

= Hull City A.F.C. =

Hull City Association Football Club (/ ʔhʔl ʔsʔti /) is a professional association football club based in Hull , East Riding of Yorkshire , England . It was founded in 1904 . The club participates in the Premier League , the top tier of English football ? and their greatest achievement in cup competitions came in 2014 , when the team reached the final of the FA Cup . In 2007 ? 08 they achieved promotion to the top flight of English football for the first time in their history by winning the Championship play @-@ off final at Wembley Stadium . Their highest league finish was for the 2013 ? 14 season , in which they finished 16th in the Premier League table .

Hull City play their home games at the KCOM Stadium . They previously played at Boothferry Park and moved to their current home in 2002 . Boothferry Park has been demolished and has been replaced by a housing development . They traditionally play in black and amber , often with a striped shirt design , hence their nickname The Tigers . The club 's mascots are Roary the Tiger and his sister Amber .

= = History = =

= = = Early history = = =

Hull City Association Football Club was founded in June 1904 ; previous attempts to found a football club had proved difficult because of the dominance in the city of rugby league teams such as Hull F.C. and Hull Kingston Rovers . The club was unable to apply for membership of the Football League for the 1904 ? 05 season and instead played only in friendlies , the first of which was a 2 ? 2 draw with Notts County on 1 September 1904 with 6 @, @ 000 in attendance . These early matches were played at the Boulevard , the home of Hull F.C. The club 's first competitive football match was in the FA Cup preliminary round , drawing 3 ? 3 with Stockton on 17 September , but they were eliminated after losing the replay 4 ? 1 on 22 September . After disputes with landlords at the Boulevard , Hull City moved to Anlaby Road Cricket Ground . After having played 44 friendly fixtures the previous season , Hull City were finally admitted into the Football League Second Division for the 1905 ? 06 season . Other teams competing in the league that season included the likes of Manchester United and Chelsea , as well as Yorkshire rivals Barnsley , Bradford City and Leeds City . Hull defeated Barnsley 4 ? 1 at home in their first game and finished the season in fifth place .

Hull City and Grimsby Town were the only two professional teams which had official permission to play league football on Christmas Day because of the demands of the fish trade , but that tradition has now disappeared following the dramatic reduction of their trawler fleets in recent years . The following season a new ground was built for Hull City across the road from the cricket ground . Still under the managership of Ambrose Langley , Hull continued to finish consistently in the top half of the table . They came close to promotion in the 1909 ? 10 season , recording what would be their highest finish until they matched it in 2008 . Hull finished third , level on points with second placed Oldham Athletic , missing promotion on goal average by 0 @. @ 29 of a goal . Hull regularly finished in the top half of the table before the First World War , but after the war the team finished in the bottom half in seven seasons out of eleven , culminating in relegation to the Third Division North in 1930 .

= = = Mid @-@ 20th century = = =

Hull 's greatest achievement in cup competitions until 2014 was in 1930 , when they reached the FA Cup semi @-@ finals . The cup run saw Hull knock out the eventual champions of the Second and Third Divisions ; Blackpool and Plymouth Argyle respectively . They then knocked out Manchester City , to meet Newcastle United in the quarter @-@ finals . The first game at St James ' Park finished as a 1 ? 1 draw , but in the replay Hull beat Newcastle 1 ? 0 . The semi @-@ final match against Arsenal took place at Elland Road in Leeds , the game ended 2 ? 2 , and was taken to a

replay in Birmingham . Arsenal knocked Hull out at Villa Park , the game ending 1 ? 0 .

After the Second World War , the club moved to another new ground , Boothferry Park . In the 1948 ? 49 season , managed by former England international Raich Carter , Hull won the Third Division North championship . " Yo @-@ yoing " between the second and third tiers of English football , Hull City had promotion seasons from the Third to the Second Division again in 1959 and 1966 , winning the Third Division in the latter season . Hull also became the first team in the world to go out of a cup competition on penalties , beaten by Manchester United in the semi @-@ final of the Watney Cup on 1 August 1970 . By the early 1980s , Hull City were in the Fourth Division , and financial collapse led to receivership .

