



2017 / 2018 Season Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you have had a good summer break and we welcome you to the new 2017-18 football season at HBJFC which commences on 9th September. So far, we have seventy players registered for the new season and we look forward to enjoying a happy and successful season together and, most importantly, to teaching and developing the young players in a fun and safe environment.

The **website** www.hbjfc.co.uk contains all key club information such as the latest club updates, fixtures, timetable and the Nidderdale Junior Football League Rules & Ethos. Since last season we have set up a Facebook site, so if you have greater social media expertise than the majority of our coaches please do check it out!

To recap: **training** sessions take place on Saturday mornings on the Hampsthwaite Feast field and commence at 9.15am sharp so please make sure your child is at the field no later than 9.10am. The sessions finish at 10.30am. All children should bring a drink and a snack with them to both training and matches together with weather-appropriate clothing including gloves, hats and hoodies in the colder weather. We would ask that a parent or guardian attends training with children in case of emergency and also to ensure child safety. In the event that this is not possible please ensure that there is someone at training who is responsible for your child and ensure that this has been clearly communicated to your coach.

Match fixtures are not yet available but will be listed on the club website <http://www.hbjfc.co.uk> in due course and the coaches will inform all players and parents/carers selected for matches of meeting and kick-off times and the arrangements for travel to away games. See the Nidderdale Junior Football League - Ethos and Rules on the website for details of how the matches are run. It is worth reiterating that, whilst the matches are competitive, we do not record results and the league operates a mixed ability approach for all matches and they are played in the traditional friendly spirit fostered and promoted by the Nidderdale league. Home matches are played on the Feast Field, although the under 9s will continue to play on the Cricket pitch. Where possible, the U7s, U8s and U9s will play two matches concurrently on match day but this depends on the number of players the opposition can provide.

Both training and match days involve a good deal of **setting-up** activities for coaches and we would appreciate as much help as possible from parents and carers in terms of setting-up and packing-up goals/pitches & washing kits.

In terms of players' **kit**, warm suitable clothing should be worn for training. For matches HBJFC tangerine football shirts and socks will be provided by the club and players should wear their own black shorts. Note that **Shin Pads** must be worn for all training sessions (not provided by HBJFC) and matches and players will not be allowed to take part without shin pads. Each year we order initialled HBJFC hoodies and your coach will let you know when orders are being made and provide order forms in this regard.

The registration form includes information about any **medical conditions** that your child may have experienced and any medications required. If this changes please make sure you communicate this to your coach immediately. If your child is affected by asthma and they carry an inhaler it is vital that they bring this with them on Saturdays.

On match days **refreshments** will be provided in the Portakabin. Previously Allison Pearson oversaw the provision of food and drinks, but her son has now graduated to Nidd United, so we are desperately seeking volunteers to help in this regard. If you would like to lend a hand please speak to any of the coaches or committee. The refreshments are a great way of offering a warm welcome to the visiting team whilst also generating funds for the club.

We continue to have the use of the Feast field **Portakabins** where we primarily store equipment and provide refreshments. Toilets are available for use but we do need to ensure that they are kept clean! Any items of lost property are kept in the cabin. Since the end of last season, we have had a clear-out and the remaining items will be

left on tables outside the portakabins for the first two weeks of the season. Any items not claimed will be donated to Barnardo's at that stage.

We run five **age groups**. All of our coaches have successfully completed at the minimum the Level 1 Coaching course, are fully CRC-checked and must undertake regular First Aid and Safeguarding training. Your coaches have each parent or guardian's contact details and should be in contact with you each week before training or matches. All coaches are of course volunteers.

Coaches for this season are as follows:

Under 11's Allan Underwood and Duncan Carter

Under 10's Tom Rhodes and Jamie Bashall

Under 9's Hugh Phillips-Baker and Iain Murray

Under 8's Jon Ward

Under 7's Mark Rhodes

The coaches are happy for all parents to vocally support and encourage their children and team in both training and matches but we would ask that that support is always positive and that you do not shout comments, tactics or positional instructions during games which can be confusing for the players. The FA introduced the RESPECT barriers which we will maintain this season and we would ask that during matches you remain behind those barriers at all times and do not encroach onto the pitch. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Other useful **Club Contacts** are:

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION
Chairman	Duncan Carter	dc@macallam.com
Club Secretary	Hugh Phillips-Baker	Hugh.phillipsbaker@yahoo.co.uk
Welfare Officer	Mark Rhodes	Mark.rhodes996@hotmail.com
Treasurer	David Willis	David.willis@bwc-solutions.com
Website	Tom Rhodes	Tomrhodes28@gmail.com
Fixtures Secretary	Jon Ward	Jon.ward@kaylan.co.uk
Equipment Manager	Jamie Bashall	Jamie.bashall@jbcmail.co.uk

Over the last twelve months there has been a lot of attention in the press about player welfare and abuse. HBJFC takes child safety and safeguarding very seriously and if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything in this regard please contact Mark Rhodes, our Welfare Officer, in the first instance.

We would prefer that no **photos** are taken at HBJFC but in the event that they are please ensure that none are published online without the consent of the parents or guardians of any other children captured in the photos.

It is worth stressing that no **data** relating to the children is held personally by any coaches. Registration data is currently held securely on Dropbox and can only be accessed by the coaches and committee members; however, this will change once 2017/18 registration is complete as the FA require all data to be held securely and centrally on their Whole Game System (WGS) and will only be accessed by those who have FA log-ins and are affiliated to the club. Again, if you have any queries in this regard please speak to Mark Rhodes or Hugh Phillips-Baker.

It is also worth mentioning that we are always seeking **new coaches** to ensure that HBJFC can continue to provide a good experience for all the players on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in becoming a HBJFC coach, please contact Duncan Carter, Hugh Phillips-Baker or any of the team coaches, for information on how to become a coach. The club will fund the FA Level 1 Coaching course and CRC checks which are required to become a coach. Further, we are always looking for new committee members including a new Chair for next season so if this interests you please let any of us know.

Finally, there are still a few registrations outstanding which Hugh will be chasing over the coming weeks. Any outstanding registration forms and fees of £40 for the season should either be sent to Hugh Phillips-Baker, 8 Long Crag View, Harrogate, HG3 2GJ or forms can be sent (with a live signature) via email to info@hbjfc.co.uk and funds transferred by BACS quoting your child's name to sort code / account number.

On behalf of the committee and the coaches, we are looking forward to a great season together and much fun and enjoyment each Saturday morning.

Duncan Carter
HBJFC Chair

Hugh Phillips-Baker
HBJFC Secretary

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