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Billing United Football Club

Information Pack

2023-2024

Welcome to Billing United FC

We would appreciate your time to go through and read this pack.

Billing United FC believes that everyone has a part to play in the successful running of this club.

This pack has been designed to give you all the relevant information and forms for you and your child to fill in if he/she is successful and wishes to play for Billing United FC, it also sets out guidelines and procedures we expect everyone associated with Billing United FC to follow.

These guidelines and procedures have been put together in association with the FA's Respect campaign that you may have seen advertised. It is important that you read and understand this, as a Charter Standard Club we believe that this is important to the future of the game.

Ultimately, we are hoping that this pack and the information it contains will help towards your child's safety and enjoyment playing football, while associated with

Billing United FC.

Yours in sport

Alan Johnson

Billing Utd FC Chairman



Billing United Football Club

Affiliated: Northamptonshire Football Association

Affiliation no's

Club Contacts

Manager's.

Team telephone / email.

U9	Joshua Clark – 07305 070041
U10	Dan Luck - 07545 610051
U11 - Bulldogs	Scott Boswell - 07710 038108
U11 - Neo's	Matt Holmes - 07773 228590
U12 - Warriors	Jamie Clark - 07737 268807
U12 - Titans	Leigh Evelyn – 07525 840065
U13	James Pettitt - 07976 113065
U14	Lee Gould - 07592 679883
U15 - Raiders	Andy Richards - 07828 455096
U15 - Raptors	Andy Richards - 07828 455096
U16	Darren McCrum - 07880 541750
U18	Alan Johnson - 07591 247261

Committee Members

Alan Johnson	Chairman
Nicola Cooper	Treasurer Secretary
Zoe Richards	Club Welfare Officer



Training & Matches

Main Match Venue - U9/U10/U11/U12

Great Billing Parish Recreational Ground (Pocket Park)
Penfold Lane
Great Billing
NN3 9EF
Northampton

Main Match Venue - U13/U14

Rectory Farm Playing Fields
Off Olden Road
Northampton
NN3 5DD

Main Match Venue - U15/U16/U18

Lings Playing Fields
Off Lingswood Park
Northampton
NN3 8TA

Training times and venues will be advised by your team manager as these change during Summer/Autumn and Winter/Spring

Matches

You will be supplied a full list of fixtures and dates once they are published by the relevant League (these are subject to change at anytime), this can then be added to your pack. Only children registered with the relevant League can play in these matches.



Training & Match Subs

Subs are vital to the running each team for the replacement of equipment and match fees, the cost is set by each the club.

U7 - U10 monthly fee is £15.00 per month or a one-off payment of £150 (saving £30)

U11-U18 monthly fee is £17.50 per month or a one-off payment of £180 (saving £30)

Fees are reduced by £2.50 per player if more than 1 sibling within the club if paying monthly.

If any parent/player should fall more than 1 month behind in payments that player shall be suspended from all footballing activities in the club until played up in full.

NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ALL PAYMENTS TO BE DIRECT DEBIT/STANDING ORDER IN TO BANK ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY TEAM MANAGER

Please ensure that you pay your subs each month

Travel arrangements

As part of Billing United Football Club's code of conduct, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to organise travel to and from training or matches for their child. It is also the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure their child arrives on time for matches and training.

Equipment / Clothing needed to take part

Shin pads are compulsory for all children either training or playing a match, no shin pads, no play.

Training suitable clothing depending on the weather conditions e.g. cold dry day, layered clothing, woolly hat, t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, shorts, socks, track suit top and bottoms, gloves and football boots. Remember it will get muddy! Drinks bottle.

Matches, the club will provide your child with a kit for matches that your child must wear though warm undergarments are recommended plus woolly hat, gloves tracksuit top and bottoms for colder conditions.

The kit that the club supply is the club's property and must be returned to the club if you leave.



Training and Match Locations

Pocket Park



Rectory Farm Playing Fields



Lings Playing Fields



Northampton Academy



Billing United FC's Code of Conduct

Respect



We at Billing United have signed up to the FA respect campaign. It is important that you read the following, as you and your child when registering for the club will have to sign to show that you acknowledge and agree to abide by our club's code of conduct.

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

Community Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Propriety Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

Violence Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.



Code of Conduct for Coaches

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.

Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.

- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.



Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost - Fair Play and respect for all others

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

Obligations towards the game

A player should

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.



- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

A player should

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.
- Respect their team mates and manager's / coach by arriving on time to training / matches dressed appropriately.
- Ensure you pay your subs.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

A player should

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards Opponents

A player should

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.



- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters

A player should:

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the Game

The team official should

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
- Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
- Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team



The team official should

- Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
- Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
- Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
- Promote ethical principles.
- Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should

- Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official should

- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game - it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

Obligations towards the game

A parent / spectator should

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

A parent / spectator should

- Ensure your child is suitably dressed for the conditions to participate



- Make necessary arrangements to ensure your child arrives on time for training / matches and is collected on time.
- Ensure your child pays his or her subs.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

A parent / spectator should

- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

Respect towards Opponents

A parent / spectator should

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A parent / spectator should

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A parent / spectator should

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.

In addition the Club / FA may impose:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make player's parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- I may be asked to leave the Club, this goes for both parent and player
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club



Soccer Parent Course

For those of you who would like to learn a little more about the FA's views on how clubs, parents and players should work together, there is a free on-line FA soccer parent course. This can be accessed by logging on to:-

www.thefa.com/GetIntoFootball/FALearning/SoccerParent.aspx

and follow the on-line instructions. It's not heavy going and well worth doing.

Photography

We at Billing are fully in favour of parents taking photographs of the team that your child play for, but there are guidelines to which you should be aware of to view these please log on to:-

www.thefa.com/TheFA/WhatWeDo/FootballSafe/Downloads.aspx

and click on the photography guideline link.

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Complaints Procedure

In the event that any member feels that he or she has suffered discrimination in any way, or that the Club Policies, Rules or Code of Conduct have been broken, should follow the procedures below.

1. They should report the matter to the Club Secretary or another member of the Committee.

Your report should include:

- I. Details of what, when, and where the occurrence took place.
 - II. Any witness statement and names.
 - III. Names of any others who have been treated in a similar way.
 - IV. Details of any former complaints made about the incident, date, when and to whom made.
 - V. A preference for a solution to the incident.
2. The Club's Management Committee will sit for any hearings that are requested.
 3. The Club's Management Committee will have the power to:
 - I. Warn as to future conduct
 - II. Suspend from membership
 - III. Remove from membership

any person found to have broken the Club's Policies or Codes of Conduct shall be removed from the club.



Membership Fees for Season 2022/2023

Playing and membership fees for Billing United FC season 2022/2023 will be as per the information outlined below. The club is a non profit organisation run entirely by unpaid volunteers. This one signing on fee covers all playing and training costs, including:

- Training and match equipment (team kits, balls, goals, nets corner flags, bibs, cones, first aid kit etc)
- Public liability insurance
- Cost of hiring pitches
- Club and Player registration with the relevant League and Northamptonshire County FA
- Cost of hiring training facilities
- Coaching, first aid training and child welfare courses for managers/coaches
- Some provision of professional coaching by external providers
- Club events such as team tournaments

Fees for Billing United FC

Description	Signing On Fee	Monthly Subs
Age Groups U7 to U10	£30.00	£15.00
Age Groups U11 to U18	£30.00	£17.50
Age Group U7 to U10 - Annual Payment	£30.00	£150.00
Age Group U11 to U18 - Annual Payment	£30.00	£175.00

*2 Children (siblings) within the club either same age group or different age group with get a £2.50 per month/per player deduction on monthly payments

How to pay

All payments must be made directly to the Billing United FC account as detailed below

Players full name MUST be used as the reference so payments can be tracked for each team each month

Example JohnSmithU11 or JSmithU11 use RED/BLACK if in one of 2 teams at that age group

All MONTHLY payments MUST be paid each month if payment is not made the individual player will be stopped from playing until payments are up to date

Bank details – Account Name – Billing United FC Account No – 79185231 Sort - 60-15-55

NOTE: Players are not eligible to participate in training or matches until payment has been received. Fees are non refundable except in exceptional circumstances.

Registration checklist

Please check and ensure the following has been supplied/completed:

- This form has been read and all areas completed
- Both Player's and parent/guardian signatures are present
- Full payment has been made/provided (signing on fee)
- A passport style photo has been supplied (as a jpeg)
- You have read and understand the Club's code of conduct, social media policy and the FA Respect literature available on clubs Facebook Page
- If you are new to the club supply a proof of age such as passport or birth certificate (photocopy - no originals accepted)

All information should be collated and primarily handed to the team manager/representative or if otherwise arranged, a member of Billing United FC committee.

Billing United FC fully supports the FA's respect campaign.

Respect

