

## Notes

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## **The Soccer Parent – Some Food for Thought?**

### **Why do children take part in football?**

- To have fun
- To be with friends
- To improve their skills
- The excitement of competition
- To be part of a team
- To play the game
- Encouragement from parents and friends

### **How do children benefit from football?**

- Develop health and fitness
- Build confidence and helps children socialise
- Develops communication and team skills
- Helps children to learn how to handle success and failure
- Forms the basis for lifelong participation in football

### **Helping your child develop through football**

- Encourage but do not force your child to take part in football
- Understand what your child wants from football and support this
- Emphasise enjoyment and the fun element of football
- Praise and reinforce effort and improvement
- Keep winning in perspective and encourage fair play

### **How to give children a good start from the home base**

- Encourage, but don't force children to be active
- Know when your child is ready to play

## **5. CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

(a) The members of the Club *from* time to time shall be those persons listed in the register of members (the Membership Register) which shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(b) Any person who wishes to be a member must apply on the Membership Application Form and deliver it to the Club. Election to membership shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Committee. Membership shall become effective upon an applicant's name being entered in the Membership Register.

(c) Thrapston Town Juniors Football Club players registered with their respective league(s) are deemed members of the Club until registration ceases.

(d) In the event of a member's resignation or expulsion, his or her name shall be removed from the Membership Register.

(e) The Football Association and parent County Association shall be given access to the Membership Register on demand.

## **6. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE**

(a) An annual fee payable by each playing member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee. Any such fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each playing member. Fees shall not be repayable.

(b) The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions, including match fees, from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club. These shall be decided upon by the committee and notified to members.

## Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying is not always easy to define; it can take many forms and is usually repeated over a period of time. The three main types are:

**Physical** - e.g. Hitting, kicking, theft.

**Verbal** - e.g. Racist or homophobic remarks, threats, name-calling.

**Emotional** - e.g. isolating an individual from activities.

They will all include:

- Deliberate hostility and aggression towards a victim.
- A victim who is weaker and less powerful than the bully or bullies.
- An outcome, which is always painful and distressing for the victim.

Bullying behaviour may also include:

- Other forms of violence
- Sarcasm, spreading rumours, persistent teasing.
- Tormenting, ridiculing, humiliation.
- Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Unwanted physical contact or abusive or offensive comments of a sexual nature.

Emotional and verbal bullying is more common in football than physical violence; it can also be difficult to cope with or prove. Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. is aware of the paramount importance of having an Anti-Bullying Policy to which coaching staff; club members, players and parents must subscribe.

## 8. CLUB COMMITTEE CONTINUED:

(d) Decisions of the Club Committee of meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(e) Any member of the Club Committee may call a meeting of the Club Committee by giving not less than 14 days' notice to all members of the Club Committee. The Club Committee shall hold not less than four meetings a year – generally meetings will be held the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise notified.

(f) An outgoing member of the Club Committee may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Club Committee which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Club Committee members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Club Committee members.

(g) Save as provided for in the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and the County Association to which the Club is affiliated, the Club Committee shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(h) On election to the committee, all committee members are required to attend a minimum of 6 meetings per year. Club officers and/or committee members failing to comply with this rule, without good reason as deemed by the committee, shall lose the right to become a committee member or Team Manager the following season.

## **Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators**

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game - it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- . Children enjoying football.
- . A sense of personal achievement.
- . Self-esteem.
- . Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- . Other players.
- . Officials.
- . Managers.
- . Spectators.

Ensure that parents / spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents / spectators to:

- . Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- . Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- . Not to shout and scream.
- . Respect the referee's decision.
- . Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- . Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.9.

## **ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING CONTINUED:**

(f) The Chairperson, or in their absence a member selected by the Club Committee, shall take the chair. Each member present shall have one vote and resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

(g) The Club Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Club Committee, shall enter Minutes of General Meetings into the Minute Book of the Club.

### **10. CLUB TEAMS**

Team managers shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the team. The Team Manager is answerable on any matters arising to the committee.

### **11. CLUB FINANCES**

(a) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (the Club Account). Designated account signatories shall be the Club Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Club Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be drawn from the Club Account except by cheque signed by two of the four designated signatories. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the Treasurer and deposited in the Club Account.

(b) The income and assets of the Club (the Club Property) shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Club.

(c) The Club Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.

## Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team/club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the Game *The team official should*

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team *The team official should*

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles.

## Child Protection Policy

Thrapston Town Juniors Football Club shall through the Child Protection Officers, adhere to the Child Protection Procedures and Practices defined within the Football Association handbook.

The role of the Child Protection Officers will be to:

- . Support the Club to disseminate The FA Child Protection Policy, Procedures and Practices.
- . Undertake any necessary meetings and make presentations to the Club, its officials, players and parents.
- . Play an active role in the delivery of the FA's strategic plan for Child Protection in football.
- . Be the prime contact for any parent or player that has any Child Protection related issues.
- . Treat all issues sensitively and in confidence.

## Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost - Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at all levels.

Obligations towards the game *A player should*

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team *A player should*

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
2. Resist any influence, which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

### Propriety

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

### Trust and Respect

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

### Violence

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

### Fairness

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

### Integrity and Fair Play

Thrapston Town Juniors F.C. is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.