



Billing United Football Club Parents Information Pack 2025-26 Season



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Welcome to Billing United FC

We would appreciate you taking the 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 outlines guidelines and procedures that we expect everyone associated with Billing United FC to follow.

These guidelines and procedures have been developed in association with the FA's Respect campaign, which you may have seen advertised. You must read and understand this: as a Charter Standard Club, we believe this is crucial to the future of the game.

Ultimately, we hope that this pack and the information it contains will contribute to your child's safety and enjoyment while playing football with Billing United FC.

Yours in sport

Jamie Clark
Chairman



Club Contacts

Affiliated: Northamptonshire Football Association

Organisation ID: 73975

| Team | Manager | Telephone |
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| U10 Lionesses | Robert Lester | 07791 730833 |
| U11 | Mark King | 07833 246138 |
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| U13 Neos | Ryan Howton | 07490 291467 |
| U13 Bulldogs | Scott Boswell | 07710 038108 |
| U14 Titans | Leigh Evelyn | 07525 840065 |
| U14 Warriors | Jamie Clark | 07737 268807 |
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Committee Members

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| Jamie Clark | Chairman | 07737 268807 | chairman@billingutdfc.co.uk |
| Sam Pearce | Secretary/Treasurer | 07590 522152 | secretary@billingutdfc.co.uk |
| Sarah Russell | Welfare Officer | 07748 471815 | welfare-officer@billingutdfc.co.uk |

Training and Matches

Our venues for training and matches are as follows:

Great Billing Pocket Park
Penfold Lane
Great Billing
NN3 9EF

Rectory Farm Playing Fields
Olden Road
NN3 5DD

Eastfield Park
Booth Lane
NN3 2AR

Lingswood Playing Fields
Lings Way
NN3 8TA

Lings Playing Fields
Off Lingswood Park
Lings Way
NN3 8TA

The Team Manager will advise on training times and venue.

The league determines kick-off times, and they are as follows:

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| U7-U10 | Saturday | between 9:30am-11:30am |
| U11 | Saturday | 10:30am |
| U12-U14 | Sunday | 10:30am |
| U15-U16 | Sunday | 2:00pm |

Currently, all of our youth teams play in the Northampton and District Youth Alliance League (NDYAL). You will find all of the fixtures, results and league tables on The FA website (<https://fulltime.thefa.com/index.html?divisionseason=94431624>).

Age groups U7-U11 are classed as non-competitive age groups and as such, do not have published league tables or results. Teams are put into mini-leagues consisting of 5-6 teams. Once all teams have played each other, NDYAL will reorganise the teams based on their results to level the playing field. Parents should refrain from publishing these results on social media.

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.

Equipment / Clothing

Shin pads are **compulsory** for all children, whether training or matches, **no shin pads, no play**.

Please ensure that children wear appropriate clothing for both sports and the prevailing weather conditions.

The club will provide your child with a kit for matches that your child **must** wear, though base layers are recommended in the winter.

The kit that the club supplies is the club's property and **must** be returned to the club if your child leaves the club. Failure to return the kit within 14 days of notifying the club of leaving will result in a charge being raised via GoCardless to parents to cover the cost of replacing the kit. These charges will be as follows:

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| Home kit only | £45 |
| Home & Away kit | £90 |
| Home kit + Jacket | £85 |
| Home & Away kit + Jacket | £130 |

Playing and Membership Fees

Billing United is a non-profit organisation run entirely by unpaid volunteers. The fees and subs cover all training and playing costs for the season. These fees cover the cost of:

- Club and Player registration with NDYAL and Northamptonshire County FA
- Coaching, first aid training and child welfare courses for managers/coaches
- DBS checks
- Training and match equipment (team kits, balls, goals, nets, corner flags, bibs, cones, first aid kit, etc.)
- The cost of hire for playing and training venues
- The cost of hiring all-weather training facilities in the winter
- Referee fees
- Club events such as team tournaments, Christmas party and end-of-season presentation
- End-of-season trophies

| Description | Cost |
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| Signing On Fee | £35.00 |
| Subs: All Age Groups | £240.00 |

Subs can be paid via monthly direct debit, spread over 12 months (1st June to 31st May). The signing-on fee is a one-off cost and will be taken in full with the first month's subs.

If you choose to pay the season's fees upfront, a 12.5% discount is applied to the cost of subs.

Parents with siblings playing at the club receive a 10% discount on the cost of subs.

Payments will be processed via GoCardless. The club will no longer accept monthly bank transfers

Once registered, players are committed to the club until 1st October. The league determines this; we are unable to deregister a player beforehand.

Once registered, players may transfer clubs again from 1st October to 28th February. After 28th February, we are unable to register any new players.

For insurance purposes, players are **not** permitted to train, participate in friendly matches, or compete in tournaments unless they are registered with the club.

Fines and Misconduct

The current fines (2024/25 season) for yellow and red cards are as follows:

Yellow Card £12.00

Red Card £35.00-£55.00 (depending on severity)

The FA issues these fines to the club, which will then pass these costs on to the parents.

Please ensure that you have read the FA codes of conduct attached to this information pack.

As a player at Billing United or a spectator, parent, guardian, or family member attending a Billing United match, we ask that you show respect to all Billing United players, opponents, opposition parents, and match officials.

Any reports of misconduct to the FA are investigated by an independent body, which can result in fines and, in the most severe cases, a ban from attending or playing for Billing United. Any penalties resulting from misconduct cases will be passed on to the relevant spectator, parent, guardian or player.

Free FA Course for Parents/Guardians

<https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – but are you clear about the vital role you can play?

Safeguarding is about creating safe environments and preventing children from experiencing harm or abuse. Put simply, safeguarding refers to measures we take to protect our children – and keep them safe and well. Whether that's your kids, the opposing players or even the ref, every young person has the right to enjoy football.

This short safeguarding for parents course is designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in. It starts by explaining the importance of safeguarding in football and the child-centred approach the game takes.

It will then guide you through questions you should ask to ensure the club or venue where your children play football has the correct safeguarding policies, people and practices in place.

The course also highlights signs that should concern you – and how to report these concerns. Please scroll down if you want to read about the course in more detail.

Ultimately, we want you to make informed choices about where your children enjoy our great game.

The FA is doing everything it can to create safe and positive environments wherever your children play football. This course will enable you play an active role towards achieving that goal. Thank you in advance for taking it.

Expectations and goals

This course will help you:

- Know what safeguarding is and that you have a role to play as a parent or carer
- Understand that children's football should be centred around the needs and wellbeing of children
- Increase awareness of the different forms, signs and indicators of abuse, including 'grooming' as well as understanding what constitutes poor practice, and how this links to abuse
- Increase your confidence regarding what safeguards should be in place at a child's club or football setting, and how to check this
- Increase your awareness of reporting concerns through recognised channels
- Increase your awareness of the behaviours that are expected in children's football environments

Billing United Football Club Code of Conduct

We at Billing United have signed up to the FA Respect campaign. You must 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 feelings 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 assist in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators, coaches, 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.

Billing United Football Club Complaints Procedure

If 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, they 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:

- Details of what, when and where the occurrence took place
- Any witness statements and names
- Names of any others who have been treated similarly
- Details of any former complaints made about the incident, date, when and to whom.
- 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.