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Rushen United AFC Charter

Standards for Parents, Guardians, and Carers

You are the most important people in your child's life. Therefore, the relationship that you have with coaches and other members at Rushen United AFC is central to the vision that the club holds. Working together, with the interests of the young children at heart is only going to make their experience richer and more fulfilling.

As parents, guardians, carers, coaches, club officials and club members it is important that we all keep at the forefront of our mind the primary reason children play football is to have fun and enjoy the playing the game. This Charter is designed to help you understand how the club wishes to operate, and how you can play your part to support your child's journey in junior football at Rushen United AFC.

T's and C's for parents, guardians and carers

- For Under 6s it is essential you or a responsible adult is present at training and matches. For over 6's it is desirable and valued by the club and the players to have you attend training and matches.
- Children must always be appropriately dressed and equipped for the weather and the playing environment.
- If a child needs medication, you must always have this on your person. If unable to attend training/matches in person, it is still your responsibility to ensure that the coaches are aware of who has the medication and where it will be located prior to training/match.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour concerning other parents, coaches, officials, spectators or players.
- If you ever have any concerns about the welfare of any young person associated with Rushen United AFC then you should contact the club Welfare officers Morgan Denham on 462769 or Barry Critchley on 07740836498



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More things you can do to help

- Please always try your best to arrive on time for training and matches so that coaches can ensure that the players are prepared and have all warmed up. Warming up is an important part of preparing for training sessions or a match and is essential in preventing injury.
- Please offer to help coaches set up and pack away equipment, put up goals at training or for matches. Volunteers run the club, so offers to help the coaches with administrative tasks, events, or fundraising make a real difference.

Enjoy watching

- It is important that all spectators always remain behind the 'Respect' barriers or in the designated viewing area on match days. You should only enter the field of play under the instruction of a referee or coach
- Celebrate effort and good play from **BOTH** sides. Effort, good play and success all deserve applause. Showing appreciation to both teams during matches generates a positive playing environment and thus only enhances the experience your child will have.
- You should not intervene during games and training sessions by shouting instructions. The players are still learning the game and any instructions from the touchline may contradict what the coach has said. More importantly, it does not allow the players to make decisions and improve their understanding by solving problems themselves.
- Encourage your child to respect the opposition, referee, and match officials and shake hands afterwards. You can lead the way by avoiding commenting on the officials, other team players, or coaches in a negative manner, and shake hands afterwards.
- Try your best not to openly compare young players to their peers. Children notice this and it can have a negative impact.



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Communication

- All our coaches' value and understand the importance of communication with you. Regular communications should always go through the recognised club communication, which is Facebook or WhatsApp. If you ever need to discuss issues with a coach, please arrange a mutually convenient time, for example before or after training, or through a phone call. Prior to or after a match is a very important time for a coach and should be, where possible, reserved for player coach interactions.
- If you and the respective coach are unable to find the opportune time to discuss an issue or are unable to resolve a concern, then in the first instance contact Morgan Denham on 462769 or Barry Critchley on 07740836498
- It is fundamental to the club's charter and core values that you and our players refrain from posting scores, pictures, and video messages on social media following matches. Please allow this to be administered by the club.

Consequences

You should understand that in the event of individuals not supporting the Rushen United FC Parents, Guardians, Carer charter, the club might take some of the following actions:

- Issue you with a verbal warning
- Require you to meet with club officials and/or the Junior league
- Ask you to leave the match venue
- Informed by the club you are not permitted to attend future matches
- Require you to leave the club



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