

# Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C.



## Players' Application for Membership Season 2025 – 2026 (Under 8s to Under 12s)



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# 1. Welcome to Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C.

Welcome to Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C.

We are a volunteer-run youth football club in the heart of the Cotswolds providing grassroots football to the local community.

## 1.1. CLUB AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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The objective of the club shall be the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of those, primarily but not limited to, living in Mickleton and surrounding areas, by the provision of facilities for the playing of football.

The club provides access to competitions for primarily girls under 10 and boys under 14 and wish to expand on that in its first year of establishment. To encourage more development and experience in the field of football coaching and refereeing to enable this goal.

The aims and objectives of the club are to:

- encourage and increase participation in football within the community.
- provide equal opportunities for all individuals and allow access to sport.
- promote a safe and inclusive environment for the enjoyment and development of football for all ages.
- provide a framework of Football Association qualified football coaching.
- provide opportunities for individuals to fulfil their potential through football.
- work with other clubs, schools, agencies and social groups to enhance the community.
- play an active, positive role within the local community.
- represent the community in the wider world.
- increase the number of age group teams and opportunities for the community.
- continuously improve the level of training and match day facilities for all our age groups.
- most importantly have fun!

## 1.2. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in youth league football. We fully support the Football Association's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document.

Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. supports the key principles that:

- The child's welfare is and must always be the paramount consideration.

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- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. will:

- Provide a safe environment for children to enjoy sport.
- Provide support to all club members through confidential help and assistance.
- Recognise and report potential and actual child abuse situations.
- Ensure that unsuitable personnel do not come into contact with our players through positive vetting and interviews.
- Ensure that all coaches are FA DBS cleared before commencing their coaching position this season.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are worried about a child, it is important that you report your concerns.
- **NO ACTION IS NOT AN OPTION**

The Club Welfare Officer for Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. is:

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#### **1.4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DISCRIMINATION POLICIES**

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As an FA Charter standard Club, Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. has in place and adheres to a robust Equal Opportunities and Anti Discriminatory policies. The main aims and objectives of these policies are to provide football coaching and training for all players whatever their background, race, religion, nationality or gender.

Copies of these policies are available on request should any parent wish to view them.

Please ask one of the coaches or a club official.

#### **1.5. MEMBERS' COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS**

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Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. take very seriously any complaints or concerns that any members of the club may have.

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding any issues relating to the activities of the club which may have affected you or your child's football training. Your complaint should include:

- What is the issue that you are concerned about?
- Is anyone else involved?
- Has this happened before?
- What do you want to happen as a result of this concern?

Please speak with one of the coaches or a club official should you have a concern.

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## 2. Application to Join Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C.

### 2.1. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

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#### 2.1.1. GENERAL TERMS

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- 2.1.1.1. All parents/carers must complete a player registration form, and any necessary supporting information, for each child they wish to register. This will be provided by the coach or team administrator via email / message service, who will then register the child via the FA online system - "The Whole Game" system ("TWG"). A child will not be eligible to play in any league matches unless this process has been completed.
- 2.1.1.2. As of the start of Season 2025-26, every child must also have a parent/guardian linked to their registration on the FA's TWG system. This is achieved via a FA number for the Parent/guardian and forms part of the registration form.
- 2.1.1.3. An Emergency Consent Form and Medical Form **MUST** be completed each year prior to any training starting or match being played. Without this updated information your child will not be allowed to play.
- 2.1.1.4. **NO PUFFER, NO PLAY:** Please note – should you inform Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. that your child has asthma and needs an inhaler they will not be allowed to participate in training or matches without the inhaler being handed to the lead coach before the session or match starts.
- 2.1.1.5. Those parents and players joining part way through the season will be asked to complete the relevant online process and forms upon joining.
- 2.1.1.6. Completion and signing of the form by player and parent are mandatory. **Please ensure if starting prior to the season, both player registration form and emergency consent form are completed and sent back to the club by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.**
- 2.1.1.7. The online registration and form completion is an important part of the club's and league's organisation, and parents and players are advised that signing on signifies:
- Compliance with the Players Code of Conduct and the Parents/Supporters Code of Conduct (See codes of conduct section).
  - Authorisation by the parent/ guardian for the supervising personnel to act in the best interest of the child's health in the event of an accident.
  - Acceptance of the team selection policy.
- 2.1.1.8. Signing on, including payment of membership fees, entitles the player to:
- Insurance cover under the Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. Insurance Policy.
  - Be available for selection for Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. friendly and league arranged matches.
  - Participation in Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. events.
  - Family membership to Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C.
- 2.1.1.9. Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. Committee reserves the right to refuse membership if in the best interests of the club.

