



Thank you for your communication expressing your concern at being required to sign up on an independent database in order to access results data on the mentioned website.

Much of the data found on the mentioned website is public information, as are the results of any sporting fixture and the associated statistics. And where those results are publicly available, you can access them without any conditions applying.

But, for example, if you want to access this information through a particular newspaper, you have to buy the paper first – you don't get it for nothing even though all of the information in it is public – and where you want to access particular information online, you may have to comply with the terms and conditions of the relevant website. This is the case, for example, with a number of newspaper sites.

The website mentioned is no different – it is a private, not a public site and, as a result, we make it clear that people wanting to access and use certain parts of the site have to join as a member. This has been done in agreement with your sport.

SportingPulse designed and maintains this website and in consideration for their doing so, it has been agreed that members who want to access particular parts of the site have to become members.

There are significant flow-on advantages to the sport as a result. This has been a commercial decision made by the sport which we are sure will benefit your club and its members.

And you should appreciate that as a member, you do not have to receive third party material – you can choose not to. The relevant Privacy legislation is obviously being adhered to.

Please also refer to the attached Frequently Asked Questions document, which gives further details regarding membership.

I do hope this clarifies the position for you.

Regards  
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