

# Spartans and Edinburgh City to play in new Scottish Lowland Football League




Spartans and Edinburgh City will be among the twelve clubs selected to compete in the new Scottish Lowland Football League, the Scottish Football Association has announced.

Twenty seven clubs from the East of Scotland and South of Scotland Leagues, as well as members of the Scottish Junior Football Association, expressed an initial interest before 17 formal applications were submitted.

The new league is part of the major restructuring of Scottish football which includes plans for play-offs between teams from the Scottish Third Division, the Scottish Lowland Football League and the Scottish Highland Football League from the end of season 2014/15

Joining Spartans and Edinburgh City in the new Lowland League are Dalbeattie Star, East Kilbride, Gala Fairydean Rovers, Gretna (2008), Preston Athletic, Selkirk, Threave Rovers, University of Stirling, Vale of Leithen and Whitehill Welfare.

 The Project Steering Group, made up of the Scottish FA Executive, licensing committee and club representatives, selected the twelve successful applicants based on their ability to meet Scottish FA club licensing criteria and their decision will be ratified by the Board of the Scottish FA at its meeting on 27th June.

Scottish FA chief executive Stewart Regan, said: "This is an exciting opportunity for all 12 clubs, and another step forward for league reconstruction in Scotland. It's important

that ambitious clubs are given opportunities to progress. With the Scottish Lowland Football League running in tandem with the Scottish Highland Football League from next season, we are on track to create a pyramid system feeding into the senior leagues.

“The hard work now continues with the creation of the new league board, appointment of office bearers and detailed planning ahead of the start of the new season in August. On behalf of the Scottish FA, I wish all 12 clubs the very best of luck for the new season and beyond.”