

SECTION ONE

ACCESSING AND LOGGING INTO WGS

To access the Whole Game System, please visit <https://wholegame.thefa.com> where you will be asked to enter either your **Email** or **FAN ID** along with your **Password** before selecting **Login**.



If you are unaware of your password, please select the **Have you forgotten your password?** link. The system will ask you to enter your **Email** or **FAN** along with your **Date of Birth** before clicking **Submit**.



You will receive an email from info@thefa.com which will take you through the reset process



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a FAN?

FAN stands for FA Number. Your FAN is the individual number used to record all football participants, whether they be players, officials, referees, coaches or members of the England Supporters Club.

Do I have to have a FAN to access Whole Game System?

Yes, you will need your FAN to access WGS as it is this number that records the role or roles you have in football.

Can an Individual have more than one FAN?

Ideally not, and you should avoid creating duplicate records. Should you come across a participant with more than one FAN record, please contact your County FA who will merge the multiple records (this is known as de-duplication, or de-dupe).

How do I find out my FAN?

If you have forgotten your FAN please contact your club secretary or County FA who will be able to advise you of your FAN.

Can I retrieve my password if my email address isn't on my FAN record?

No. The retrieve password function relies on sending an email to email address recorded in WGS. If your current email address is not recorded against your FAN, you will need to contact your County FA who will verify your identity and add your email to the FAN.

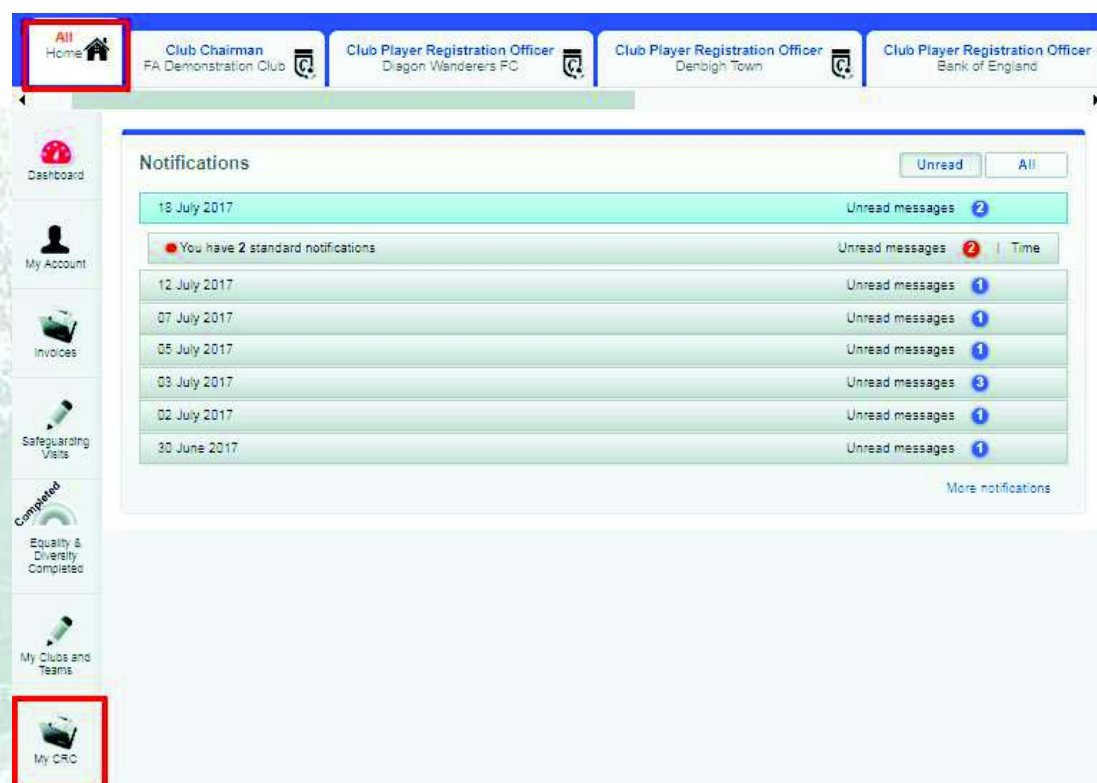
What do I do if the retrieve password email does not arrive?

First of all, please check your spam folder in case your email system has filed it as spam. If it has not, and you have recently changed your email address, please check your old email account. Should the email not have arrived please contact your local County FA who will be able to check your FAN record to see whether the correct email address is assigned to it.

SECTION FIVE

INDIVIDUALS PORTAL CRC TILE

It is here the individual will see their ability to apply for their CRC, and to the Club who has added them in their Portal as a CRC Applicant.



Once the individual has logged into their Portal, they will see the screen above, and the new “My CRC” tile which will be available.

If they navigate to this button and click, the following screen will appear.

My CRC

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CRC Award Date : 20/04/2015

CRC Status : Accepted

CRC Expiry Date : 20/04/2018

CRC Renewal

Your CRC is not yet due for renewal, but you may start a renewal on 20/10/2017

At the time they have been added by their Club Welfare Officer, or other Club Officer with the relevant access, the individual will see a change in screen to below. This will allow them the ability to select the Club to which they will be applying for their CRC. In most cases, as the person will be a new applicant, it will only show one Club. If however the individual will be volunteering at more than one Club, the option may arise to select one of two/three.

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CRC Expiry Date : 20/04/2017

CRC Renewal

You may now start a new CRC check – please select the account you wish to use

FA Demonstration Club

Select

At this stage of the process once selected, an automated email sent to CRC Applicant via their email address which must be on their FAN to enable their log in to the WGS Portal.

- CRC applicant logs into GB Group (within automated email)
- CRC applicant provides details as normal in GBG
- CRC applicant submits CRC for verification

- Club verifier logs into GB Group and provides verification
- GB Group submit CRC check to DBS
- Changes in application status are reflected in WGS now, as the application was commenced in the WGS Portal

SECTION SIX

HOW TO FIND UPDATES ON CRC APPLICATIONS

If the Club revert to their Safeguarding Tile in the Portal, and navigate to the CRC Application Tab, you will see now the status of the CRC Application will change depending on where you are in the process. Initially it will be In Progress, which means the individual is inputting their details via GBG. Once this is done, it will amend to ID Verification Required when the applicant requires you to verify their documents. Once the verification of documents is completed it will show Application in Progress. Finally, if no issue with the application and the CRC is processed as Clear, it will show Application Complete and shortly afterward update the individual FAN Record.