



Player and Parent Guide 2023/24

Kirk Deighton Rangers Junior Football Club
"A Charter Standard Club"
www.kdrjfc.com



From Mark Unsworth, Chair - Kirk Deighton Rangers Junior Football Club:

I hope you find this guide helpful.

This Player & Parent Guide outlines what you can expect from Kirk Deighton Rangers JFC and equally, what we ask of you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Officer, your child's age-group manager, or me, at any time. Contact details are on the Club's website.

Questions to ask

Training, matches and kit requirements

○ My child has not played football before. Can they come and try out a couple of sessions?

YES - our aim is to encourage children to play and hope they enjoy coming along

○ When is training?

Most training takes place on Saturday mornings, although some of our older age groups train midweek. The age group manager will be able to advise you

○ Where is training held?

- Grange Park
- Wetherby High School (on the all-weather pitch)

○ When are matches played?

Generally on Saturday or Sunday - with most played in the morning or early afternoon. The younger age groups do not play every week

○ What kit do I need to buy?

For training, players need appropriate football kit:

- Shirt
- Shorts
- Socks

And in case of cold/wet weather:

- Sweatshirt
- Rain jacket
- Tracksuit Trousers

Players will require:

- either football boots or trainers, (depending where the training sessions are held)
- shin pads - must be worn for both training sessions and matches
- Their own personal drinks bottle
- Personal hand sanitiser, sun cream etc.

We have club rain jackets, sweatshirts, base layers and many other items of club merchandise available at a reasonable cost through our Club shop and Pendle Sports access via the Club's website.

The club also runs a boot exchange box where good quality pre-owned boots of all sizes are available for a small donation to club funds.



Safeguarding, coaching qualifications etc.

- Does the club have a Safeguarding policy?
YES - KDR Juniors is a Charter Standard Development Club and one of the requirements of this is that **all** coaches and helpers have Safeguarding training and undertake full CRC disclosures. The club has a designated Safeguarding Officer.
- How does the club manage any issues that might arise, e.g. bullying
There are set procedures for dealing with any such incidents in our Safeguarding policy. The policy is available on our website, or on request. If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer
- Are there qualified first-aiders on hand?
YES - Our Charter Standard demands that all coaches and helpers have regular emergency-aid training. A register is kept at the club of all courses attended. Each age group has a dedicated first-aid kit available at training and matches. There is also a Defibrillator on site at the front of the Club House.
- Are the coaches qualified?
YES - All age groups have a qualified coach and all our coaches are encouraged to attend Football Association courses to improve their coaching. We also encourage our referees to gain refereeing qualifications or 'match day officials' training

Club Membership.

- What does membership cost?
Players pay an annual subscription at the start of each season, which is agreed each year at our Annual General Meeting. This is currently:
 - £100 per year for Kiddies
 - £100 for Under 6s (no league fees)
 - £110 per year for all other age groups. U7s to U18s both Boys and Girls.

NOTE - We also offer discounts where parents have two or more children playing football with us.

Subscriptions are to be paid by the end of October each season and can be paid by cash/cheque OR online at www.kdrjfc.com

Any queries - please contact our treasurer via email: family.peirce@btinternet.com.

If the person paying the subscriptions is a taxpayer the club, due to its charity status, can use GIFT-AID.

The subscription covers:

- the cost of our training kit and equipment
- the upkeep of our facilities and pitches including use of Club house facilities on training and match days
- the costs of FA affiliation and insurance
- fees payable to the:
 - Harrogate & District Junior League
 - Harrogate & Wharfedale Junior Friendly League
 - City Of York Girls League
 - Barkston Ash FA
 - West Riding FA
- training course fees for our coaches, referees and first aiders
- the cost of appointed match day officials

KDR Juniors is a registered charity and we keep our subscriptions as low as possible. No-one is turned away due to financial hardship. All immediate family members of our players become social members of the club.



What does the club expect of me?

Follow our Code of Conduct. We have codes for of conduct players, spectators and coaches. The Codes of Conduct for parents and players are included at the end of this guide. Coaches also have a similar set of Codes of Conduct. All of these can be found on the clubs website. We also follow all guidance notified for Covid as advised by the UK Government and the Football Association.

