

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH & LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

LOCAL CLUB RULES & CONSTITUTION



The CLUB shall be called:
CHARLESTOWN YOUTH & LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB.

The CLUB RULES will form a binding agreement between each member of the Club.

1. - CLUB RULES & CONSTITUTION

The CLUB is FA Accredited and as such has adopted and will abide by FA Accredited Rules, Policies, Guidance and Procedures. Further info
<https://www.charlestownfootballclub.com/club-policy>

The following list of policies and procedure should be adhered to

These include by are not limited to:

Roles and Duties

FA Club Rules and Constitution

FA Equality Policy & FA Football Leadership Diversity Code

FA Respect Codes of Conduct Adult players, Young players, Match officials, spectators, FA Safeguarding Children Policy (Adult Teams with U18 Players)

FA Safeguarding Children Policy (Youth Teams)

2. – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

The CLUB membership period runs annually from the 1st August - 31st July.[†]

Payment should be made prior to the 31st August. This is to ensure relevant resources and insurance are in place for the member to take part in club activities. Any membership not paid for after this date will result in the membership being placed on hold and the player will not be able to participate in any club training activities or matches until payment is received.

Payment may be split into two payments on request. Requests should be made to the CLUB team manager and passed to the CLUB Registrations Officer. Split payments must be received before the 31st August and 31st January to avoid any membership being placed on hold as above.

3. - OPEN SESSIONS

New players are welcome at Charlestown Youth Football Club subject to sufficient space within the appropriate age team[s]. Parents of prospective new players can contact the club directly via email or via the enquiry form on the club website.

Subject to club and team manager approval, a maximum of two free open sessions can be arranged for the player to train with the team as an introduction to Charlestown YFC as well as meeting the other players. During the session they will be encouraged to participate within the practices, playing alongside team mates to enjoy the session.

After each session if there are any questions, these can be raised with the team manager. The club / team manager will give feedback within 48hrs with the outcome of the open session. Managers and coaches must notify the Secretary and Child Welfare Officer of members on trial period.

4. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Players are requested to register for Charlestown Youth Football Club following confirmation from the club and/or team manager. Players are allowed to register for the team in their current school age as well as one year above [subject to squad size and club approval].

Once registered within the player registration portal, the club will register the player with the FA to be granted to play matches. Only when affiliated with the FA Club portal is the player eligible to play matches.

If the player is registering for 2 teams in the same Sunday league, it is club policy these teams are both Charlestown Youth FC teams. The club reserves the right to review and agree to any exceptions by means of appeal in writing to the safeguarding officer.

Any player registered with Charlestown Youth & Ladies FC who trains or plays with/for another club/team must have this approved by the lead coach or committee. Any player found actively involved with another club without prior consent could risk having their membership revoked.

5. - MATCH TIME

As an inclusive youth football club it is our mission to provide the best football opportunities for players to thrive and enjoy football. For most players, many of their positive experiences revolve around their playing time during match day. Match time supports player development both from a football perspective as well as socially.

The club position is to ensure players play a fair amount of match time throughout the season. It is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that all players receive fair opportunities to play matches over the course of the season and to communicate expectations clearly with players and parents. It may mean players may not play each match depending on player availability and squad size.

Fair playing time means:

- No player should continually not be selected to play.
- No player should consistently remain on the bench or play minimal time during a game.
- All players should receive meaningful match experiences and feel their contribution is valued.

- Playing opportunities should be monitored across a number of matches rather than judged on a single game.

Match time may be influenced by a player's effort and attitude during training and commitment to team values. Where players are absent for multiple training sessions, a discussion between the parent, coaching team or club welfare officer to understand the circumstances is encouraged.

6. - CODE OF CONDUCT

As a FA accredited club, we strictly adopt and promote the national FA code of conduct for managers, players, parents/supporters & match officials.

All committee members, coaches, players, supporters, and match officials are expected to follow CLUB rules and the relevant code of conduct. If you do not, membership may be revoked (in line with FA Club Rules and Constitution) and you may be banned from the premises.

7. - TEAMWEAR

All club teamwear must be supplied by the clubs approved supplier only. Our current teamwear supplier is Macron Cornwall. Managers and coaches should direct all new teamwear orders to Macron Cornwall or via the committee. Club members should use the official club shop, enquire through their team manager or coach, or by contacting Macron Cornwall directly.

8. - SAFEGUARDING

Charlestown Youth Football Club takes its role to safeguard children and players very seriously. There are strict policies in place to ensure the safe welfare of children participating. Policies can be found on our website and further information can be found on the FA or County FA pages.

Any child welfare or safeguarding concern should be raised to the club welfare officer. Email: safeguarding.charlestownfc@gmail.com