

Rules of Academy Soccer Football Club

1. Title:

The club shall be called Academy Soccer Football Club hereinafter, referred to as “The Club” which encompasses the Adult, Youth and Girls sections of the club, all of which shall be affiliated to the Essex County Football Association.

2. The Objects:

The objects of The Club shall be to provide Association Football for active members of Footy Tots Ltd and Academy Soccer Coaching School or its associated companies through who all training sessions will be conducted. To this aim every member will be given fair opportunity to participate.

3. Club Colours:

The Club colours will be Luminous Green. Where this may clash with opposition colours alternative kit will be provided in Cyan or Royal Blue. Additional club approved training and match day garments will be made available through the club shop and appointed supplier(s), the club badge is not permitted to be used on any other garments or by any other suppliers.

4. League Membership:

The club shall play under affiliation to the following league;

Adult Section

Open Age - Essex Olympian Football League
Mid-Essex Football League
Sceptre Sunday Football League
The Southend Sunday Football League
Over 35 years – Essex Veterans Football League
U21's – Essex Olympian Football League

Youth Section

U7–U10 - South East Essex Primary Mini Soccer League
U11–U18 – Southend & District Junior Sunday League

Girls Section

Essex County Girls Football League
Thundermite League
Brentwood Community Football Alliance Youth League

5. Club Membership:

Club Members must be eligible to play Football under the rules of the Essex County Football Association along with any rules deemed through league membership and must be active members of Footy Tots Ltd, Academy Soccer Coaching School or its associated companies. Membership is open to anyone interested on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of football. Members must also pay any subscription, match fees or other such levies that may, from time to time, become payable by order of the General Committee.

6. Qualification and Registration of Players:

The club will be required to set deadline dates for player registration, such deadlines will be set by the Management Committee to allow The Club to operate within League and County rules. Age Qualification of players is determined as follows;

Under 7 – to play in this section, players must be under 7 years of age and over 6 years of age at midnight on 31st August of the current playing season.

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Under 9 – to play in this section, players must be under 9 years of age and over 7 years of age at midnight on 31st August of the current playing season.

Under 10 – in this section, players must be under 10 years of age and over 8 years of age at midnight on 31st August of the current playing season.

Under 11 – in this section, players must be under 11 years of age and over 10 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 12 – in this section, players must be under 12 years of age and over 10 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 13 – in this section, players must be under 13 years of age and over 11 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 14 – in this section, players must be under 14 years of age and over 12 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 15 – in this section, players must be under 15 years of age and over 13 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 16 – in this section, players must be under 16 years of age and over 14 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 17 – in this section, players must be 16 years of age and under 17 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 18 – in this section, players must be 16 years of age and under 18 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Under 21 – in this section, players must be 16 years of age and under 23 years of age at midnight on 31st July of the current playing season.

Open Age – in this section, players must be over 16 years of age.

Over 35 – in this section, players must be over 35 years of age prior to registration.

7. Codes of Conduct

All members of The Club must observe and adhere to Codes of Conduct applicable to their role within the Club as laid out by the General Committee. Failure to do so along with damage to property or reputation of the club will result in an investigation and possible disciplinary action against that member by power of the General Committee.

8. Officers:

The officers of the club shall consist of a Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer. At the discretion of the general Committee each post may be held jointly by no more than two persons subject to the approval of The Club at the General Meeting.

Each Officer shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of an office falling vacant the General Committee may appoint any member to fill the vacancy until the next General Meeting.

9. General Committee:

The General Committee shall be responsible for the running of the club and shall consist of the Officers of The Club together with General Manager, Child Welfare Officer, Press Officer, 100 Club Secretary, Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Fundraising Officer, School Liaison Officer, Social Secretary, Website Officer along with General Committee members .

The General Committee shall have powers of co-option, may appoint any sub-Committee it thinks fit and may delegate to such sub-Committees any relevant powers.

The General Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member deemed guilty or parent/guardian deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good name of The Club in accordance with the Club Code of Conduct.

The General Committee shall have the power to declare a seat vacant should a member absent himself from four consecutive meetings without any explanation deemed to be satisfactory.

10. Meetings of the General Committee:

Meetings of the General Committee shall occur the first Monday of each calendar month. In the absence of the Chairman, a chairman shall be elected by the meeting. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

11. The Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting of The Club shall be held on a date between the months of May and August at a time to be fixed by the General Committee.

All members shall receive twenty one days notice of The Annual General Meeting, notice being sent to the home address last notified to the Hon Secretary or handed to the member.

At The Annual General Meeting the Financial Statement and Secretary's Report shall be received by the meeting. Members shall elect the Officers and General Committee Members as well as appoint auditors. Anyone wishing to stand for election will have served notice to the Hon Secretary no less than 14 days prior to date of meeting.

At The Annual General Meeting or other General Meeting, each member present shall be entitled to vote on matters coming before the meeting.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting:

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by The General Committee when deemed desirable or within twenty one days of receiving a written request signed by at least fifteen members of The Club. Such requests must state the matter which is to be discussed.

The General Committee shall give seven days notice to the members of such a meeting, the notice to include advice of the matter for discussion.

13. Alterations to the Rules:

Alteration to the Rules of The Club can only be made at The Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. In order for a change in the rules to become operative the motion must be supported by a two thirds majority of those Members present and voting.

Notice of motions to amend the rules should be given in writing to the Hon Secretary, signed by the members proposing and seconding the motion, at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Hon Secretary shall give seven days notice to the members of any motion of amendment to the rules to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

14. Interpretation of Rules:

The Interpretation of the Rules of The Club and any decision on any matter not covered by them shall be the responsibility of the General Committee whose decision shall be binding on all members unless and until set aside by a vote of a General Meeting. The powers vested in the General Committee shall provide for any contingency which may arise.

15. Finances:

The Finances of The Club shall be handled by the Hon Treasurer who shall prepare accounts annually made up to and including 31st May each year. The accounts shall be audited by two members of the club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Club shall maintain a current account with a Bank in Rayleigh and any cheques drawn on this account or any other account in the name of The Club shall require signatures of an officer along with one member of the General Committee who shall be nominated for that purpose from time to time.

16. Subscription and Match Fees:

Subscription and Match Fees shall be determined annually at The Annual General Meeting and any member failing to pay monies shall be liable for expulsion. The General Committee shall have the power to amend subscriptions and match fees during the year should it deem fit and shall be able to charge any levy it considers appropriate should the need arise.

17. Disciplinary Fines:

Disciplinary Fines and other such payments which The Club is required to pay from time to time in respect of the actions of its members or parents/guardians shall be reimbursed by the member or parents/guardians concerned.

18. Dissolution:

- (i) A resolution to dissolve The Club shall only be proposed at a General Meeting and shall be carried by the majority of at least three-quarters of the members present.
- (ii) The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of The Club Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of The Club.
- (iii) Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of The Club shall be transferred to another Club, a Competition, the Parent County Association or The FA for use by them related to community sports.