They highlight the positive aspect of being a member of the club and supporting your child's team. **Please discuss the Players' Code of Conduct with your child.**

Ensure players arrive at training and matches on time and are picked up on time Ensure that the age group manager is aware of any change to the usual arrangements (i.e. if a friend or another family member in your support bubble is collecting). Parents are encouraged to stay and watch training sessions and are actively encouraged to support at matches. Please drop off and collect in good time

Ensure you can be contacted while your child is in our care should there be an emergency, or sudden cancellation

Complete all paperwork we require promptly - subscription forms, contact details, league registrations etc. This is essential for the safety of everyone involved and adherence to any retained Covid19 guidelines

Return all playing kit promptly – particularly at the end of the season. One kit **not** returned might mean one team needing a new kit next season...

We would ask that you...

Get involved! The majority of coaches and helpers get involved because they have children playing, and we depend on such volunteers. There are many ways you can help the club if you are willing to do so, the list is endless but includes:

- coaching
- refereeing
- fundraising
- administration
- refreshments

Speak to your age group manager, in the first instance to offer practical support to me or any member of the Club's committee for assisting with our development in the wider community.



A simple way to support the club financially is to register as a user with www.easyfundraising.org.uk selecting Kirk Deighton Rangers Junior Football Club as your charity. Once registered, if you login each time you shop retailers will donate either a fixed amount or give a % of your spend to KDR. The great thing is thousands of household names contribute and it doesn't cost you a penny! Happy shopping.

As mentioned above, if a taxpayer, you can also complete a GIFT-AID declaration when you pay the annual subscriptions. This enables the club to reclaim the tax paid from HMRC.

Business and/or Individuals can also help us by arrangement of things like:

- [Sponsorship Boards](#)
- [Team Kits](#)
- [Team / Club equipment](#)
- [Advertising on the clubs web-site](#)
- [Advertising in club programmes](#)

Support the club and its coaches and ensure that your child enjoys their football and plays the game competitively, but in the correct spirit...

What does the club expect of my child?

The club expects players to...

Follow the player code of conduct. We expect our players to respect:

- all decisions made by our coaches
- all decisions made by referees
- all opponents by playing within the rules of the game
- all requirements of the Covid19 published Guidance (see separate document)

But most of all, we want our players to enjoy learning to play the best game in the world!

Finally, what can you expect from Kirk Deighton Rangers Junior Football Club?

- A safe environment for your children - where their welfare is paramount
- A friendly welcome into the club, with a chance to meet new friends
- An opportunity to watch your child develop in a team sport
- An opportunity to develop your skills – either as a coach, or in other areas
- Qualified and responsible coaches and helpers
- Codes of Conduct that ensure the game is played in the correct spirit
- A Child Safeguarding Policy
- A Health & Safety policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Clear lines of communication between you and your child's age-group manager with regard to training, matches and social events



Code of Conduct: Spectators

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

Kirk Deighton Rangers JFC supports the FA's Respect programme to ensure that football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Please play your part and observe our Code of Conduct, at all times, for spectators and parents/carers...

I will:

- Follow all Covid19 published guidance – see separate document
- Remain outside the field of play and behind the 'Respect' barrier
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, abusive or racist language or behaviour either face to face or through any social media
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Recognise skill, enthusiasm and sporting behaviour in **both** teams
- Not enter changing room unless specifically requested to do so by a club official and then only if a CRB registered club official is in attendance.
- Leave the club's facilities clean and tidy as you would expect to find them

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Follow all Covid19 published guidance – see separate document
- Set a positive example to others, particularly young players
- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning
- Uphold the good reputation that Kirk Deighton Rangers JFC has, and is proud of

I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct it may result in action being taken by:

the Club, the League, County Football Association or the Football Association



Code of Conduct: Players

It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football.

As a player, you have a big job to play. That is why we ask all our players to follow our Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Follow all Covid19 published guidance – see separate document
- Set a positive example to others, particularly younger players
- Enjoy playing football and take pride in playing for Kirk Deighton Rangers
- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Accept success and failure equally
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain, retaliate or waste time
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, abusive or racist language or behaviour either face to face or through social networking/mobile phone/text
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the opposition, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager either face to face or through social networking/mobile phone/text
- Play by the rules as directed by the referee and respect all decisions made
- Learn the laws and rules of the game and observe the spirit of the game
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club's Safeguarding Officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club

I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct it may result in action being taken by the club which can include:

- Being required to apologise
- Receiving a formal written warning
- Being substituted
- Being suspended from playing / training
- Being required to leave the club

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