



FOOTBALL KIT AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

This policy relates to playing kit, training kit, football related accessories and equipment (including footballs, bibs and cones).

General

- The Kit Manager is responsible for the management of football related kit and equipment, including contact with suppliers, ordering, storage at the ground, provision to coaches/team managers and stock records.
- All requests for playing kit and equipment must be to the Kit Manager direct or to another club official for forwarding to the Kit Manager.
- There is no routine replacement frequency. Renewal will be issued as and when deemed to be required, when existing kit is life expired or is no longer fit for purpose and will usually be team specific.
- Access to the kit store in the clubhouse is restricted to keyholders.
- The Kit Manager must be informed of all kit and equipment taken from the store by keyholders.
- The Kit Manager is asked to report on kit matters to the Management Committee.
- The need for new or replacement pitch equipment will be determined by the Head Coach, in discussion with the Management Committee for substantial items such as goals (fixed and portable), goal nets, corner flags, Respect pitch barriers etc.

Playing Kit

- The club provides playing kit, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, which remains the property of the club. The payment of annual playing fees does not imply any rights of individual ownership.
- Coaches and players are responsible for kit while in their possession, e.g. cleaning and upkeep.
- Current club policy is not to have sponsor logos on playing kit.
- Playing kit must be returned to the Kit Manager when no longer in use or when a player leaves the club. The club may take steps to stop a player's future registration in the event of kit not being returned.

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Training Kit and Football Related Accessories

- Accessories may include kit bags, protective jackets, drinks containers etc. The Kit Manager should be made aware of purchasing proposals so that advantage can be taken of any bulk buying discounts.
- Teams are encouraged to seek sponsorship to cover the cost of such items.
- Items funded by Sponsors may be labeled with the Sponsor's logo.
- Items purchased by the club remain the property of the club but those funded by sponsors may be retained by the sponsored team.

Footballs, Bibs and Cones

- Each team will be provided with one ball per registered player (on the FA Whole Game System) at the start of a new season. Teams are then responsible for balls. Any requests for new stock will need to be justified to the Kit Manager.
- Requests for new bibs, cones and other training accessories should be made to the Kit Manager.

First Aid Kits

- The club will provide a first aid kit for each team via coaches/team managers. Coaches and managers are then responsible for keeping the contents up to date. Requests for replenishment should be made to the Kit Manager.
- For matches at the club's premises, ice packs are available from the kitchen.

Returns

- All items provided by the club to team coaches and managers must either be passed on to the successor or be returned to the Kit Manager when team coaches/managers leave the club.