

# SHEFFIELD STEELERS JFC



## WELCOME PACK

Welcome to Sheffield Steelers Junior Football Club

2025/26 season

# WELCOME TO OUR CLUB



We hope the following information will help you settle into the Steelers family, understand our philosophy and the important role you, your child and the rest of your family play, in helping the club achieve the best environment for everyone.

We also ask that you complete a health and wellbeing questionnaire – We want your child to be safe and for the coaches to understand the specific needs of the children they coach. We welcome an insight into your child's emotional needs and well-being, while also trying to help them to participate in a team ethos. The questionnaire can be completed online or on paper and your team manager will pass it on to you.

# OUR PHILOSOPHY

Sheffield Steelers JFC is focused on creating a friendly, safe, enjoyable environment in which children of all abilities and backgrounds can develop physically, socially and psychologically, through the game of football.



# ABOUT THE CLUB

- ⚽ Our Club is focused on the children that play for us.
- ⚽ We do everything that we can to make sure children are happy and enjoying the game of football.
- ⚽ We are an inclusive, family club welcoming players of all abilities and from all backgrounds.
- ⚽ We attempt to foster the following values; Positivity, Respect and Resilience.
- ⚽ We want the children to be supportive to one another and focused on growth and development regardless of starting ability.
- ⚽ We have approachable coaches and committee members that are happy to help you and address any issues that you may have.
- ⚽ Our Club adheres to the FA Respect Codes of Conducts for players, parents, coaches and officials, available at - <https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/respect/play-your-part%C2%A0>



# MATCHES

Your manager will inform you of fixtures and kick-off times, which are usually confirmed by the Tuesday before each game.

Our junior teams play in two leagues:

- Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League (SDJS): Matches are typically on Sundays, with kick-off times between 10am and 2pm.
- Sheffield and Hallamshire Women's and Girls League (SHWGL): Matches are usually on Saturdays, with kick-off times between 10am and 12pm.

Due to postponements (e.g. bad weather), fixtures may occasionally be rescheduled to the other weekend day or weekday evenings. All scheduled matches must be played to avoid league fines. If the home pitch is unplayable, the match may be moved to the away team's ground and attendance is still required.

For safety, children must wear:

- Shin pads (standard size — not “micro” or “mini” shin pads)
- Appropriate footwear for the playing surface
- Gloves and hats are allowed, but jewellery and snoods are not permitted.

# AT THE GAME

## Players

We just ask that players try their best, have fun and positively support their team mates.

## Coaches

Coaches will encourage their players and give instructions to support them. They understand our players are learning and mistakes are part of that. All teams apply fair game time. Every player can expect to play at least half of every game they play in.

## Supporters

We ask spectators to support the team with positive encouragement. Please applaud effort, good play and success. Do not criticise mistakes, as they are a natural part of learning. Let the coaches do their job and avoid giving instructions, as this can confuse the players.

Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment.

At home games, there are plenty of ways to help, including setting up or packing away equipment, and supporting raffles or tuck shops where available.

# MATCH OFFICIALS

Everyone must respect match officials and the opposition players and coaches. Referees are human and will make mistakes, they are also often children and learning as well.

Any abuse will not be tolerated. All adults at games should set an example and help remove all verbal and physical abuse from football.

If you have a concern about something that has happened at a game please talk to your team manager or one of our welfare officers.



# ATTENDANCE

By joining the Club, parents and guardians agree to make every effort to help their children attend matches and training sessions. The season goes from September to April and there are games in school holidays.

We understand that there are other commitments outside football so please contact the team manager in good time if your child is unable to attend a match or training session - It is very difficult to plan around unexpected absences.

We do expect good attendance and it is necessary to help the players develop, enjoy their football and for the team to function as well as possible.

If this is a problem, please talk to your child's coaches and explain any difficulties you have so we can try and provide a solution.

# YOUR PLACE IN OUR CLUB

We measure our clubs success by increasing participation in football, developing all players and players staying with our club. Unless there are concerns with attendance or behaviour all players will retain a place on our teams for as long as they want it and we hope that can be the whole of their football journey.





## COMMUNICATION

Each team has its own WhatsApp group within the clubs WhatsApp “community”. Please ask your Team manager for details if you don't already have access.

We encourage all parents to like our Facebook page, where we post updates from the club and match reports from each team, when submitted.

[www.facebook.com/SteelersJFC](https://www.facebook.com/SteelersJFC)

Please get in touch if you have anything you would like to speak to us about. Your first point of contact should be your team manager, and then one of our welfare officers.

# **OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**(INC. CLUB COMMITTEE)**

Everyone working to make our club a success is a volunteer. There are always plenty of volunteering opportunities if you wish to get further involved with the club. If you are interested, please get in touch with your team coach or committee members.

## **Secretary**

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## **Chairperson**

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# **SAFEGUARDING AND RESPECT**

The club has a safeguarding policy and procedures in place, in accordance with FA guidelines. The welfare of the children at the club is incredibly important to us, and we do everything that we can to keep the players safe. Any concerns that are raised about welfare are dealt with confidentially and quickly. The safeguarding policy is available to view on request.

All adults that volunteer at the Club have had FA criminal record checks, and all qualified coaches have been given appropriate first aid and safeguarding training.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's welfare, or the welfare of any child at the Club, please contact our welfare officers Jenny and Ed who will be happy to try and support you.



# **FA RESPECT CODES OF CONDUCT**

By your child joining the Club, you and your child are agreeing to follow the FA Respect Codes of Conduct when attending training, matches or at any time when representing the club. These Codes of Conduct also apply to any other spectator that accompanies your child.

Home and visiting supporters and coaches are encouraged to give only positive support from the sidelines. Criticism of the children, coaches and officials will not be tolerated at any time.



**FOR ALL**

# **RESPECT**

# BULLYING

**The Club has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying.**

Bullying, both online and in person is not tolerated at any level of the club. Children, parents, coaches, match officials and volunteers are treated with respect.

Any incidents will be reported and recorded and your child's playing opportunities may be limited during any investigation. We reserve the right to ban anyone from training and / or matches if bullying is found to have occurred.



# THANK YOU!

