existing Fleetwood Town elite academy coaches with a wealth of experience in youth and player development.

Individual development will be regularly monitored & discussed with scholars, parents, coaches and tutors.







**RYAN VAUGHAN**  
Chief Operating Officer

Ryan oversees all our international programmes globally through our Fleetwood Football Group. Ryan is an A Licence Coach with experience Coaching and Scouting for over 12 years at Liverpool FC, Fleetwood Town FC, Preston North End and Blackpool FC. Ryan has a track record of developing and supporting players through there playing journey throughout the years.



**MICHAEL HORSFALL**  
International Academy Manager & Safeguarding Lead.

Mick has 11 years experience of coaching at Fleetwood Town FC. He has worked between the ages of Under 9s to Under 18s while supporting some of our academy graduates. Mick is a UEFA B licence coach in football and futsal with a wealth of experience of working abroad.

**MICHAEL O'NEILL**  
Lead FTIFA Coach & Academy Scout.

Mike has a wealth of experience in coaching and scouting at various different clubs which include Liverpool FC, Fleetwood Town FC, and Blackpool FC. Mike is currently the Chairman of Kendal Town FC and also holds the UEFA B Licence.







**GEORGIA WHALLEY**  
FTIFA Head Physiotherapist.

Georgia is our lead Physiotherapist though our FTIFA programmes and supports our U9s-U16s Academy programme. Georgia is on hand to support all our players with recovery, rehab and treatment when required. Georgia holds both her First Class BSc Sport And Exercise Therapy Degree and the ITMMIF Qualification for pitch side Physiotherapist support.

**BILLY BATCH**  
International Coach.

Billy is an ex player for Fleetwood Town FC who has experience playing for clubs including Ipswich Town, Norwich City FC and Stevenage. Billy is a UEFA B Licence coach and is integral to support our players with what it takes to become a professional player. Billy is also a lead coach in our Academy.



**MATT WHITWORTH**  
FTIFA Head Of Goalkeeping.

Matt is our Lead Goalkeeper Coach for FTIFA and is one of our Academy Goalkeeper Coaches for U9s - U23s. Matt has experience of playing at clubs including Fleetwood Town FC, Accrington Stanley and Bury FC. Matt holds both his UEFA B in Coaching Goalkeepers and Football.

**Tom McCan**  
International Coach.

Tom is our head of Strength and Conditioning for the FTIFA programmes. Tom actively works with all players around how they can improve on the pitch. Tom has worked at private coaching companies and also holds UEFA C Licence, BSc Degree in Football Coaching and Performance and Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Football Studies.







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# FTIFA UK LOCATION - POOLFOOT FARM

Situated in the North West of England at the tip of the Fylde Coast, Fleetwood Town Football Club is steeped in history and tradition while being an ideal base from which to explore the whole of the United Kingdom. Fleetwood is also ideally located within several tourist hotspots which are just short journeys away, such as the internationally popular cities of Liverpool and Manchester, and the idyllic Lake District National Park with its beautiful landscapes and scenery.

We are conveniently located near to all transportation links, no more than a 60 minutes drive from both Liverpool and Manchester International Airports.

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Football Academy**

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# FTIFA TRAINING FACILITIES POOLFOOT FARM, FLEETWOOD







# FTIFA UK

**FTIFA Training Facilities  
Base Poolfoot Farm, Fleetwood**

**Participants are able to enjoy full use of the first team and academy facilities while being on the course. Our coaching curriculum is delivered by our UEFA qualified staff who have full access to our state-of-the-art facility.**

**The complex was opened by Sir Alex Ferguson  
(former Manchester United Manager)  
in April 2016 and features the below:**

- 3 World-Class Grass Pitches
- New Indoor Facility (Airdome)
- 2x FIFA 2 Star Graded 4G Pitches
- 4x Five-a-side FTFC Red Pitches
- Club Restaurant
- 1st Team Physiotherapist Room
- Club Meeting Rooms
- Club Classrooms
- Club Analyst Rooms





# DREAM CHASERS

As a group we have a track record of putting faith in player development and young players. Our UK based Fleetwood Town Football Club have a proven pathway of bringing young talent through our Premier League backed Academy programme.

