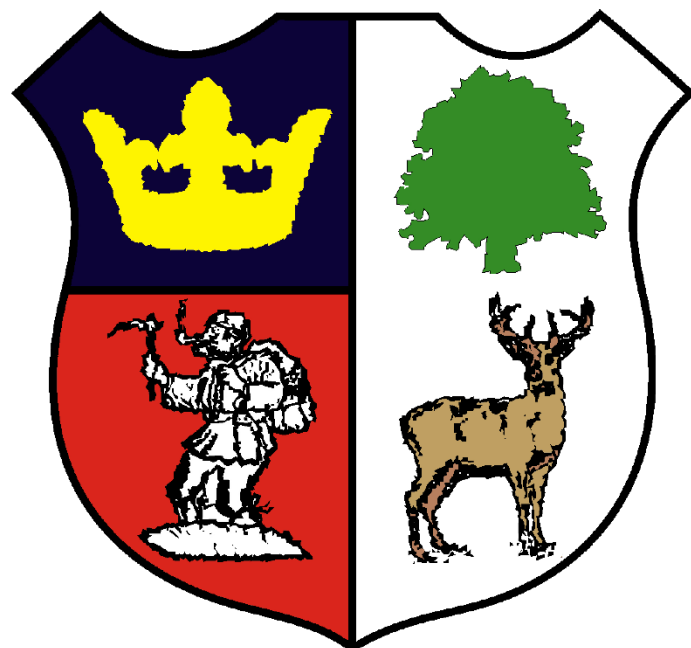


CINDERFORD TOWN



YOUTH FC

Cinderford Town Youth Football Club

Player Welcome Pack

Season 2021/22

Affiliated to the following league



Cinderford Town Youth Football Club

Cinderford Town Youth Football Club is a Youth Football Club based in the Forest of Dean with primary goal of developing players capable of playing senior football at Cinderford Town AFC.

The club is an FA Charter Standard Club, meaning that we have to prove year on year that we are run in the correct manner both on and off the pitch, providing children with a safe and engaging environment allowing them to develop to their full potential. All coaches must, as a minimum, have a DBS Check and Safeguarding Qualification. All teams must have a minimum of 1 coach who is FA Qualified and who has an in date emergency aid qualification.

Cinderford Town Youth FC is a committee run club. Below are the members of the committee, they are often at training so feel free to approach them with any issues or email the committee direct at committee@cinderfordtownyouthfc.co.uk

Chairman

Paul Martin

Secretary

Richard Wilkins

Club Welfare Officer

Andrew Cottrell

Treasurer

Debbie Wilkins

Committee Members

Steve Blaby

Brian Burke

Royston Baldwin

Stephen Cook

Mark Holland

Trina Holland



Player Membership

The club charge an annual membership fee for each player, this fee is dependent upon age group and the level that the team you are in are playing at, for example an Under 13 Cheltenham League player will pay more than an Under 9 Cheltenham Youth League player.

The following is included within the membership fee...

- Player Registration
- Player & Liability Insurance
- Trophies at the end of the season
- All Training Fees
- All Match Fees

Fees also cover hidden costs including pitch hire, referee costs, equipment, pitch marking and more.

There will be an additional charge of £2 per game if a coach organises additional friendlies on top of league matches in a week. For example a Wednesday friendly when there is already a Saturday match. This will be automatically taken via GoCardless and coaches will make players aware of the additional cost before games are organised.

Tournaments are not covered by the monthly costs.

GoCardless Payment System

Parents wishing to pay annually can pay cash, all other payments will be done using the Go-Cardless Direct Debit system which replaces the standing order forms. A link will be sent to all parents to a direct debit form which must be completed. Payments will then be taken automatically on the first of the month. If you feel a payment has been taken incorrectly, please contact the committee on committee@cinderfordtownyouthfc.co.uk

Membership Fees

Non-payment of membership fees will result in membership within the club lapsing and players no longer being able to train or attend matches.

Junior Membership – Under 5s, Under 6s & Training Only Players			
	Annual Fee	Bi-Annual Fee	Monthly Fee
	-	-	£10
General Membership – Cheltenham Youth & Severn Valley League Teams			
Group Type	Annual Fee	Bi-Annual Fee	Monthly Fee
Non-Competitive <i>Under 7s – Under 11s</i>	£130	£65	£15
Competitive <i>Under 12s – Under 18s</i>	£145	£73	£17

Club Rules

Players cannot be signed to another Club in the same League, players **MUST** receive permission from the committee to play for another club in a different league and should always prioritise Cinderford fixtures.

