



Formed: 2013

Blunham Youth Football Club

Constitution

1. Title

The Club shall be called Blunham Youth Football Club

2. Affiliation

It shall be affiliated to the Bedfordshire Football Association, the Chiltern Youth Football League and the Bedfordshire Mini Soccer League as decided by the Club Committee. It shall be bound by the rules of such organizations.

3. Objectives

The objectives shall be to provide association football for its members and such social and recreational pursuits as may be deemed desirable by the Committee.

4. Membership

All members shall be bound by the constitution of Blunham Youth FC. Playing membership shall be open to boys and girls on reaching the age of 6 years. Membership is to the club only and does not include League Registration or the guaranteed right to play matches.

5. Officers and Club Committee

The duties of the club shall be performed by a general committee consisting of the following officers and members who shall be elected at the annual general meeting.

President, Vice-President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
Managers of teams, Up to six further members

No club officer or committee member can be associated with another club, where conflict of interest may exist. If this is found to be the case, the club has the right to remove the officer/member from the committee.

Should a position become vacant subsequent to the annual general meeting or, if within the rules as above, a further committee member is required, the remaining elected officers and members may appoint any person they consider suitable to the position.

6. Powers of the Committee

The management of all Club assets and property shall be invested in the committee. It shall have the powers to:

6.1 Appoint such sub-committees as may, from time to time, be necessary and shall receive reports and act on recommendations from such sub-committees. Should an outgoing committee have decided to constitute a social committee to manage fund raising and social functions, then members of that committee shall be re-elected at the A.G.M. This committee shall comprise a minimum of three members.

6.2 Declare a seat vacant should a member absent himself from six consecutive meetings without satisfactory explanation or, in the view of the committee; be guilty of conduct contrary to the interests of the club.

6.3 Cancel the membership of any child for misconduct. No fees will be refunded.

7. Annual General Meeting

The annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 30th June each year. At least seven days notice will be given to all player members and /or in local publications and/or in such other manner as the committee shall decide suitable. All members shall be allowed to attend and all adult members during the year under review shall be entitled to vote. Votes may only be cast by those present. The business of the A.G.M. shall be:-

7.1 To receive the annual report from the outgoing Chairman and/or Secretary.

7.2 Receive the Treasurers Statement of Accounts.

7.3 Elect the Club Officials and Committee.

Nominations for committee members should be notified to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

7.4 Fix membership subscriptions.

7.5 Receive, discuss and adopt, if vote so decides, amendments to the Club Rules and Constitution. Alterations to the Constitution require 2/3rd majority vote

7.6 Discuss any other business

8. Special General Meeting

A special general meeting may be called at any time by the Club Committee or by the Secretary on receipt of a written request by a minimum of 5 members. All persons who attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting shall be allowed to attend and vote at a Special General Meeting.

9. Child Protection Policy

The Club adopts the policy and procedures as set out in the FA Child Protection Procedures and Practices Handbook. This includes the appointment of a Child Welfare Officer who is available to offer advice, guidance and action where required, completion of Personal Disclosure Forms by all personnel involved, and for Child Protection to remain an agenda item each meeting to allow for discussion, advice and learning opportunities. The club will also abide by the FA's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, Codes of Conduct and the Equality Policy as shall be in place from time to time.

10. Code of Good Practice

As set out by the FA in their Development programme, the Club adopts the Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Team Officials, Parents/ Spectators together with a Complaints Procedure. These are to be issued with all applications to join the Club to ensure these are followed by all parties.

11. Fines / Cautions

Blunham Youth Football Club abides by the rules and practices stated in the FA regulations. It is the policy of the Club to abide by the referee decisions in assigning cautions. The Club will not dispute these decisions, nor is the Club responsible for the payment of fines. The responsibility for the payment of those fines rests solely with the offending player and his/her parents/guardians. Any fines not paid within 14 days of the offence, will result in the player being suspended from playing matches until the fine is paid.

12. Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions to the Club shall be decided at the A.G.M. and become due by 1st September each year.

13. Finance

The Committee shall have cause, through the Treasurer, to keep proper books of accounts which shall be presented at each Committee meeting. Auditing of the books shall be undertaken every 3 years or more frequently at the discretion of the Committee. All expenditure must be authorized by the Committee. Cheques must be signed by two officers authorized by the Committee.

14. Coaching

14.1 As the club finances, coaching qualifications, it is deemed necessary to impose the following contractual clause.

- If a coach leaves within the first anniversary of their coaching qualification 100% reimbursement will be required.
- If a coach leaves within the second anniversary of their coaching qualification 50% reimbursement will be required.
- If a coach leaves within the third anniversary of their coaching qualification 33% reimbursement will be required.

14.2 Coaches/Managers select players for their squad in relation to the forthcoming season and must not alter, change or transfer individuals from one squad to another, if the club has two teams in the same age group, unless agreed by all parties and subject to the league legislation.

14.3 Pre-Season training will not start until the 3rd weekend in July. This season, 2014/15, it will be the weekend commencing 20 July 2014.

15. Club Colours/Club Ground

- Playing colours and home playing grounds shall be decided by the Committee.
- Pitch Marking is the responsibility of each team manager

16. Kit/Equipment

All kit and/or equipment supplied by the football club or through sponsors, remains the property of the football club and shall be returned at the end of each season, or if a manager/player leaves during the season.

17. Transfers

Transfer of members to or from other clubs must be undertaken in accordance with the appropriate League rules.

18. Insurance

The Club must hold Public Liability and Group Personal Accident Insurance.

19. Dissolution

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

19.3 Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them for related community sports.

NOTES TO PARENTS

1. Injury Risks: Important.

Parents are advised that members play entirely at their own risk. Parents should therefore take steps to insure their sons/daughters against injury; both while playing and while travelling to and from matches.

2. Registration Fees

Registration fees for season 2014/15 will be, Under 8's to Under 10's £65 and for all ages above £80.

3. 5-A-Side

Members selected to represent the Club in a junior 5-a-side league must adhere to the rules.

4. Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, members selected for matches must telephone their respective team manager 2 hours before kick-off on the day of the match to check that the match is still being played. Parents must check that training sessions are taking place before leaving their children at the training ground.

5. Transport to and from Matches and Training Sessions

It is entirely the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are provided with transport both to and from matches and training sessions.

The Club can take no responsibility for accidents which may take place whilst members are travelling in other parents or Committee members' cars or other vehicles.

6. Behaviour

Responsible behaviour is expected from all players and spectators, both on and off the playing field and on the touchline whilst playing, travelling to and from games and during training sessions. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated at any time. Please refer to Code of Good Practice.

7. Clothing

Parents must ensure that their children are properly clothed for the prevailing conditions before leaving them at matches or training sessions. Although, Blunham Youth FC would prefer that you stayed and supported your child, your child's team and coaches.

Club football kit is to be worn on "Match" days only, unless required by the club for a specific reason. (eg: Club photograph) It is **Not** to be worn for training.

8. Shin Pads / Studs

Boys or girls must wear shin pads at all times whilst playing or training. They must only wear boots with studs within the legal requirements. It is a parental responsibility to see that these rules are observed.

9. Unaffiliated / Non Sanctioned Football

We would like to remind players and parents of the following Bedfordshire Football Association Rule:

"Any player who is found to be playing for or against unaffiliated teams may be charged with Bringing the Game into Disrepute and then face a suspension from all football/football management activities."