In the last two years alone we've seen 15 players progress into our first team, with three in the past year being sold into the Premier League.

Our success is built on a platform of elite level coaching which not only challenges the player, but also develops them as a person off the pitch with a world class education programme.

Our strategy creates pathways into the football profession, not just on the field, but also off it.







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## **JAMIE VARDY**



### **PREMIER LEAGUE WINNER:**

Jamie Vardy joined Fleetwood Town from semi-Professional side Halifax Town in 2011 on his first professional contract. He went onto score 36 goals in 31 games for the club, helping FTFC to promotion to the Football League in 2012.

Sold to Leicester City in a deal worth £1.7m in 2012, he went onto famously win the Premier League and play for England's national team numerous times including the 2018 the World Cup in Russia.

**FTFC, LEICESTER CITY  
AND ENGLAND**



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## **JAMES HILL**



### **FROM NORTH COAST TO SOUTH COAST**

*Defender James Hill joined the club's academy at the age of 14 before working his way through the youth system at Fleetwood Town.*

*Made first team debut in 2018 at the age of 16, Now played 33 times for the first team and is being watched by a host of Premier League clubs, September 2021 - Called up for England U20s in September, captained them and scored in October 2021 before being promoted to the U21s.*

*James was sold to Bournemouth in January 2022 for a club record £1.4m.*

**BOURNEMOUTH AND  
ENGLAND U20S**





## PHOENIX PATTERSON

### *RISING IN WATERFORD*

Spurs Academy graduate and junior Scotland International, Phoenix has moved to FTFC from sister club Waterford FC after having a big impact and impressing in their successful 2021-22 League of Ireland First division campaign.



## JUNIOR QUITIRNA

### *FROM ACROSS THE IRISH SEA*

Junior was Born in Guinea Bissau, but moved to London at the age of 8.

He signed for Waterford in 2021, and after a fantastic season in 2022, in which he scored 13 goals in 35 appearances, he got a move to Fleetwood Town where he has become one of the first names in the team sheet.





## **LIAM JESSOP**

### **ON OUR LEVEL**

**Former FTIFA UK winger Liam Jessop has featured for the Gibraltar senior national team and now currently plays for EFL League Two side Chesterfield FC.**

**We look forward to welcoming him to Highbury when we take on Chesterfield later this season!**







## ***FTIFA TO PRO***

Canadian midfielder Keito Lipovscheck began his journey with the Fleetwood Football Group at the age of 16 when he joined FTIFA UK to pursue his professional footballing career. Upon graduating from school, he was offered a professional contract to play in Dubai for Fleetwood United FC.

James Bulkeley and Jarrod Walker were identified by James Boyle of JBFC in Sydney, Australia, who recommended them to the coaches at FTIFA Dubai. After impressing on a Pathway To Pro programme, they signed with Fleetwood United FC.

Canadian left back, Nate Murphy initially went on a Pro Experience programme at FTIFA UK. He was advised to attend an Assessment Period at FTIFA Dubai and secured a spot in the Fleetwood United first team.



# ***FTIFA INTERNATIONALS***



**Defender James Bulkeley has been called up to the New Zealand U19 national team**



**Goal keeper Brandon Sumpter, former FTIFA Dubai and Fleetwood United player and current Barbados senior men's team goal keeper**



**Former FTIFA UK winger Liam Jessop has featured for the Gibraltar senior national team**



**Former FTIFA player, Motheo Mogapi has been selected for the Botswana U20s squad for the African Nations Cup**







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**ANTHONY BARRY**

## ***FTFC, CHELSEA, BAYERN MUNICH, ENGLAND***

Anthony Barry signed for Conference Premier side Fleetwood Town in the 2010/11 season. He went on to play for the Cod Army across 3 years, notably helping the cods gain promotion into League 2 for the first time in the club's history.

