



New Fordley Juniors Football Club Subscription, Membership & Kit Policy

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MEMBERSHIP

New Fordley Juniors Football Club (the “Club”, “We”, “Us”) is a member’s club which means the management of the club is carried out by a committee. Membership is free and allows individuals to participate in Club activities, including running for committee roles (subject to the Club Constitution).

The Club maintains a register of its membership. Membership usually takes place or is renewed prior to the start of the Northumberland Football Association’s (“NFA”) playing season; however, individuals can become members at any time (but may not be able to engage in NFA sanctioned matches without special dispensation).

SUBSCRIPTION FEES (“SUBS”)

Subs are collected by the Club from its members. All funds raised by the club (including sponsorship and grant funding) is managed by the Treasurer with Committee oversight to cover the Club’s operational expenditure. New Fordley Juniors Football Club is a registered charity meaning the Club does not profit from the money it raises and all revenue is used for the benefit of its members.

Subs are set by the Club Committee at the start of each season. The Club prides itself on offering the lowest cost subscription fees in the surrounding area to ensure membership is inclusive and affordable.

Payment of subs should be made by Bank Transfer via Gocardless.

NON-PAYMENT OF SUBS

A primary source of the Club’s funding is achieved through the payment of subs by its members. Regular payment is an important part of keeping the Club financially viable and allowing it to continue serving the local community.

Non-payment of subs not only affects the Club’s financial wellbeing, but it is also a huge drain on resources. By paying your subs regularly and on time, the Club’s Committee can focus on operational issues and raising the profile of the Club for the benefit of its members. The Club is run solely by volunteers, outside of their normal working commitments. We ask that their time is respected.

The continual non-payment of subs by members may result in their membership of the Club being suspended until the balance is brought up to date.

If you are having difficulty paying subs or are suffering financial hardship, then we may be able to assist. Please see the *Hardship Fund* section below.

MATCH KIT

Upon becoming a member of New Fordley Juniors Football Club, players will be issued with a match kit consisting of:

- 1x Jersey
- 1x Pair of Shorts
- 1x Pair of Socks

Match kits are paid for by team sponsorship. Members are expected to take care of their match kit and keep them in a clean and tidy condition. The Club endeavours to source high quality items which will last throughout a season. Where items are lost or damaged, members will be required to replace them at their own cost.

The match kit remains the property of the Club and when members leave the Club, they are expected to return their match kit.

TRAINING KIT

In addition to a match kit, members are also expected to have a Club training kit. In the event of a kit clash, the Club may ask a team to play in its training kit.

The training kit consists of:

- 1x Jersey
- 1x Pair of Shorts
- 1x Pair of Socks

Members are required to pay for their own training kit. The Clubs works with its supplier to ensure cost effective items are purchased without compromising on quality. Unlike the match kit funded by sponsorship, training kit will remain the property of members. However, the Club want to promote the donation of outgrown or unused training kit for the benefit of others.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS & CLUB MERCHANDISE

The Club may also from time to time offer additional equipment which falls beyond what is considered as standard training or match kit. Such items may include windbreakers and winter jackets.

In some circumstances, our sponsors may meet the cost or contribute towards the value of the additional items. In situations where a sponsor has met some of the cost or where the items are full price, you will be required to pay for the items (or the remaining balance) in advance of an order being placed. Please Note - You are not obligated to purchase additional items as part of Club membership.

BOOTS

The Club operates a football boot recycling scheme where outgrown or unused pairs of boots can be donated. The scheme is not only environmentally friendly but is also a great way to assist those unable to afford new boots. Boots which are donated should be in good clean condition. Boots can be recycled at the clubhouse.

HARDSHIP FUND

The Club is a charitable venture and fundamentally believes in equal opportunities for all. We do not believe that individuals should be excluded from participating in sports due to their financial

circumstances. The Club maintains a hardship fund which for assisting individuals with the cost of subs and kit.

All requests are considered on a case-by-case basis by a Club Welfare Officer (“**CWO**”). Requests are dealt with sensitively and the details of any request or the subsequent decision remain confidential.

To submit a Hardship Fund Request, please complete the online form at [\[insert link to form\]](#). Alternatively contact a CWO.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL

The Chairman and Secretary acting on behalf of New Fordley Juniors Football Club agree to the adoption of the ‘**Subscription, Membership & Kit Policy**’ with the endorsement of the Club Committee and for the benefit of the Club’s membership.

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Chairman

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Secretary