Don Robinson took over as chairman and appointed Colin Appleton as the new manager . Both had previously held the equivalent roles with non @-@ league Scarborough . Promotion to Division Three followed in 1983 , with a young team featuring the likes of future England international Brian Marwood , future England manager Steve McClaren , centre @-@ forward Billy Whitehurst , and the prolific goal @-@ scorer Les Mutrie . When Hull City missed out on promotion by one goal the following season , Appleton left to manage Swansea City .

= = = Decline in the late 20th century = = =

Hull reached the Second Division in 1985 under player @-@ manager Brian Horton . They remained there for the next six years before finally going down in 1991 , by which time the club 's manager was Terry Dolan . Hull finished 14th in the Third Division in the 1991 ? 92 season , meaning that they would be competing in the new Second Division the following season . In their first season in the rebranded division , Hull narrowly avoided another relegation , but the board kept faith in Dolan and over the next two seasons they achieved mid @-@ table finishes . Financial difficulties hampered City 's progress , as key players such as Alan Fittis and Dean Windass had to be sold to fend off winding @-@ up orders . In the 1995 ? 96 season Hull were relegated to the Third Division .

In 1997 the club was purchased by former tennis player David Lloyd , who sacked Dolan as manager and replaced him with Mark Hateley after Hull could only finish in 17th place in the table . Hull 's league form was steadily deteriorating to the point that relegation to the Football Conference was looking a real possibility . Lloyd sold the club in November 1998 to a South Yorkshire @-@ based consortium , but retained ownership of Boothferry Park . Hateley departed in November 1998 , with the club at the foot of the table . He was replaced by 34 @-@ year @-@ old veteran player Warren Joyce , who steered the club to safety with games to spare . Hull City fans refer to this season as " The Great Escape " . Despite this feat , Joyce was replaced in April 2000 by the more experienced Brian Little .

Despite briefly being locked out of Boothferry Park by bailiffs and facing the possibility of liquidation , Hull qualified for the Third Division play @-@ offs in the 2000 ? 01 season , losing in the semi @-@ finals to Leyton Orient . A boardroom takeover by former Leeds United commercial director Adam Pearson had eased the club 's precarious financial situation and all fears of closure were banished .

= = = 21st century resurgence = = =

The new chairman ploughed funds into the club , allowing Little to rebuild the team . Hull occupied the Third Division promotion and play @-@ off places for much of the 2001 ? 02 season , but Little departed two months before the end of the season and Hull slipped to 11th place under his successor Jan Mølby .

Hull began the 2002 ? 03 season with a number of defeats , which saw relegation look more likely than promotion , and Mølby was sacked in October as Hull languished fifth from bottom in the league . Peter Taylor was named as Hull 's new manager and in December 2002 , just two months after his appointment , Hull relocated to the new 25 @, @ 400 @-@ seater KC Stadium after 56 years at Boothferry Park . At the end of the season Hull finished 13th .

Hull were Third Division runners @-@ up in 2003 ? 04 and League One runners @-@ up in 2004 ? 05 ; these back @-@ to @-@ back promotions took them into the Championship , the second tier of English football . The 2005 ? 06 season , the club 's first back in the second tier , saw Hull finish in 18th place , 10 points clear of relegation and their highest league finish for 16 years .

However , Taylor left the club to take up the manager 's job at Crystal Palace and Colchester United 's Phil Parkinson was confirmed as his replacement , but was sacked on 4 December 2006 with Hull in the relegation zone , despite having spent over £ 2 million on players during the summer . Phil Brown took over as caretaker manager , and took over permanently in January 2007 , having taken Hull out of the relegation zone . Brown brought veteran striker Dean Windass back to his hometown club on loan from Bradford City , and his eight goals helped secure Hull 's Championship status as they finished in 21st place .