After hanging up his boots, Barry went into management. He is currently the assistant manager of the English National Team and has worked with some of the biggest names in world football such as Harry Kane and Cristiano Ronaldo.

**FTFC TO CHELSEA, BAYERN MUNICH AND ENGLAND**







## FTIFA PLAYER MAP

Across the three FTIFA locations in the UK, Dubai and South Africa, we have had players attend from over 43 countries.

*Nigeria, Greece, Bermuda, Egypt, Cyprus, Australia, Isle of Man, Jersey, Italy, France, New Zealand, Mexico, Gibraltar, Barbados, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Denmark, UAE, India, Bali, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Wales, Antigua, Spain, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Botswana, China, Netherlands, South Africa, UK, Trinidad & Tobago, Ireland, Hungary, Cameroon, Ghana, Norway, Zimbabwe, Angola, Kenya, Brazil*







# THE VILLAGE - A FLEETWOOD TOWN OFFICIAL PARTNER HOTEL

The Village is one of the official Fleetwood Town FC partner hotels. It is a 4-star hotel in a rural area of the Fylde Coast which is close to the town's parks and leisure amenities with easy access to the town centre and shops.

The Village will provide your players with a safe space to eat, sleep, relax, and bond with each other. It includes both in and outdoor pools, a health spa with jacuzzis, saunas and steam rooms, squash courts, a Golf course with a driving range, and a sports bar.

The players will always have transport to and from any training, games, or other activities taken care of by a Fleetwood Town FC bus.





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# SPORTS NUTRITION AND MEALS

The Fleetwood Town FC chefs and nutritionists will be on hand to provide the same standard of nutritional food that the Fleetwood Town FC first-team players receive.

3 Meals a day and hydration drinks will all be provided so players are able to recover from their games and training sessions to the best of their ability.





# Player Kit

- T-Shirts
- Shorts
- ¼ Zip Tops
- Rain Jacket
- Pants
- Socks
- Travel Bag





# TEAM WORKS SCHEDULE APP

Team works is FTIFA's scheduling tool for all players. This outlines daily, weekly, and monthly the schedule for them to keep an eye on. Coaches will also add comments and support players around the ILP within the App. Parents can also have access to the app to keep an eye on what the players are doing every step of the way.

	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7	SUN 8
ALL DAY							
09:00							
10:00	09:30 - 10:45 FTIFA Gym (The Village Hotel)	09:30 - 10:45 FTIFA Gym (The Village Hotel)	FTIFA Pick Up		09:30 - 10:45 FTIFA Gym (The Village Hotel)		
11:00	FTIFA Pick Up (Village)	FTIFA Pick Up (Village)		FTIFA Pick Up	FTIFA Pick Up (Village)		
12:00	11:30 - 13:00 FTIFA Training	11:30 - 13:00 FTIFA Training	11:30 - 12:30 FTIFA GK Training	11:00 - 12:30 FTIFA Gym (The Village Hotel)	11:30 - 13:00 FTIFA Training	11:30 - 12:30 FTIFA GK Training	
13:00	FTIFA Lunch X 17 Players	FTIFA Lunch X 17 Players	12:00 - 13:45 FTIFA Game vs Steven Gerrard Academy	FTIFA Lunch X 17 Players	FTIFA Lunch X 17 Players		
14:00	14:15 - 16:00 FTIFA Training	14:15 - 16:00 FTIFA Training	FTIFA Lunch x17 Players	14:00 - 16:00 FTIFA Training with Myerscough U21s	14:15 - 16:00 FTIFA Training	14:15 - 15:00 FTIFA GK	14:00 - 16:00 HOME FTIFA Fixture v Vulcan FC
15:00	FTIFA Evening Meal x 17 Players	FTIFA Evening Meal x 17 Players	FTIFA Evening Meal x 17 Players	FTIFA Evening Meal x 17 Players	FTIFA Evening Meal x 17 Players	15:00 - 16:45 First Team Game	
16:00	FTIFA Pick Up (Poolfoot)	FTIFA Pick Up (Poolfoot)		FTIFA Pick Up (Poolfoot)	FTIFA Pick Up (Poolfoot)		
17:00					17:15 - 18:00 FTIFA WEEKEND FOOD x 50		





# DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS WITH US

When players complete a FTIFA programme, they are fully prepared for the next step in their footballing career. Below are just a few of the pathways that Academy graduates have taken following completion of a programme.





