

THRAPSTON TOWN JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

THE CLUB RULES

1. NAME

The club shall be called Thrapston Town Juniors F.C (the Club).

2. OBJECTS.

The objects of the Club shall be to arrange association football matches and social activities for its members.

3. STATUS OF RULES

These rules (the Club Rules) form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

(a) The Club shall have the status of an Affiliated Member Club of The Football Association by virtue of its affiliation to/membership of The Football Association. The Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Limited and parent County Association and any League or Competition to which the Club is affiliated for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated into, the Club Rules.

(b) The parent Association shall be notified in writing of any alterations to the Club Rules

(c) The Club will also abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

- Encourage healthy lifestyle habits
- Actively take part in home-based games with children
- Promote and teach fair play by setting a good example
- Help children to set realistic targets for themselves
- Help children to make their own decisions
- Set an example by being active in sport
- Take children to watch competitions
- Provide transport to training/games
- Be supportive and encouraging if they've had a poor performance

What parents can do to help the team

- Try to watch training whenever you can
- Supply or organise transport to and from practises/competitions
- Assist coaches with supervision during sessions, if asked
- Officiate games
- Wash kit
- Promote activities
- Assist with the organisation of special activities/events

[Information taken from "Soccer Parent – The FA Football Development Programme"]

7. RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION

(a) A member shall cease to be a member of the Club if and from the date on which. he/she gives notice to the Club Committee of their resignation. A member whose annual membership fee or further subscription is more than 2 months in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the power to expel a member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a member. There shall be no appeal procedures.

(c) A member who resigns or is expelled shall not be entitled to claim any, or a share of any, of the Club Property.

8. CLUB COMMITTEE

(a) The Club Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and additional members as elected at an Annual General Meeting.

(b) Each Club Officer and Club Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting. One person may hold no more than two positions of Club Officer at any time. The Club Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club. Decisions of the Club Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Meetings of the Club Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson or in their absence the Vice Chairperson

(c) The quorum for the transaction of business of the Club Committee shall be five.

Bullying will not be tolerated at Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. and the club will take any incidents of bullying seriously.

Incidents should be reported to the team manager or the club Child Protection Officer and the following procedures will be adopted:

Incidents will be investigated and the bully and the victim will be spoken to separately. The victim and offender(s) will be spoken to with their parents present.

The Club will decide upon appropriate action such as:

- An apology from the bully to the victim.
- Inform parents of bully of their actions.
- Insist on return of stolen items.
- Bully to compensate victim.
- Encourage the bully to change.
- Impose sanctions against the bully.
- Hold a follow up meeting with the victims' and offenders' parents.
- Inform club members about the incident and action taken.

Keep a record of the incident and action taken.

9. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in each year to:

receive a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year

receive a report of the Club's finances over the previous year

elect the Club Officers and Committee members

appoint a Club member to be responsible for each of the Club's football teams (Team Manager). On appointment as a Team Manager the member is elected to the Club Committee.

consider any other business.

(b) Nominations for election of members as Club Officers or as members of the Club Committee shall be made by a proposer and seconder; both of whom must be existing members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 21 days before the Meeting.

(c) A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called at any time by the Committee

(d) The Secretary shall send to each member at their last known address notice of the date of a General Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least 14 days before the Meeting.

(e) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Club Committee meeting. The Chairperson of the Club Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. A minimum number of committee members in attendance must be 5.

Ensure that parents / spectators within your club agree and adhere to your club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

(d) The Club shall prepare an annual Financial Statement in such form as shall be published by The Football Association from time to time.

(e) The Club Property, other than the Club Account, shall be vested in the four Club Officers as elected at the AGM (the Custodians), who shall deal with the Club Property as directed by decisions of the Club Committee and entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of such a decision.

12. DISSOLUTION

(a) A resolution to dissolve the Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.

(b) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.

(c) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to the parent Association who shall determine how the assets shall be utilised for the benefit of the game. Alternatively, such assets may be disposed of in such other manner as the members of the Club with the consent of the parent Association shall determine.

5. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters *the team official should*

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials *a team official should*

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.

2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.

3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. Code of Conduct

Football is the national game. All those involved with Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, or administrator, has a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high.

Community

Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules *a player should*

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards Opponents *a player should*

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials *a player should*

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials *a player should*

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters *A player should:*

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concepts of ethics are their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. **The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority;** before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach or parent.

Set out below is The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches), which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching.

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. fully endorses and applies these undertakings:

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.

2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.