Adam Pearson sold the club to a consortium led by Paul Duffen in June 2007 , stating that he " had taken the club as far as I could " , and would have to relinquish control in order to attract " really significant finance into the club " . Under Paul Duffen and manager Phil Brown , Hull City improved greatly on their relegation battle of 2006 ? 07 and qualified for the play @-@ offs after finishing the season in third place . They beat Watford 6 ? 1 on aggregate in the semi @-@ finals and played Bristol City in the Final on 24 May 2008 , which Hull won 1 ? 0 at Wembley Stadium , with Hull native Dean Windass scoring the winning goal . Their ascent from the bottom division of the Football League to the top division of English football in just five seasons is the third @-@ fastest ever .

Despite being one of the favourites for relegation in the 2008 ? 09 season , Hull began life in the Premier League by beating Fulham 2 ? 1 on the opening day in their first ever top flight fixture . With only one defeat in their opening nine games , including away wins at Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur , Hull City found themselves (temporarily) joint @-@ top of the Premier League table on points (third on goal difference) , following a 3 ? 0 victory over West Bromwich Albion ? ten years previously , they had been bottom of the fourth tier of English football . Hull 's form never replicated the highs of the early autumn , with the team winning only two more games over the remainder of the season , but secured their top @-@ flight status on the last day of the season due to other results .

On 29 October 2009 , chairman Paul Duffen resigned his position with the club , and was replaced by former chairman Adam Pearson on 2 November 2009 . On 15 March 2010 , manager Phil Brown was put on gardening leave after a run of four defeats left Hull in the relegation zone . Brown 's replacement was former Crystal Palace and Charlton boss Iain Dowie , and the appointment was met with some disbelief by supporters who were hoping for a " bigger name " replacement . Hull City 's relegation from the Premier League was confirmed on 3 May 2010 , after a 2 ? 2 draw at Wigan Athletic . Both Brown and Dowie had their contracts terminated , and Leicester City 's Nigel Pearson was confirmed as the new manager .

A reported block on player transfers into the club , set in place by the Hull City board on 28 July 2010 until transfers out would substantially reduce the £ 39 million @-@ per @-@ year wage bill , at first cast doubt on the new manager 's efforts to build a squad capable of a quick return to the Premier League ; nevertheless , Pearson brought several transfers and loan signings into the club in his bid to strengthen the squad for the season 's campaign . The team set a new club record on 12 March 2011 with 14 away matches unbeaten , breaking a previous record held for over 50 years . This 17 @-@ match streak was finally broken by Bristol City on the last day of the 2010 ? 11 season , Hull losing the match 3 ? 0 .

On 15 November 2011 , Nigel Pearson left the club to return to Leicester . Nick Barmby was appointed as his successor , but was sacked in May 2012 after publicly criticising the club 's owners in an interview given to a local newspaper . In the same month , the club 's consultancy agreement with Adam Pearson was terminated . On 8 June 2012 , Steve Bruce was appointed manager of the club on a three @-@ year deal , and he guided Hull back to the Premier League by drawing with League champions Cardiff City on the final day of the season .

On 13 April 2014 , the club reached its first FA Cup Final after defeating Sheffield United 5 ? 3 in the semi @-@ final at Wembley Stadium . Their place in the 2014 ? 15 UEFA Europa League , regardless of whether they won the 2013 ? 14 FA Cup , was confirmed on 3 May as Everton 's

failure to win meant that Hull 's FA Cup Final opponents Arsenal would compete in the 2014 ? 15 UEFA Champions League . Hull City will enter in the third qualifying round , in their first ever European campaign . The FA Cup final on 17 May saw Hull go 2 ? 0 up within the first ten minutes , before losing 3 ? 2 after extra time .

On 31 July 2014 , Hull made their debut in European competition , in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round , with a 0 ? 0 draw against Slovakian side FK AS Tren?ín before winning the second leg 2 ? 1 a week later . An error from keeper Allan McGregor gave them a 1 ? 0 loss away to Belgian outfit Lokeren in the first leg of their play @-@ off tie on 21 August 2014 with the second leg in East Riding of Yorkshire ending in a 2 ? 1 victory , but away goals marked the end of Hull 's first foray into European football .