Managers/Coaches are only responsible for children whilst they remain on the designated site. All children must be brought and collected by an appropriate adult, unless specific written consent from the parent/guardian has been received by the Club.

Please advise in advance (24hrs ideally) if you cannot make training or will be late. **For matches always arrive at the ground no later than 20 minutes before kick-off unless pre agreed.**

Although every care will be taken, site exits are not secured and Managers/Coaches cannot be responsible for children who leave the site without first notifying them.

Please accept that **no player has an automatic right to play the position he/she wants.**

All Cinderford Town Youth FC participants including Parents/Guardians/Spectators will be required to adhere to the code of conduct guidelines and any participant behaving unacceptably will receive a formal warning. Any participant receiving more than two such warnings may be excluded from attending any further activities for a period decided by the Committee.

Unacceptable behaviour includes, but is not limited to, swearing, smoking, deliberately endangering others and disrupting activity sessions, but also includes behaviour that the Club feels is inappropriate and/or affects the enjoyment of the Club by other children.

Parents, players, spectators, children, coaches, managers and any other official of Cinderford Town Youth FC must adhere to the FA Respect campaign. Those not adhering may face disciplinary action.

Shin pads **MUST** be worn for all training sessions and matches. Each player must provide their own shin pads and football boots. **Any player failing to wear shinpads will not be allowed to train or play in that match.**

Unlike some other clubs where players have to buy kit, we provide players with team kit free of charge, players will be held responsible for any loss / damage caused and will be invoiced by the club. Should a player leave the Club, the kit must be returned to the team manager as it remains the property of Cinderford Town Youth FC. **KIT SHOULD NOT BE WORN TO TRAINING OR OUTSIDE OF GAMES!**

Any child regularly not attending training or matches, for no apparent good reason, could lose their place within the Club. It is up to a Manager/Coach to decide what is reasonable. However, any decision to remove a child from their team will be first discussed with the child's parent(s) and second, be approved by the Committee.

In the event of any dispute between a parent, player, coach or manager, all parties should in the first instance seek to resolve the issue/concern privately via a face to face meeting. If an agreement cannot be reached then the party with the grievance should refer the matter to the Committee. The Committee's decisions will be viewed as final.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Any player, parent, guardian or carer seen to be making defamatory comments about the club, coaches, other players, club officials, match officials, the league, opposition or the FA will be asked to meet with the committee and could be asked to leave the club.

IMPORTANT: Any player /parent incurring Gloucestershire FA punishments/fines may be asked to meet with the Committee and **WILL** be required to pay any fines.



Child Welfare

Child welfare is taken very seriously by the club, any incidents which you feel should be reported should be done immediately.

Please use the below methods to contact the club in case of immediate welfare concerns...

Emergencies!

Please call either of the numbers below. Both are qualified welfare officers and will be able to deal with any emergency quickly and effectively...

Andy Cottrell – 07725057534

Richard Wilkins - 07588037368

Should you feel that you cannot speak to the club directly about any welfare concerns then you should contact Hugh Feltham, County Welfare Officer at the Gloucestershire Football Association on 07960 500130 or email at hugh.feltham@gloucestershirefa.com

28 Day Rule

Leagues generally operate with a 28 day rule, this means that games can be moved if 28 days notice is given. Please can you let your coach know of any holidays or dates you can't make throughout the year as soon as possible. This allows us to postpone games if we have a few players unavailable.

Within 28 days, games cannot be moved and the team may receive a 3-point deduction and fine if they don't have the players to field a team. Obviously, we want to avoid that so please just keep coaches updated on your availability in advance if possible.

GDPR

Cinderford Town Youth FC take individual data protection very seriously. By completing the Player Registration form you agree that the club have the right to store your personal data and that of the player. This personal data will only be stored for as long as the player remains a member of the club, once membership ceases all documents will be destroyed.

Complaints Procedure

The club has a strict procedure for reporting complaints, whilst we appreciate that people many prefer to talk face to face, it can lead to miscommunications and misunderstandings. If you have a complaint about any aspect of the club, please follow the below procedure...

1st Instance – Please speak to your child's coach to see if a solution can be sought

If not, then – Please email committee@cinderfordtownyouthfc.co.uk with the following information...

Date and Time of incident, details of complaint, names of any witnesses & what you would like the outcome of the complaint to be. All complaints are discussed at the subsequent committee meeting unless urgent.