

Mepal & Sutton Football Club



This guidance outlines what your child can expect from our club following their registration.

General

Mepal & Sutton Football Club is affiliated to the Cambridgeshire FA and play in the Cambridgeshire Colts and Min-Soccer leagues. We are committed to providing an enjoyable environment for your child to learn and develop their football skills.

The club is managed by a committee of volunteers. We are always looking for additional help to support the running of our club. If you are interested in becoming a member of our committee please contact mepalsuttonfc@gmail.com

Our home pitches are situated at the Mepal Recreation Ground, Witcham Rd, Mepal, Ely CB6 2AG and Brooklands Centre, The Brook, Sutton-in-the-Isle, Sutton, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB6 2QQ.

Annual Membership Fee

An annual fee payable by each member shall be determined from time to time by the Club Committee and set at a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to community participation. Any fee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Fees shall not be repayable. The Club Committee shall have the authority to levy further subscriptions from the members as are reasonably necessary to fulfil the objects of the Club.

If you have any issues regarding fees or payment, please contact: msfcfinance@gmail.com

Training

Each team has the opportunity to train throughout the year, dependant on the individual team's coach's preference, except for a 6-week period at the end of each season where we "close down" for both training and matches, as per the FA guidelines. These dates are agreed and communicated to our coaches each season.

All our coaches have had appropriate training, as per the FA guidance, to ensure that they are able to provide a suitable environment for our players to support their development.

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Colts Youth Leagues – U12's and above

Mepal & Sutton Football Clubs Colts teams are registered to play in a competitive league.

While there is no official guidance on playing times for individual players in these leagues, Mepal & Sutton Football Club encourage their coaches to provide opportunities for all players registered in their squad.

For players in the Colts Youth League, Mepal & Sutton Football Club will:

- a. Provide a Mepal & Sutton Football Home Kit – includes shirt, shorts, socks. Any kit issued must be returned to the club if your child leaves the club for any reason.
- b. Replace shirts or shorts that have been grown out of, providing they are returned to the club. Socks will not be replaced by the club; players are required to replace their own socks.
- c. Provide the managers with up to four trophies to recognise special achievements for individual players during the season. These trophies are on offer for:
 - i. Managers Player of the Year
 - ii. Supporters Player of the Year
 - iii. Players Player of the Year
 - iv. Club Person of the Year
- d. Subsidise the entry of one tournament per team per season
- e. Subsidise one team bonding event per season
- f. Endeavour to have an end of season event for all players

[Note: Away/Training Kits and Jackets are provided by sponsors of individual teams]

Mini Soccer League – Age group up to and including U11's

Children are naturally competitive when they play football. They learn better when they are matched by ability and the games are close. This is why it is known as Development Football.

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Children who have registered to play in teams U7– U11 will play in a non-competitive league, where the focus is on their football development. This allows them to learn about winning and losing in a fun environment.

The FA recommend that all team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

We encourage our coaches to ensure all players, regardless of ability, are given the same opportunity to play. In addition, all players, during a run of games, should experience:

- a. starting a match,
- b. being substituted into the game during a match
- c. being substituted and replaced during a match
- d. ending a match on the pitch.

For players in the Mini Soccer League, Mepal & Sutton Football Club will:

- a. Provide a Mepal & Sutton Football Home Kit – includes shirt, shorts, socks. Any kit issued must be returned to the club if your child leaves the club for any reason.
- b. Replace shirts or shorts that have been grown out of, providing they are returned to the club. Socks will not be replaced by the club; players are required to replace their own socks.
- c. At the end of each season present each player with a trophy/medal for taking part during the season
- d. In addition, we will provide the managers with up to three trophies to recognise special achievements for individual players during the season. These trophies are on offer for:
 - i. Managers Player of the Year
 - ii. Supporters Player of the Year
 - iii. Players Player of the Year
 - iv. Most Improved Player of the Year
- e. Subsidise the entry of one tournament per team per season
- f. Subsidise one team bonding event per season
- g. Endeavour to have an end of season event for all players

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Code of Conduct

Mepal & Sutton have a strict code of conduct and child welfare policy that we expect all players, coaches, helpers, parents and carers to follow.

Our code of conduct and welfare policies can be found on our website at the following link <https://suttonrangersfc.co.uk/player-sign-on/>

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact our Child Welfare Officer: welfare.mepalsuttonfc@gmail.com