In March 2015 Steve Bruce signed a further three @-@ year deal with the club . Hull were relegated from the Premier League after the 2014 ? 15 season , finishing eighteenth with 35 points after a 0 ? 0 draw against Manchester United , along with Newcastle United securing their Premier League Status after beating West Ham United 2 ? 0 . In October 2015 Hull beat Leicester City in a penalty @-@ shootout to take them through to their first ever quarter @-@ final appearance in the Football League Cup .

= = Name change = =

= = = 2013 : Initial application = = =

In August 2013 , owner Assem Allam announced that the club has re @-@ registered as " Hull City Tigers Ltd , " and that the team would be marketed as " Hull City Tigers , " removing the " Association Football Club " that had been part of the name since the club 's formation in 1904 . Vice @-@ chairman Ehab Allam said " AFC " would remain on the club badge for the 2013 ? 14 season , but removed thereafter .

In response , a Premier League spokesman said , " We have not been informed of a change in the name of the actual club . They will still be known as Hull City as far as the Premier League is concerned when results or fixtures are published . "

According to its Chairman , by 2014 , the club would be further renamed " Hull Tigers , " because , as he claimed , " in marketing , the shorter the name the more powerful [it is] , " while " Association Football Club " made the name too long . Allam stated he dislikes the word " City " , as it is too " common " and a " lousy identity " , since it is associated also with other clubs , such as Leicester City , Bristol City and Manchester City . He told David Conn of The Guardian that " in a few years many clubs will follow and change their names to something more interesting and I will have proved I am a leader , " adding that if he were the owner of Manchester City , he would change their name to " Manchester Hunter . "

Allam justified the intended name change as part of his plans to create " additional sources of revenue " for the club , after Hull City Council refused to sell him the stadium freehold so he could develop , as he had stated , " a sports park " on the site . The council has refused to sell in order , as they stated , " to preserve the annual Hull Fair held on the adjacent car park . " After the collapse of the negotiations , Allam stated : " I had in mind £ 30 million to spend on the infrastructure of the club , to increase the stadium by 10 @,@ 000 and to have commercial activities around the stadium ? cafeterias , shops , supermarkets ? to have all this to create income for the club so that in the future it can be self @-@ financing and not relying on me . " He asked rhetorically , " What if I dropped dead tomorrow ? "

Supporters ' groups expressed opposition to the name change . Bernard Noble , chairman of Hull City 's official supporters club said he was disappointed , although he agreed that Allam had saved the club from liquidation and that it was " his club " . Blogger Rick Skelton called the name change " a pointless exercise " and said , " Mr Allam 's assertion that the name ' Hull City ' is irrelevant and too common , is as disgusting a use of the English language as his new name for the club . " Before the first home match of the season on 24 August 2013 , a group of supporters marched in protest

against the name change , and unfurled a banner that read , " Hull City AFC : a club not a brand " . Allam dismissed complaints by the fans , stating " nobody questions my decisions in my business . "

In a comment published on 1 December 2013 in The Independent in response to supporters ' chants and banners of " City Till (sic) We Die " , Allam said , " They can die as soon as they want , as long as they leave the club for the majority who just want to watch good football . " The supporters responded with chants of " We 're Hull City , we 'll die when we want " during that day 's home match against Liverpool . Manager Steve Bruce credited the controversy for creating " a fantastic atmosphere " but added , " I have got to have a conversation with him because I don 't think he quite understands what it means in terms of history and tradition . " However , Bruce also said that , because of the money Allam had invested in the club , " If he thinks Hull Tigers is his way forward then we have to respect it . "

On 11 December 2013 , a spokesman for Hull City announced that the club had formally applied to the Football Association to have its name changed to " Hull Tigers " from the 2014 ? 15 season onwards . The FA Council , which has " absolute discretion " in deciding whether to approve the plan or not , stated the next day that it would follow a " consultation process " with stakeholders , " including the club 's supporter groups . "

