



HEREFORD CITY SPORTS JUNIOR F.C.

**Welcome Pack/ New Season pack
2011/12**

A Welcome from the Committee

On behalf of everyone at Hereford City Sports Junior FC, the Committee would like to offer you a very warm welcome to our club.

Hereford City Sports Junior FC exists to make sure that children are introduced into grass roots football in a safe and well organised way. Although only founded a few years ago, the club is continually growing and we now have over 50 players ranging in age from 5 to 12, playing in three teams, U8, U9 and U12.

The aim at the club is to achieve Charter Standard status this year, which means certain criteria have to be met. This document is part of that process and it sets out what we think you need to know about the club and how it is organised, so please take the time to read it carefully, and complete the registration and consent forms at the end.

If you have any queries, comments or suggestions, please let us know.

Kind Regards from the Committee.

Club History

Hereford City Sports Junior FC was founded in 2008 by John Eversham, with one team in the Under 9 league. The same team finished fourth in the under 11 league last season, a great effort by all those involved.

For the 2011/12 season, the club will have 4 teams, Under 7, Under 8 and Under 9 in friendly 7 a side leagues and Under 12 in a competitive 9 a side league. The club also is now building a strong Under 6 section, with around 20 youngsters attending.

Club Officials

Chairman	John Eversham
Treasurer	Marie Cox
Secretary	John Eversham
Club Welfare Officers	Andy Preece John Eversham

All club officials and coaches are volunteers and take no money for their time.

Annual General Meeting

Each year we hold our Annual General Meeting, which is usually held in June/July. Each year the committee stands down and re-elections take place. All parents are encouraged to attend and all contributions will be well received.

Training

All players are expected to attend weekly training sessions, which normally last for 1 hour.

During the Spring and Summer months, (End of March to October), training takes place outside at Hereford City Sports Club on Grandstand Road. Training nights are Tuesday and Thursday evenings. During winter, training takes place indoors, venue and times will be given closer to the date.

Matches

Hereford City Sports Junior Football Club plays in the Herefordshire FA Junior league.

The under 7's and below will play in friendly matches, organised by clubs between themselves.

The under 8 and under 9 teams play in non competitive leagues where the results are not published. Fixtures and times for matches are agreed between the clubs involved.

The under 12 team plays in a competitive 9v9 league, played on Sunday's.

Registration Fees

Each player who plays for one of the teams will pay £12 to join Hereford City Sports Club and we charge every player £10 per month. This covers the cost of buying training equipment, goals, footballs, insurance, etc.

We charge £2 for Home matches to cover the cost of the Referee. We do not charge for away matches as they incur no cost to the club.

Football kits and equipment

Players will be supplied with Club kit for matches. We have been very lucky with sponsors of Team strips so far, but if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a Club strip, please let us know.

You will be required to supply football boots and shin pads. Shin pads are a requirement when playing matches or training. No shin pads, no play.

Health and Safety

Drinks are a must at matches and training, especially in hot weather. Sun cream and a hat are also required in hot weather. No earrings; watches; necklaces; rings; etc to be worn at any time during training or matches.

Presentation Evening

Each year at the end of the season we hold our Presentation Evening. It is held in the clubhouse at Hereford City Sports club. All players are included and every player will receive an award for the hard work they have put in during the season. For the age groups that play in leagues there will be awards such as Players player, most improved player, Top goal scorer etc.

Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player you have a big part to play. That

is why we are asking you to follow the FA's Respect code of conduct.

For Young players

When playing football I will:

- **Always play to the best of my ability.**
- **Play fairly- I won't cheat, complain or waste time.**
- **Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee and my coach/manager.**
- **Play by the rules, as directed by the referee.**
- **Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.**
- **Listen and respond to what my coach/ manager tells me.**
- **Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare officer if I am worried or upset about anything.**

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the club, County FA or the FA.

I may:

- **Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or manager.**
- **Receive a formal warning from the coach or club committee.**
- **Be dropped or substituted.**
- **Be suspended from training.**
- **Be required to leave the club.**

In addition:

The FA/ County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

For parents/ carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember, children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

- **Remember that children play for FUN**
- **Applaud effort and good play as well as success.**
- **Always respect the match officials' decisions.**
- **Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided).**
- **Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.**
- **Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.**
- **Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.**

- **Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.**

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA.

I may be:

- **Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.**
- **Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer.**
- **Required to meet with the club committee.**
- **Obligated to undertake an FA education course.**
- **Obligated to leave the match venue by the club.**
- **Requested by the club not to attend future games.**
- **Suspended or have my club membership removed.**
- **Required to leave the club along with any dependents.**

In addition:

- **The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.**

For Coaches

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots

participant's, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- **Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and Spectators.**
- **Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.**
- **Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.**
- **Always respect the match official's decision.**
- **Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.**
- **Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.**
- **Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.**

When working with players, I will:

- **Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.**
- **Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.**
- **Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.**

- **Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.**
- **Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.**
- **Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.**
- **Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity.**
- **Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.**

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:

- **Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer.**
- **Required to meet with the club committee.**
- **Monitored by another club coach.**
- **Required to attend an FA education course.**
- **Suspended by the club from attending matches.**
- **Suspended or fined by the County FA.**
- **Required to leave or be sacked by the club.**

In addition:

- **My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.**

This form is to be completed by the Legal Carer and child at the time of joining or at the start of each season. It is recommended that this form is completed and signed by the Legal Carer and child at the same time. Legal Carers are responsible for informing the Club of any changes as they occur.

<p>Name of child:</p> <p>Date of Birth:</p> <p>Age at start of season:</p>	<p>PHOTO HERE</p>
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<p>Home address:</p> <p>Home phone number:</p> <p>Carer's mobile number:</p>

It is important that you fill in the rest of this form as fully and accurately as possible. Failure to tell us things could mean that the safety and welfare of your child is compromised. The club cannot be held responsible if information has not been shared.

Health Needs

Does your child have any special health needs? E.g. Diabetes; Asthma; Epilepsy; Allergies; etc.

Yes No

If yes, please give details below.

Images

At times the Club may wish to take photos or videos of the team or individuals in it.

We adhere to The F.A. Guidelines to ensure these are safe and respectful and used solely for the purposes for which they are intended, which is promotion and celebration of the activities of the Club and for training purposes.

Please indicate if this is acceptable to you.

Yes No

Legal Carers consent

I give consent for my son/daughter to participate in

HEREFORD CITY SPORTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB'S events and agree to the conditions outlined above. I accept that it is my responsibility to inform the Club directly of any changes to the details recorded on this form.

Signed (Legal Carer):

Please print name:

Date:

Player's Consent

If you are 11 years of age or over, sign Section A

If you are under 11 years of age, sign Section B

Section A

I agree to participate in HEREFORD CITY SPORTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB'S events as detailed above and agree to adhere to guidelines and or codes of conduct that may be issued in the interest of my own safety.

Signed (Player):

Please print name:

Date:

Section B

I will take part in HEREFORD CITY SPORTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB'S activities and will stick to the Club rules.

I will tell the coach or another person if I do not feel well or if I have any worries.

Signed (Player):

Please print name:

Date: