



RASTRICK JUNIOR FC

CLUB UPDATE

Dear parents, players, supporters and sponsors,

Firstly I would like to thank you for your continued support to the Club. It has been a successful season both on and off the pitch and we will once again be able to celebrate this hard work at our Presentation Evening on the 5th of July at the John Smith's Stadium.

The Committee would like to update you on a number of issues that are key to the ongoing success and viability of the Club.

I cannot thank the committee, age group managers and coaches enough for their continued hard work and dedication. The hours and hours of work that is required to ensure that our children are able to play football is unbelievable and should not be underestimated.

Many of the projects and ongoing improvements are outlined in this update, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your age group manager or a member of the executive committee.

Best wishes,

Martin Ford, Chair

AGM

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday, 22nd of May at Rastrick Bowling Club starting at 7.30pm.

There are a number of positions that are vacant, so please do lend your vote as a member of the club. The decisions that are made are key to the ongoing success and stability of the club.

If you wish to be nominated for a position or to find out more, please email chair@rastrickjuniorsfc.co.uk



CLUBHOUSE

As you are aware we are extremely lucky to have our own playing facility at Carr Green Lane. Whilst this is open to the public, all pitches are maintained by the club.

The long term plans for the development of the facility are still in the forefront of the committee's strategy to further improve the provision for players, officials and spectators.

Approval and funding had been secured for a clubhouse facility, however due to the nature of charitable funding, the majority of our donations had expired when the new

Committee were in a position to progress the project.

Brad Tupman has kindly agreed to run this project until completion and is currently in talks with the Council and other stakeholders regarding a revised, short term plan which will form part of a medium and long term plan to improve the facilities at Carr Green.

Our long term lease of Carr Green is unique in the local area and will provide the basis for the club to develop the quality of provision for the children of Rastrick and the surrounding area for years to come. Long term plans will be communicated once these have been finalised. We understand there will be frustration and confusion around the numerous false starts with this project, but please bear with us whilst we plan and implement the most cost effective and appropriate way to provide the Club with the best possible outcome.

PITCHES

The deterioration of the playing surfaces at Carr Green has been clear to see since last year's Tournament.

This is due to a number of issues, which include the hot and dry weather last Summer, the longer term lack of tasks such as rolling, harrowing, verti draining and top dressing as well as an increase in the number of teams using the pitches.



The Club are in communication with the FA, the Institute of Groundsmanship and local contractors to ensure the playing surfaces are improved to a standard which is the envy of the local area. This is not a quick or cheap process and we will need to obtain funding and ongoing fundraising.

PARKING

Whilst parking on Carr Green Lane has improved on match and training days, there are some days when this gets neglected. Please lead by example and park on the Cemetary side of the road only on every occasion.

One day it could be your child who requires medical attention from an emergency vehicle that is unable to access the field.

TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament will be held on the 15th of June. Please do get in touch with your Age Group Tournament Ambassador to do your little bit to make the day as successful & profitable for the Club to reinvest funds into your child's sporting provision.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Presentation Evening for all age groups will be on Friday, 5th of July at the John Smith's Stadium. This year will have a slightly different running order to ensure that all age groups are respectful of others. More details to follow....



PLAYING & TRAINING KIT

At last year's Presentation Evening, we unveiled a new style kit which would be rolled out across all age groups.

Unfortunately the Club has had to make the decision to end the relationship with ev2. This was due to a number of supply and quality issues which we were not prepared to accept.

The Committee have spent long periods of time over the last couple of months to source, meet and agree a deal with a new supplier.

Surrudge Sports are based in Burnley and are currently manufacturing and supplying playing and training kit to numerous professional sports teams (Mansfield Town, Solihull Moors, Essex CC, Sussex CC), Universities and Private Schools.

Surrudge have designed us a bespoke home, away and goalkeeping playing kit (which will be rolled out as per the Club's policy of each team receiving a new kit every two seasons) and training wear range which will be available to all players, managers and coaches via an online club shop.

Additional club items such as hats, scarves, bags and water bottles will be available in due course.

The kit and training wear will be unveiled at the Presentation Evening and will be available immediately. Teams requiring kits for next season will receive their orders more promptly in time for September once registrations for next season are received (please see below). We have signed a long term deal with Surrudge, which shows our faith in their garment's quality and supply process and has also ensured we have obtained the best possible price. Both parties are committed to this being a long term partnership, so you can rest assured in your purchases.

Sponsors are always required to support the purchase of kit and equipment as monies from subscriptions does not cover this alone. Please do get in contact with Dave Hodgson (commercial@rastrickjuniorsfc.co.uk) if you know of anyone wishing to sponsor the club in anyway.

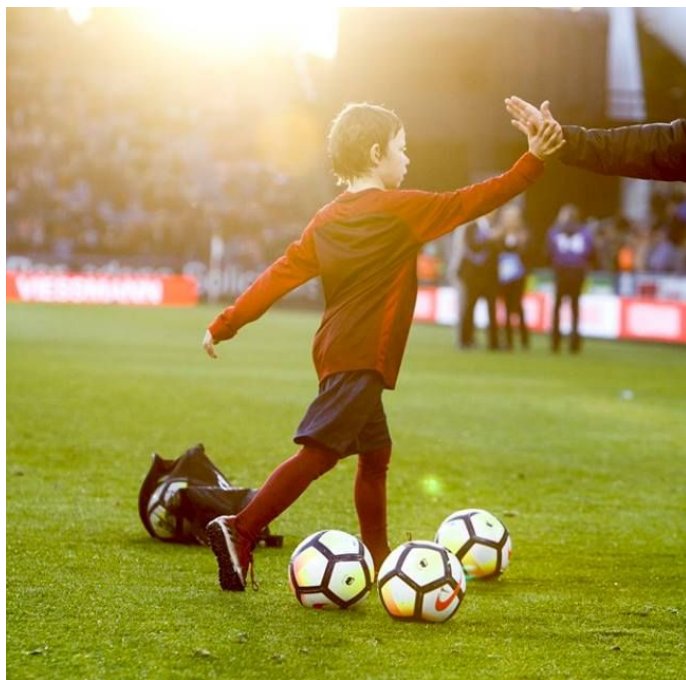
IT

Vice Chair John Rider has managed to secure the Club a charitable level Microsoft 365 subscription.

As a charity, we have obtained this free of charge and enables committee members and managers to have their own RJFC email address and IT suite of programmes.

This will allow the volunteers to safely ring fence and share information more easily and securely, allowing them to spend a minimum amount of time on administration and the replication of tasks that are required year after year.

It will also ensure that there is a succession plan in terms of the information that the club holds so that if any committee member or manager is required to step back, then others can take up from where they left off.



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The club is proud to announce that it continues to be an FA Charter Standard club thanks to the ongoing support of our Welfare Officer, Sara Goodall.

The programme's goal is to raise standards in grassroots football, support the development of clubs and leagues, recognising and rewarding them for their commitment and achievements.

With this in mind, FA Charter Standard accreditation is awarded to clubs and leagues rigorously adjudged to

be well-run and sustainable and which prioritise child protection, quality coaching and implementation of the Respect programme. For more information, please visit: www.thefa.com/CharterStandard