# Included with FTIFA Programme:



MATCH KIT



TRANSPORT



INDOOR AND  
OUTDOOR POOLS



GYM  
MEMBERSHIP



HOTEL  
ACCOMODATION



TRAINING



TRAINING KIT



TRIP ABROAD  
(additional cost)



3 MEALS PER DAY



AIRPORT  
TRANSFERS



MATCHES







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# FIFTH SEASON FLFA UK PRO







# FTIFA SEASON PRO

Our full time training model is now even better... with extensive competitive games programs and an additional chance to step into semi professional football clubs alongside FTIFA.

The FTIFA Season Pro programme enables players to join us for a full season of fully-focused football development. This programme provides players with the perfect opportunity to take major steps in improving all areas necessary to make a career in professional football, from the technical, tactical, emotional and physical aspects of the game.

Players will be immersed in a professional environment, with nothing to worry about except for playing football, working hard at training, and trying to pursue their goals and dreams.







# FTIFA SEASON PRO

Season Pro players will have full access to Fleetwood Town first team facilities and amenities such as physios, gyms, outdoor grass pitches, indoor dome pitch, nutrition and more.

All players will be given individual learning programmes tailored to their needs and developed over the season. Players will have opportunities to play in different environments away from Fleetwood Town including Non League.






# NORTH WEST UNDER 21 DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Players on the FTIFA Season Pro programme will be able to compete in the North West Under 21 Development League providing them with invaluable experience playing a high level of football.

NWU21 Championship Division B

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	AFC Liverpool	3	3	0	0	9
2	Northwich Victoria FC	5	3	0	2	9
3	Nantwich Town FC	4	2	1	1	7
4	Runcorn Linnets FC	4	2	0	2	6
5	Ashville U21s 2nds	3	2	0	1	6
6	Warrington Rylands FC	5	2	0	3	6
7	Kidsgrove Athletic	4	1	2	1	5
8	 Fleetwood Town FC	3	1	1	1	4
9	Vulcan Football Club	3	1	1	1	4
10	Southport FC Academy	4	1	1	2	4
11	Preston City FC	4	1	0	3	3
12	Steven Gerrard Academy	1	0	1	0	1
13	Huyton FC	3	0	1	2	1
14	UDA Soccer Royals	0	0	0	0	0







# NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The teams we compete against in the North West Under 21 Development League are very reputable semi professional clubs with a rich history in UK football. This experience allows players to be placed in the spotlight for potential opportunities at other clubs as part of their journey into pro football.

FTIFA player Isak Islamovic made his debut for Kendal town FC for their u23s side in a 3-0 victory.

Isak has been rewarded for his strong performances for FTIFA with the opportunity to play for the step 5 club. He has been training with the 1st team regularly and got his opportunity to shine in front of a healthy crowd at Parkside Road.





## **FTIFA UK SEASON PRO PRICE**

**38 Weeks**

**£34,500.00**

**CLICK HERE TO BE DIRECTED  
TO OUR APPLICATION FORM.**







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# CHASE CYCLISTS DREAMS



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# YOUR NEXT STEPS

Begin your journey as a FTIFA player!

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FILL IN AND SUBMIT THE  
APPLICATION FORM.



ONE OF OUR ACADEMY DIRECTORS  
WILL BE IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS  
WHAT IS NEEDED TO PROCEED.



CONDITIONAL OFFER WILL BE  
SENT



A DEPOSIT WILL NEED TO BE PAID  
IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT  
ON OUR PROGRAMME.







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**READY FOR ON  
AND OFF FIELD  
SUCCESS?**

**WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING  
YOU!**





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# CHAUSE CYCLES DRIFTS





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