

FOOTBALL WITH CTYFC Information Pack



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Welcome to CTYFC! We are very pleased that you will be playing football with us. This is an information pack to share with your child to let you both know what to expect when you join our Club.

CTYFC has been established since 1973 and is one of the biggest providers of youth football in the Surrey Heath Borough. We are a three-star England Accredited Club with excellent links to the community. We aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for your children to learn and play football but also be a place where they can enjoy their sport too.

We are a community club so we welcome not just your player but your family into our club. We are run by an army of volunteers and we urge anyone to get involved. If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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**Barrie Funnell
Club Chairman**

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Good question!

There are many ways for your player to learn football. You can send them to an after school club, have them learn from YouTube videos, join an 'academy' or enrol them in 1-1 sessions.

At CTYFC, we are a grassroots community club providing football for boys and girls aged 4 through to Adult. This means your player will train with a team and play matches once a week based in a local league. We are FA Accredited so this means we abide by certain standards in how we provide football for your children. We have a committee that oversee this. All our coaches are DBS checked, FA qualified and we ensure that safeguarding is at the forefront of everything we do.

But most importantly, we are not run for profit. Every penny we ask from you goes back into the club and your kids. All your coaches and managers, everyone on the committee, even the lady who's writing this copy is a volunteer and is not paid for their time. We do it because we love what this club represents and how it serves your children.

Grassroots football is a wonderful thing for your child to be involved in. It doesn't just offer them an introduction to football, it teaches them what it is to be part of a team, excellent life skills such as respect, sportsmanship and resilience. The memories they will make on their grassroots journey will last a lifetime.



CTYFC PHILOSOPHY & DIRECTIVES

Throughout their time at CTYFC, we want our players to develop as players and young people. We are proud to develop teams of varying ability and strength, allowing children within Surrey Heath to participate in football at whatever level.

Our belief is that through Mini Kickers and the first two years of 5-a-side football, players will be introduced to matches, learn through the game and enjoy maximum pitch time in a variety of positions. Football should be about enjoyment and learning to participate as a team. When creating teams and moving players, we think of the social aspects of the game and building player confidence.

As players progress into U9/U10 onwards, we do not enforce a streaming policy but our managers organise the teams within their age groups accordingly according to ability and/or social circles. For guidance, our current U10s are streamed across six different teams, from Div 1- Div 7. In our current U13s, we have two mixed ability squads in Div 5.

We have players who excel at their football and are proud to have seen many players represent their county and gone on to play at a professional level. Similarly, we've also been a home to those who continue to play into adulthood and beyond. Football has been a way to foster friendships, fitness, and been an ongoing positive influence in their lives.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The welfare and safety of your children is of paramount importance to us at CTYFC. Your management/coaching team will be volunteer parents and will all have an up-to-date DBS check specific to working with young people. We will also ensure they pursue/update qualifications in first aid, child safeguarding and the Introduction to Football certificate as a minimum. We always ask all parents to collaborate with us when it comes to safeguarding - let us know key information that helps us keep your kids safe.



ABOUT US

HOW TO REGISTER



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.

TeamFeePay also allows you to pay your annual subscription fees via Stripe. These are £250 for the season (September 2024-June 2025). Payment can be split over a couple of months in instalments. Please note that when prompted to select the correct team.

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.

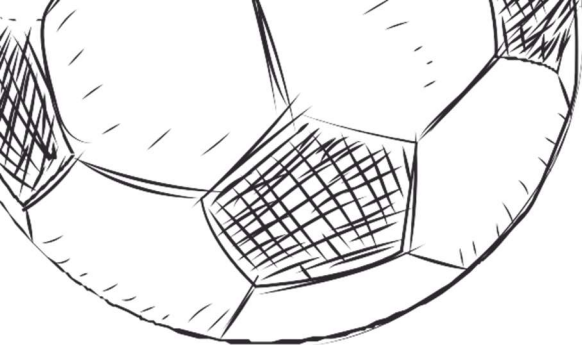
2) League Registration

Once you register with the Club, we register players into your specific league systems so they can start playing matches. To do this, we will need to submit:

- 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.

Please submit these to your team manager.





OUR KIT



MATCH KITS

We will allocate kit (jersey, shorts and socks) 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.

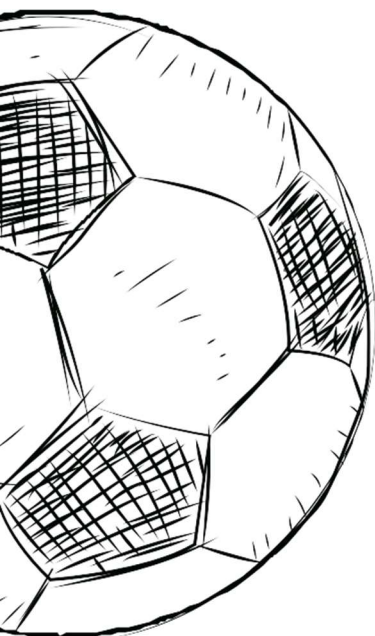
There are extra CTYFC items that can be purchased via Discount Football kits, our official kit suppliers. Alternatively, if you know any local companies that can sponsor us – we can get training/away kits, jackets, hoodies for the whole team.

www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/camberleytownyouthfc

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED?

