



PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to CTYFC! We are very pleased that you will be playing Club football with us or if you are an existing player then welcome back 😊 This is an information pack to share with your child to let you both know what to expect as the season begins.

CTYFC has been established since 1973 and one of the biggest providers of youth football in the Surrey Heath Borough. We aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for your children to learn and play football but also to ensure they have lots of fun too.

For any questions, we always ask you to consult your team manager first or visit our website on www.ctyfc.co.uk.

CTYFC PHILOSOPHY AND DIRECTIVES

At CTYFC, our philosophy is football for all. There is no overriding Club policy with how any of our age groups are run. Every year, we discuss as a group how to move an age group forward successfully and we find there are different ways to do this. Every team will be run independently by each managerial team and we will encourage them to pen out their own directives in how they expect to run their team throughout the season. These directives are monitored by the Club for fairness and ensuring they are in line with our coaching standards.

Over the season, we want our players to improve in skills and confidence but also understand what it means to be part of a team. We also want to encourage good sportsmanship, respect and enjoyment of the game. At the end of the season, if players rank highly (Top 10) in the Fair Play rankings in their league then incentives can be won via the Club.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, parents/guardians and coaches are expected to follow and abide by the FA Code of Conduct. We encourage positive support from all parents and for everyone associated with the Club to represent it appropriately. Links to these will be published on our new website.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

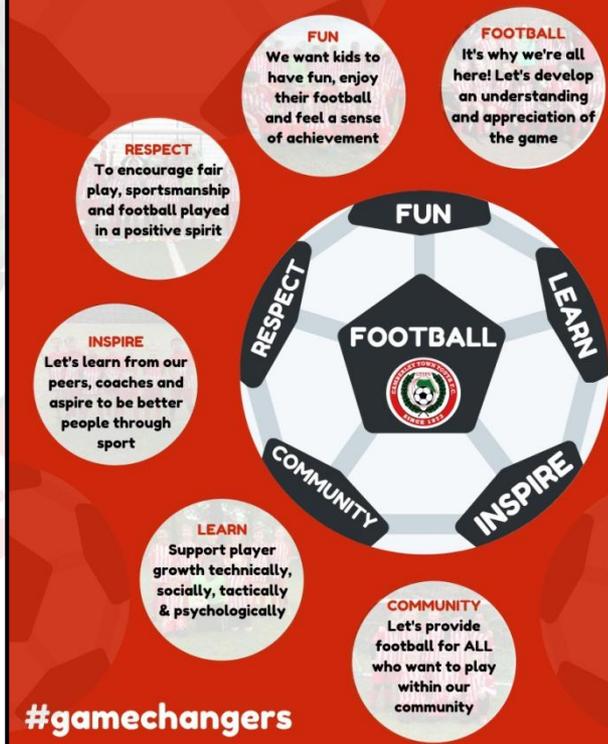
The welfare and safety of your children is of paramount importance to us at CTYFC. Your management team will all have an up-to-date DBS check specific to working with young people and we will ensure they pursue/update qualifications in first aid, child safeguarding and the FA Level 1 Coaching certificate as a minimum. Help us keep your children safe by informing us of key information e.g. allergies/health issues; family/custody arrangements; special educational needs.

If you are ever worried about a child on the team or you are not happy about anything you observe at training/ matches then do approach your management first or get in touch with the Club Child Welfare Officers.

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CLUB ETHOS & PHILOSOPHY



REGISTRATION

This process is two-fold:

- 1) **Club Registration:** we ask for all players to register via an online portal called TeamSnap. This gives us a secure database to store player personal info and allows the Club and your team management to keep in contact with you. When prompted, please select your team this season. Make sure you select the right team! TeamSnap also allows you to pay your annual subscription fees via PayPal. These are **£190** for the whole season September – August. Payment can be split over a couple of months in instalments.

What do my subscription fees pay for?

It takes a lot to run a football club! But, in part, your fees pay for: rental of training/match facilities, administration costs, (e.g. league registrations; insurances; affiliation fees) referee fees, kit and equipment, training course fees, presentation events, and Clubhouse maintenance/utilities. Split over the year, the fees cover football twice a week (training and matches) over an annual period so provide amazing value for money.

- 2) **League Registration:** once you register with the Club, all players are entered into their respective leagues. To do this, we usually need to do the following:
 - i) a clear passport-style, head and shoulders photo of your player. A shot taken on your phone/tablet against a light-coloured background is fine.
 - ii) a scan/photo of your child's passport ID page or birth certificate.

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*info blacked out here for security reasons but all names and numbers should be as clear as possible

Please send these via email attachments/WhatsApp to your team manager.

KIT

We will allocate kit to you once registration is complete. **Please note the kit remains the property of the Club and we do ask you to return it in the event that you leave CTYFC.** We are a Nike Partner Club and wear red and white striped jerseys, red shorts and red socks as our match kit. To avoid conflict, shirt numbers are allocated randomly 😊



You'll also need:

- shin pads** (for player safety – if players show up to training/matches without them, they will not be able to play)
- football boots** (firm/soft ground boots for matches)
- astro trainers / normal trainers** (for training)
- drink** (non-fizzy)
- base layers** (for the cold weather – these are available from places like Decathlon/Sports Direct)
- in the colder weather, please think about wearing other layers and accessories such as **gloves** (with grip) and **hats**

Your coach will provide all other kit i.e. balls, cones, bibs, captain's armband, GK jersey and gloves etc.

