



Playing Policy

OBJECTIVES

The primary function of Northowram Junior Football club is to offer young person's the opportunity to learn, develop and play the game of football. This will be set out within the club's DNA document.

In addition, the Club will provide the opportunity to play football for all children, both boys and girls, of all ages, and without discrimination. Equally important we strive to provide the feeling of a community organisation with active involvement from players and parents alike. We are a voluntary organisation and endeavour to meet the football needs of as many youngsters as we can. This is achieved by providing training and coaching sessions and by playing matches throughout a season. The organisation of both matches and training is at the Team Manager's discretion and is controlled by the resources available to the club.

Northowram Junior Football acknowledges that competition and winning are major aspects of the game. We believe that with thought and planning this can be combined with giving all registered players opportunities for competitive football during a season, in accordance with their ability and performance. This can be achieved by careful consideration of the opposition and by Managers being flexible and responsive with both team selection and with substitutions as a match unfolds. This does not mean that each player will have equal match time but does mean that opportunities to give fair match time should be taken.

It is important that Managers are honest and open with **all** Players and if necessary their parents/ Guardians, about the player's ability, team selection, substitution policy and asking players to attend at matches who do not play.

Young People

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Propriety

Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

Violence

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play