= = = 2014 : Resistance and rejection = = =

Some brand and marketing experts have come out in support of the name change . Nigel Currie , director of sports marketing agency Brand Rapport , stated that " the whole process has been conducted badly with the supporters , but [the name change] is a pretty sound idea . " Simon Chadwick , professor of Sport Business Strategy and Marketing at the Coventry University Business School , opined that the objective of opening up lucrative new markets for shirt sales , merchandise and broadcast deals shows commercial vision and could bring benefits , but " this needs to be backed up by a proper marketing strategy and investment . " He said , " it 's no use thinking changing the name or the colour of the shirt will pay instant dividends . " David Stern , commissioner of the National Basketball Association in the United States , warned : " I would say a wise owner [of a sports club] would view his ownership as something of a public trust , in addition to the profit motive , and you really do want to allow the fans a little bit more input than I think is being allowed , with respect to Hull . "

On 17 March 2014 , the FA membership committee advised that the name change application be rejected at the FA Council meeting on 9 April . In response , the club published a statement saying the FA was " prejudiced " and criticised the committee 's consultation with the City Till We Die opposition group . The following week , the club opened a ballot of season ticket holders over the name change . Opponents of the name change criticised as " loaded " the questions , which asked respondents to choose between " Yes to Hull Tigers with the Allam family continuing to lead the club " , " No to Hull Tigers " and " I am not too concerned and will continue to support the club either way " , on the grounds that voters were not given the option to reject the name while keeping the Allam family as owners . Of 15 @ , @ 033 season ticket holders , 5 @ , @ 874 voted in all , with 2 @ , @ 565 voting in favour of the change and 2 @ , @ 517 against , while 792 chose the " not too concerned " option .

On 9 April 2014 , the FA Council announced its decision , carried by a 63 @ . @ 5 % vote of its members , to reject the club 's application for a name change . The club responded by stating it will appeal the decision . However , since there is no appeal process with the FA and its Council , the decision is final . On 11 September 2014 , Allam confirmed an appeal has been submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport . He also held a news conference confirming the club had been put up for sale due to the English FA 's decision on 9 April 2014 .

In October 2014 , interviewed by the BBC , Allam confirmed that he would " not invest a penny more in the club " unless he is allowed to change the club 's name to Hull Tigers . In the same interview , Allam said , " I have never been a football fan . I am still not a football fan . I am a community fan . "

== 2015 : Re @-@ application ==

In March 2015 , an independent panel appointed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that the decision of the Football Association Council to block the name change " cannot stand " on account of the process having been " flawed . "

In July 2015 , the Football Supporters Federation confirmed that a 70 / 30 decision was made in favour of Hull City A.F.C. not changing their name after an FA vote . Greg Dyke , chairman of the FA , reportedly voted yes to a change .

== Colours and crest ==

For most of the club 's history , Hull have worn black and amber shirts with black shorts . These black and amber colours are where Hull 's nickname , The Tigers , originated from . However , in the club 's first match against Notts County in 1904 , white shirts were worn , with black shorts and black socks . During their first season in the League , Hull wore black and amber striped shirts and black shorts , which they continued to wear until the Second World War with the exception of the 1935 ? 36 season , in which they wore sky blue shirts . Following the end of the Second World War , Hull spent another season wearing sky blue , but changed to plain amber shirts , which they wore until the early 1960s , when they swapped back to stripes .

During the mid @-@ 1970s and early 1980s , the strip was constantly changing between the two versions of plain shirts and stripes . During the late 1980s , red was added to the kits but its duration went no further than this . The early 1990s featured two " tiger skin " designs , which have since featured in several articles listing the " worst ever " football kits . The 1998 ? 99 season introduced a kit with cross @-@ fading amber and white stripes , another experiment that proved unpopular . After the start of the 21st century , the club wore plain amber shirts until 2004 , when the club celebrated its centenary by wearing a kit similar to the design of the one worn 100 years ago .

In 1935 , Hull City 's first shirt badge mirrored the familiar three crowns civic emblem of Kingston @-@ upon @-@ Hull , which was displayed on the sky blue shirts worn in the 1935 ? 36 season . Following that season , the team went without wearing a badge until 1947 , when the club crest depicted a tiger 's head in an orange @-@ shaded badge . This was worn up until 1957 , when it was changed to just the tiger 's head . This was worn for three years , when the shirt again featured no emblem . Then , in 1971 , the club returned to showing the tiger 's head on the shirt . This was used for four years , until the club 's initials of HCAFC were shown for four years . After this , a logo with the tiger 's head with the club 's name underneath was used from 1979 until 1998 . The next logo , which remains the club 's current logo , features the tiger 's head in an amber shield with the club 's name , along with the club 's nickname , The Tigers .