There are extra CTYFC items that can be purchased via Kit Locker, our official kit suppliers. Alternatively, if you know any local companies that can sponsor us – we can get training/away kits, jackets, hoodies for the whole team 😊

You can see all CTYFC kit at:

<https://www.kitlocker.com/CTYFC/>



TRAINING

Your coach will let you know about times and locations for training. In the winter we always train on local Astro/3G sites and after Easter will move to Council owned grass pitches.

Please consult our website for location details.

If training is ever cancelled then we will always give you as much notice as possible. Please save match kits for matches and wear either training/away kit. Shin pads, a drink and the suitable footwear are essential.

For their own safety, parents are asked to wait outside the pitch areas whilst training is in session and so we can have the children's full attention. If parents wish to get involved in training then they MUST have a CRB check as a minimum.

MATCH INFORMATION

Our teams play across a wide variety of leagues on either Saturday or Sundays. Our home pitches are as follows:

U7-U10: South Camberley Primary School, Redwood Campus, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2QB

Girls (Sunday): South Camberley Primary School, James Road Campus, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 2RG

U11-U13: Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ

U14- U21: Council owned pitches at either Frimley Lodge, Frimley Green Rec or Queen's Avenue, Aldershot.

Your coach will give you details of match times and kit requirements.

AWAY matches – be prepared for some travel and be respectful of parking requirements.

Different teams will use TeamSnap/apps/WhatsApp to communicate details as soon as they can. Please let your coach know if you can't play that week.

RULES

Handy guides for youth football can be found here:
<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/youth>

The current grassroots game means players start playing at U7 as 5-a-side on smaller pitches and games split into quarters. All of this changes as they get older; they won't play 11-a-side until they're 12/13 years of age. All of this is key to helping children develop and understand the game.

As a spectator, we will always expect praise and positive support to help encourage our players. The ref will also usually be a youth – they themselves are learning but will try and teach the game as they referee too so please always support their decisions. All spectators will be asked to stand behind a barrier/marked out line and to the opposite side of the coaches.

Discipline and Sanctions :

As in the regular rules of the game, players can be sent off or cautioned if they do not behave in line with the FA Code of Conduct. You'll be glad to hear this is very rare in our age group. If we witness bad behaviour in matches/training then we will always appreciate your co-operation in trying to manage this. In exceptional circumstances, we may ask a player to sit out a match or a training session to think about the consequences and effects of their actions.

Remember, if you are worried about a child's behaviour or witness something in a match that you are not happy with, do discuss this with your management team or refer the issue to the Club Child Welfare Officer.



CODE OF CONDUCT

RESPECT
All Participants & Decisions

ENCOURAGE
Everyone - This Is Amateur Sport

SPORTSMANSHIP
No Abuse Tolerated

PLAY
For Enjoyment

EDUCATE
& Be Knowledgeable

CONDUCT
Yourself Courteously

TTREAT
Everyone Fairly

ANYTHING ELSE?

Volunteering

CTYFC is a community football club that is not run for profit. All money goes back into the players, teams and development and upkeep of our facilities. All who are part of the committee and all our coaches are unpaid volunteers so they do this for the love of the game but building something positive for the youth within our community.

We always welcome parents' participation. Weekly, you can help your coach at home matches by setting up the pitch (goals; corner flags; Respect barriers) and then clearing it afterwards (returning all equipment to the Clubhouse). When at home, we will ask a parent to act as the Respect Steward – they will wear a hi-vis vest and marshal the spectators.

Every year we will also hold a Clubhouse Maintenance Day and our annual Summer Tournament that raises a significant amount of money for the Club and our teams. We will ask you for an hour or two of your time to volunteer at these events and ensure they run smoothly.

We are also keen to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer your time for the Club. Anyone interested in coaching will always get full funding and support from the Club. We're also interested in anyone who could lend a hand with fundraising, publicity, administration – the more people involved, the better 😊

Presentation Night

At the end of the season, all the teams in the Club celebrate their achievements at a presentation night event. Players can be nominated for awards and your management will get a chance to speak on behalf of your team. Presentation night usually happens around late May/early June.

AGM

The annual general meeting happens in June. It is your chance to come along and hear about how the Club is run and affect change. It is also the time we elect our club officials for the year.

Social Media

Please follow us on social media for regular updates and news about the Club. We encourage you to engage with us and your team but always be mindful of the pictures and information you post/tag. Search: CTYFC1973





PLAYER CONTRACT

My name is _____

My team is the _____ I have a responsibility to my club, team and to football as a sport. That's why it's important for me to follow The FA Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I promise to:

- Always play to the best of my ability and with lots of enthusiasm
- Play fairly and by the rules - never cheat, complain or waste time
- Show respect to my team mates, the other team, the referee and my coach/manager
- Shake hands and say 'three cheers' for the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Attend training and matches on time and with the right kit
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club....
- Have lots of FUN!

Signature _____

CHECKLIST

What to do before the season starts...

- Register my player with CTYFC via TeamSnap. Links will be sent via email.
- Send a photo and proof of ID/age to your team manager via email/WhatsApp.
- Keep training all summer if possible! Training info reminders will be sent out via WhatsApp.
- Ensure your player is kitted out for September – don't forget your shin pads!
- Get your player to sign their player contract.
- Follow CTYFC on social media.
- Please familiarise yourself with The FA Codes of Conduct for Players and Spectators.
- Buy some thermals, a decent umbrella and be prepared to sacrifice your Saturdays mornings to football for the foreseeable future 😊

