



# **Club Ethos and Coaching Philosophy 2020**

# **PETERSFIELD TOWN JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **Who we are / want to be**

**“Progress & Potential”** is our club motto, which encompasses everything we are about as a club

We aspire to be a progressive, inclusive and friendly club working together to inspire the community through all aspects of grassroots football. We aim to develop and build our football club by continually evolving with the ever-changing landscape of our national game. By working together we can continue to progress and reach our potential in order to help other's reach theirs.

We want to create a positive environment where players, coaches, volunteers and parents feel comfortable to learn about, support and enjoy the game of football. We will allow all members of the club to flourish, express themselves and feel valued in whatever capacity they participate and play an active role.

## **As a club we want to:**

- Provide football for all ages and abilities, in a safe, fun, supportive and friendly environment
- Provide suitable age-appropriate coaching across the club
- To encourage players to be the best they can be, reach their potential as an individual and by being part of a team
- To enhance development by giving equal playing time and opportunity in the development football phase for ages U6s to U11s and continuing this philosophy right through to U18s football where possible
- To offer a challenging but supportive environment where children can learn and progress at their own speed, through streaming of players in teams in each age group (where necessary, and at least at the end of the U10 age group) to help with this
- To promote good behaviour and respect for those within the club and those visiting as opposition and match officials
- To retain footballers up to adult football, ensuring the club is successful with the amount of players, teams and members we have season on season.

## **How we want to play**

### **We want to:**

- Develop and sustain an identity of playing football through the thirds, building from the back to the front, where players can feel comfortable on the ball, express themselves and make their own decisions that they hope to help benefit the team
- Play with pride and passion whilst maintaining respect and humility for opponents, supporters and match officials

## **The Player**

### **Our club and team officials aim to promote an environment for players to:**

- Enjoy the game of football, play with a sense of fun, respect, fairness and togetherness
- Develop individual skills and techniques to help players progress and reach their potential
- Allow players to learn and appreciate all positions on the pitch by coaching and managing with a holistic approach so the players have the opportunity to become all-round footballers
- Allow players to make their own decisions to help them to learn and take responsibility for themselves, their teammates and their team.
- Enhance the players, teams and own football knowledge and understanding for the benefit of everyone involved to be the best they can be

*In return, it is expected players will listen and respect club and team officials at all times, giving their very best every time they represent the club*

## **The Team**

- We want the team to go out with a will to win, but also with a desire to enjoy the game of football, no matter what the result.
- To use matches as a way of learning and developing no matter what the result is
- To be under no pressure of needing or having to win
- Understand the importance of a team game and being a team member by showing united humility when winning and acceptance when losing
- Use the challenge of matches to demonstrate individual and team improvement
- To help each other, learn from mistakes and play in a positive manner
- To respect the opposition, officials and all those involved in the running of grassroots football

*Club and team officials will not tolerate disrespectful behaviour or cheating during a game or at training. This applies towards officials, opposition, team and club members and officials. However, club and team officials will act as educators to explain to children why this is wrong*

### **How we want to coach**

#### **We want to:**

- Remember at all times it's their journey through football
- Support their needs through age appropriate coaching in a safe and friendly environment
- Remember at all times football should be enjoyed
- Focus on developing the whole player using the FA four corner model: Social, psychological, physical and technical cover.
- Share experiences and seek support to learn from other coaches in the club using a mentoring system
- Take responsibility for learning and improving our own football education as coaches to give our players the best experiences and opportunities to progress and maximise theirs and our own potential. This includes taking the relevant qualifications

### **How we support**

#### **We want to:**

- Encourage and promote the FA Respect Protocols
- Include the children in the ethos, aims and approaches of their coaching group and their club in general
- Ensure that communication with parents is thorough, open and honest
- Work hard to ensure parents and players are committed to maintaining the values of Petersfield Town Juniors FC