Hull changed their crest in June 2014 , becoming one of few English league teams without the club name on their crest .

== Kit manufacturers and sponsors ==

== Stadium ==

Between 1904 and 1905 , Hull City played their home games at The Boulevard . This ground was used by Hull on a contract which allowed them to use it when not used for Rugby League , at a cost of £ 100 per annum . Hull built their own ground , Anlaby Road , which was opened in 1906 . With the threat of the rerouting of the railway line through the Anlaby Road ground , the club was convinced it needed to secure its future by owning its own ground . They negotiated the deal for land between Boothferry Road and North Road in 1929 , which was financed by a £ 3 @,@ 000 loan from the FA . Due to the club 's financial difficulties , no work took place for three years , and development then stopped until 1939 . In that year a proposal to build a new multi @-@ purpose sports stadium on the site temporarily halted the club 's plans to relocate , but when this plan failed

the club resolved to continue with the stalled development of the site , in anticipation of moving to the new stadium in 1940 . The outbreak of war , however , meant that the redevelopment again came to a halt , as the site was taken over by the Home Guard .

During the Second World War , Anlaby Road was damaged by enemy bombing , the repair cost of which was in the region of £ 1 @, @ 000 . The Cricket Club served notice to quit at the same time , and so in 1943 the tenancy was officially ended . Hull were forced to return to the Boulevard Ground from 1944 until 1945 because of the poor condition of the planned stadium at Boothferry Road . The new stadium was finally opened under the revised name of Boothferry Park on 31 August 1946 .

Hull City , along with one of the city 's rugby league sides , Hull F.C. , moved into the newly built KC Stadium in 2002 . The KC Stadium was named " Best Ground " at the 2006 Football League Awards .

== Finances ==

In the club 's annual report for the 12 @-@ month period up to 31 July 2009 , auditors Deloitte stated that £ 4 @. @ 4 million had gone out of the club and stadium company to owner Russell Bartlett 's holding companies in loans , while at least £ 2 @. @ 9 million of it was used in the take @-@ over itself of the club . A further £ 560 @, @ 000 was paid , according to the audit , by the stadium company to Bartlett 's holding companies in " management fees , " while at least £ 1 million was owed to him personally as a " salary . " After the warning from Deloitte , Bartlett gave the club a £ 4 million loan , " which brought the money he had taken out and put in since taking over to about even . "

The corporate entity that owns the football club , " The Hull City Association Football Club (Tigers) Ltd , " is currently owned by Allamhouse Limited , a private , limited @-@ liability company with a share capital of £ 10 million (as of October , 2012) , registered in Jersey . The beneficial owners of Allamhouse Limited , established in 2009 , are the Allam family .

On an " Opacity Score " of 100 , where zero indicates complete openness and 100 complete secrecy , the company which owns the club has been rated by Christian Aid at 87 .

Hull City 's corporate accounts , as of July 2013 , show a £ 25 @. @ 6 million loss , on revenues of £ 11 million , after player and management costs of " just under £ 23 million . " The club has " future tax losses " available of more than £ 45 million . Another Assam Allam company , Allam Marine , also wholly owned by Allamhouse Limited , revealed in its 2012 accounts that " utilisation of tax losses from group companies " reduced its tax liability by £ 3 @. @ 8 million over 2011 and 2012 .

As reported , HM Revenue and Customs are in the process of an inquiry at Hull City AFC , as part of the British tax authorities ' targeting of football clubs over " tax @-@ free payments to players under image rights ' deals and the provision of benefits in kind . For Hull City AFC , the provision for benefits in kind was reported at £ 682 @, @ 000 as of July 2011 , growing to £ 810 @, @ 000 by July 2012 .