- ☒ shin pads (for player safety – if players show up to training/matches without them, they will not be able to play)
- ☒ football boots (it's recommended you get boots with moulded studs, suitable for 3G or grass – no blades or metal studs or astros)
- ☒ drink (non-fizzy)
- ☒ base layers/hats/gloves (for the cold weather – these are available from places like Decathlon/Sports Direct)

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



WHERE WE PLAY

TRAINING

We train at a variety of training venues across Camberley and Frimley.

- Tomlinscote School
- Kings International College
- Frimley Lodge Park
- St Augustines
- Sandhurst School
- Aldershot Army Garrison 3G

Please ask your manager for more information about timings and venue information.

If training is ever cancelled then we will always give you as much notice as possible. You don't have to wear your match kit but please wear footwear suitable for the playing surface and bring plenty to drink.

For their own safety, parents are asked to wait to the side of the pitches if observing. Let us know if you are leaving your child for the duration of the session or if there are any changes to drop off/collection arrangements.

MATCHES

We play across eight different leagues:

- North East Hants Youth League
 - East Berks Football Alliance
 - Surrey Youth League
 - Surrey Primary League
 - Surrey County Women's & Girls' League
- plus three senior football leagues

Home matches are played in a variety of venues around Camberley and Frimley.

We ask that you provide your own transport to away games - travel costs are not reimbursed - we do encourage people to lift share where possible.

Typically, a league season starts in September and ends by April. Different age groups play different match formats (5v5; 7v7; 9v9) and their matches will have varying durations. Please look at your league websites for more information. U7-U11 football is non-competitive and results are never published. U12-U18 football is competitive with results recorded on league tables. Older age groups also have the chance to enter cup competitions and tournaments in the summer months.

Your manager will give you your match details in the week. Please ensure good communication with your manager to indicate your availability.

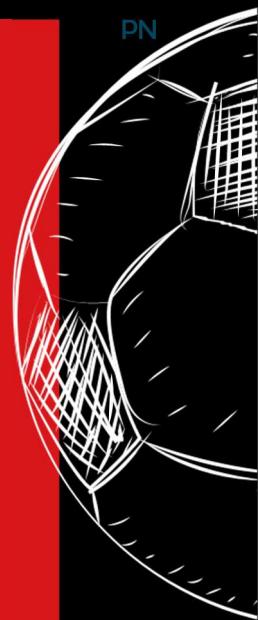
We play our matches across Saturday and Sunday mornings primarily.

We do use a lot of school venues and ask that all respect these facilities as we are very fortunate to have them.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- ♦ We ask everyone to get to matches at least 30 minutes before KO. This means players can warm up, listen to the team talk and the coach's instructions.
- ♦ Always ensure your player has the right footwear and equipment and plenty to drink in the breaks.
- ♦ You can help the coach in lots of different ways e.g. start a snack rota; help put out corner flags, goals, respect barriers; help tidy up and collect balls etc.

MATCHES





RESPECT

CODES OF CONDUCT

The FA have specific Codes of Conduct that all participants of the game are expected to read and adhere to. These are available on our website.

As a spectator, your job is to offer praise and positive support to help encourage our players. The ref will also usually be a youth – they are also 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 to the opposite side of the coaches and we ask a volunteer parent to act as match steward.

BEHAVIOUR

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. If we witness bad behaviour in matches/training then we will always appreciate your co-operation, as a parent, in trying to manage this. Managers may also sanction their players in different ways.

As a Club, we take respect very seriously. If we find you are not behaving in line with the standards we expect then we may remove your player/family from the Club.

Do discuss any worries/problems with your management and/or Club Welfare Officers, Barrie Funnell, Lucy Holmes, Nicola Davie and Izzy Heath



We only do positive.



RESPECT

COMMUNITY

As mentioned, CTYFC is a community club run by volunteers and not for profit so we always welcome parents' participation. Weekly, you can help your coach at matches. We work together to provide a brilliant environment for your kids to participate in sport. Get involved!

Every year we will 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 to ensure they run smoothly.

We are also keen to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer your time for the Club. From coaching to fundraising; it takes a village to run a Club and the more people involved, the better. All coaching volunteers will be fully supported by the club and the cost of courses/DBS checks are reimbursed.



FUNDRAISING

We run many fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for the club. Club days, quiz nights, balls... do keep an eye out for them and get involved.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

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



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



ANYTHING ELSE?

CAN YOU KICK IT?

This is not a complete resource but we hope it gives you an idea of what it means to play football with CTYFC. Please look at our website and social media for more information.

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