



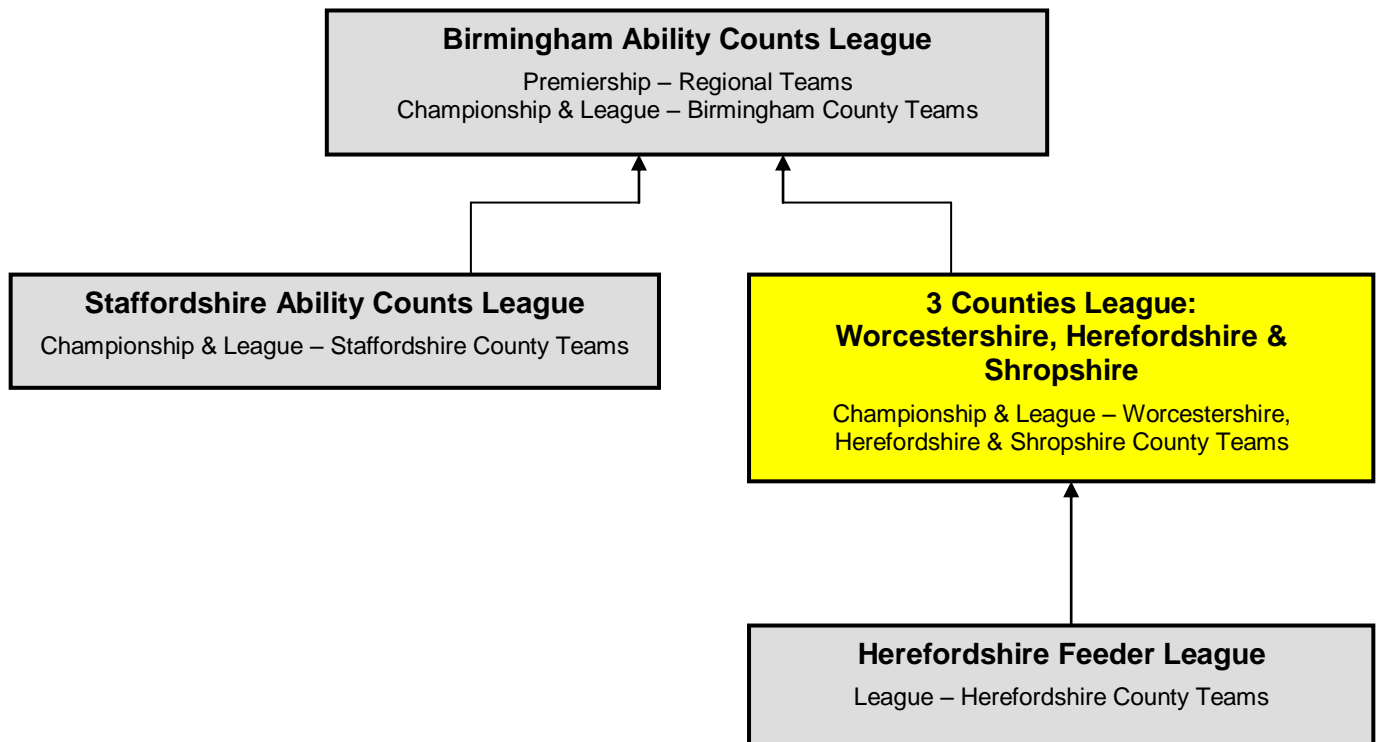
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### 3 COUNTIES LEAGUE 2011/12 - OVERVIEW

#### Disability Football

Following the success of the inaugural season in 2010/11, The FA and the 3 respective County FA's (Herefordshire, Shropshire & Worcestershire) have unanimously decided that the ability counts '3 Counties League' will be funded for season 2011/12.

#### 3 Counties League (3CL) and the Current Framework:



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The **3CL** accommodates for players (youth & adult) with pan-disabilities across 5 age groups; U13 mixed, U16 boys, U16 girls, adult male and adult female – all of which participate within the 'Championship' & 'League' ability bracket. However the **3CL** will also establish a link to the Birmingham Ability Counts League, for those teams and / or players that excel, to access a higher standard of football (i.e. 'Premiership' ability bracket) to keep developing.

Likewise the **3CL** will also continue to link with any individual county league(s), like the Feeder League in Herefordshire, with the **3CL** providing a progressive outlet.

## League Festival Fixtures:

League fixtures for the **3CL** will be conducted through hosting 6 half-day festivals across the course of the season, with 2 festivals taking place in each county **i.e.**

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| 1.    | <b>Oct 2011</b> | - | <b>Worcestershire</b> |
| 2.    | <b>Nov 2011</b> | - | <b>Worcestershire</b> |
| 3.    | <b>Dec 2011</b> | - | <b>Shropshire</b>     |
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| 4.    | <b>Feb 2012</b> | - | <b>Shropshire</b>     |
| 5.    | <b>Mar 2012</b> | - | <b>Herefordshire</b>  |
| 6.    | <b>Apr 2012</b> | - | <b>Herefordshire</b>  |

*\*Dates to be confirmed (to avoid clashing with the Birmingham Ability Counts League)*

Funding supplied by The FA for running the league has been split equally between the 3 counties; details of which have been included within their respective development strategies.

The Worcestershire FA is working closely with local partners to raise awareness of the **3CL** across the county – any teams, groups or individual players are more than welcome to take part in the festivals – please contact the Worcestershire FA (details below) to express formal interest.

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