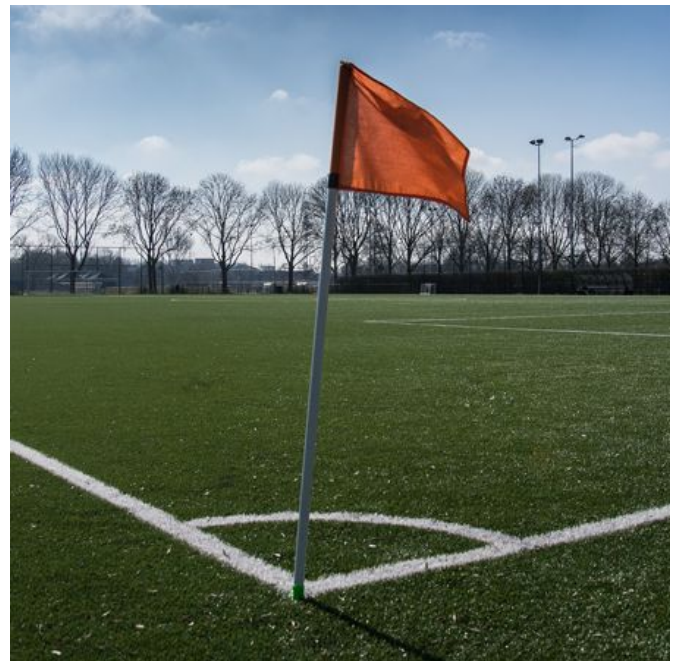
SUBSCRIPTIONS

As a local charity we believe that football should be accessible to as many children as possible. With this in mind, our subscriptions are subsidised by fundraising ensuring that as many children as possible receive an optimal footballing experience at a reasonable cost to parents/guardians.

Subs are normally agreed at the AGM, however at February's Club Meeting it was agreed by vote that this year they should be set at £143. An early decision was made to allow Registration for next season to commence as soon as possible so that playing kit could be ordered asap.

As usual, subs can be paid in full when signing on or via standing order monthly. If you wish to arrange an alternative method of payment please contact your age group manager or the Treasurer.

Subs are the backbone of the funding for the running of the club, and as you will see below do not cover in full each child's cost, hence our emphasis on the importance of fundraising. All age groups are expected to contribute to the success of fundraising events as all funds are shared equally throughout the age groups irrespective of the event.



An outline of basic expenditure per child per season totals £157 per player.

Please ensure that Standing Orders are continued through the Summer as these are calculated ANNUALLY, not per season.

2019/20 REGISTRATION

As mentioned earlier, registration for next season is already open. Last year's change to an online registration was a huge success and significantly reduced the amount of administration for our volunteers. To register, please visit our website: <https://www.rastrickjuniorsfc.co.uk/2019/04/24/2019-20-season-registration/>

VOLUNTEERS

It cannot be emphasised enough that club is run by volunteers on peoples goodwill and will not succeed without parental support. This isn't just through a financial contribution, it's a willingness to support the managers and committee in all aspects of the club. Whatever your day job, you would be amazed the impact it will have on our club.

If you are not already involved and wish to become more involved through a volunteering scheme your workplace may offer, then please do make contact. Any of our volunteers who provide goods or services free of charge or at a reduced rate, receive exposure for providing these vital savings to club funds.

We all have one goal; to provide a safe environment for children to enjoy football. The more volunteers we have, the more local children can benefit from improved facilities and coaching!

An enthusiastic & friendly committee await your call so we can put your skills to use to get more children active, for longer.



LATEST NEWS

The club are keen to ensure that there are various ways in which you can keep up to date with the latest news and events. This may be through your age group manager or the club as a whole will communicate with you, so please make sure your contact details are up to date.

For club news and updates on events and the latest news, please follow our social media accounts and our website;



@RastrickJuniors

#WeAreRJFC



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www.rastrickjuniorsfc.co.uk

FEEDBACK

If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the club, please do not hesitate to contact me (chair@rastrickjuniorsfc.co.uk). Before you do so, please remember that we are all volunteers and before you write a suggestion, it may be worthwhile thinking about how you may be able to help resolve the issue that you are communicating, rather than just having a moan!

Alternatively members of the club (our constitution of the club states that this is the parent of any child playing) are more than welcome at any of our monthly Club Meetings.

AND FINALLY.....

I would like to say what a privilege it has been in my first season as Chair and Age Group Manager to be part of something really special. I am sure you will join me in thanking our amazing Committee, Managers and Coaches. They are the reason we have such a great Football Club and without them none of our children would be playing football in our local community.

Incidents of misbehavior or issues have been few and far between and are far outweighed by the sight of so many children playing football, developing their skills both on and off the field as part of a Community.

You can rest assured that everyone involved in the club are already looking towards next season and beyond, striving towards making RJFC as inclusive and successful as it can possibly be. Here's to many more great memories in the seasons to come.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM, Tournament and Presentation Evening!