== Statistics and records ==

Andy Davidson holds the record for Hull City league appearances , having played 579 matches . Garreth Roberts comes second , having played 487 matches . Chris Chilton is the club 's top goalscorer with 222 goals in all competitions ; Chilton also holds the club record for goals scored in the League (193) , FA Cup (16) and League Cup (10) .

The club 's widest victory margin in the league was their 11 ? 1 win against Carlisle United in the Third Division North on 14 January 1939 . Their biggest win in the top flight was achieved on 28 December 2013 , with a 6 ? 0 victory over Fulham .

Their heaviest defeat in the league was 8 ? 0 against Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1911 . Their heaviest top flight defeat was a 6 ? 1 defeat to Liverpool on 26 September 2009 .

Hull City 's record home attendance is 55 @, @ 019 , for a match against Manchester United on 26 February 1949 at Boothferry Park , with their highest attendance at their current stadium , the KC Stadium , 25 @, @ 030 set on 9 May 2010 against Liverpool for the last match of the season .

The highest transfer fee received for a Hull City player is £ 12 @. @ 5 million from Southampton for Shane Long . The highest transfer fee paid for a player is for Abel Hernández from Italian side Palermo , for a fee reported to be approximately £ 9 @. @ 5 million .

== European record ==

Notes

3Q : Third qualifying round

PO : Play @-@ off round

== Players ==

As of 1 July 2016 .

== First team squad ==

Note : Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules . Players may hold more than one non @-@ FIFA nationality .

== Out on loan ==

Note : Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules . Players may hold more than one non @-@ FIFA nationality .

== Player of the Year ==

== Managers ==

As of 5 June 2016

Only professional , competitive matches are counted .

* Caretaker manager

? Temporary Football Management Consultant

== Current backroom staff ==

As of 31 December 2014 .

== Related teams ==

== Reserves and Juniors ==

Hull City Reserves play in the Reserve League East Division . The team plays home fixtures at the Church Road Ground , home of North Ferriby United . Hull City Juniors play in the Football League Youth Alliance , playing their home fixtures at Winterton Rangers ' home stadium .

== Hull City Women ==

Hull City Women play in the Northern Combination Women 's Football League . In the 2006 ? 07 season , the team finished seventh in the table with 33 points .

== Rivalries ==

According to a 2003 poll , Hull City fans consider their main rival to be Yorkshire neighbours Leeds United .

The club also has a traditional rivalry with Sheffield United . In 1984 , Sheffield United won promotion at Hull City 's expense with the teams level on points and goal difference and separated only by goals scored , with 33 of United 's goals scored by former Hull City striker Keith Edwards . City 's final game of the season against Burnley had been rescheduled due to bad weather and took place after their promotion rivals had finished their campaign ; Hull went into the game knowing that a three @-@ goal victory would mean promotion , but in front of a crowd which included a number of United fans could manage only a 2 ? 0 win , ensuring that United went up instead .

Distant rivals include teams from across the Humber Estuary in Lincolnshire , Scunthorpe United and former league club Grimsby Town . With Scunthorpe 's promotion from League One , the 2007 ? 08 Championship season saw the return of a " Humber Derby " . Additionally , non @-@ league Lincoln City and League Two club York City are said to consider Hull amongst their rivals .

The club 's main hooligan firm appears to be the Hull City Psychos , dating back to the 1960s .

= = Honours and achievements = =

Football League Championship and predecessors (level 2 of the English football league system)

Runners @-@ up : 2012 ? 13

Play @-@ off winners : 2007 ? 08 , 2015 ? 16

Football League One and predecessors (level 3 of the English football league system)

Champions : 1965 ? 66

Runners @-@ up : 1958 ? 59 , 2004 ? 05

Promoted : 1984 ? 85

Football League Two and predecessors (level 4 of the English football league system)

Runners @-@ up : 1982 ? 83 , 2003 ? 04

Football League Third Division North

Champions : 1932 ? 33 , 1948 ? 49

FA Cup

Runners @-@ up : 2014

Semi @-@ finalists : 1930

Football League Cup

Quarter @-@ finalists : 2015 ? 16

Football League Trophy

Runners @-@ up : 1984

Watney Cup

Runners @-@ up : 1974