- 2.1.1.10. Any fines incurred by players should be paid by the player / player's parent/guardian. Expected fines amounts for this season are as follows but the exact amount will be communicated by the FA:
- Yellow card - £12 subject to change without notification as per league charges
  - Red card - £35 subject to change without notification as per league charges

## 2.1.2. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for the 25-26 season are listed below by age group including sibling fees, registered coaches and MRYFC officials.

Membership fee if paid in full prior or on 30<sup>th</sup> September a discounted rate applies.

DESCRIPTION	MEMBERSHIP FEE  (If paid in full before end of 30/09/25)	MEMBERSHIP FEE  (If paid on or after 01/10/25)
<b>U7s (no team available)</b>	£60	£90
<b>U8s</b>	£80	£110
<b>U9s</b>	£110	£140
<b>U11 upwards</b>	£150	£180
<b>Registered team coaches</b> (with an FA qualification and up to date accreditation)	Full Price	Full Price
<b>Officials</b>	Full Price	Full Price

- Players who join from January onwards will be charged a proportional membership fee at the discretion of the club.

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- To be a member of the FA licenced coaches club requires the coach to complete the minimum certified professional development (CPD) each season.
- Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. officials are Club Welfare Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman. The post holders are expected to complete and maintain the relevant qualifications to support them in their voluntary position.
- Membership payment can also be made in instalments as detailed in the next section.

### 2.1.3. PAYMENT METHODS

The preferred method of payment is bank transfer. **Please state the player and the age group that the payment is for.** For example, U12 Joe Bloggs.

Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. banking details are:

**Account Name: Mickleton Rangers Youth Football Club**

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### 2.1.4. PAYMENT IN INSTALMENTS

**Please note that BACS/Standing order payments are to be made across a 3-month period from the start of the May for start of season in September through to July on 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.**

If membership starts post September, monthly payment to commence straightaway, followed by payment on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to achieve full payment over 3 months. If joining later in the season with less than six months to go, standing order amount will be adjusted accordingly.

DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP FEE BACS PAYABLE OVER 3 MONTHS
U7s and younger	N/A
U8s	£27.00 x 1 £26.50 x 2
U9s	£37.00 x 1 36.50 x 2
U11s upward	£50.00 x 3

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- **Cheques:** Cheques should be made payable to **Mickleton Rangers Youth FC**. Cheques will not be accepted for monthly payments.
- Additional payments may be requested for additional activities that have been arranged by the team coach e.g. additional training, day trips etc.
- Should you have any concerns with payments please contact the Team Coach in the first instance.
- Subscriptions are mandatory for all members of Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. Part or full payment of the membership fee must be made before a player can be registered with the league. **Without payment, a player cannot play in league arranged matches.**

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## 3. Codes of Conduct

Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. endorses the Football Association's Codes of Conduct for players, spectators/parents/carers, and coaches/team managers/club officials.

### 3.1. PLAYER'S RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

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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 is 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 will not 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.

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.

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee.
- Be dropped or substituted.
- Be suspended from training.
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

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### 3.2. PARENTS' AND SUPPORTERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills.

Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and always observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers.

I will:

- Remember that children play for fun.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions,
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided),
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do,
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee, and match officials,
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning,
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

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

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.
- Required to meet with the club, league, or County FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the club committee.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club.
- Requested by the club not to attend future games.
- Suspended or have my club membership removed.
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition, the FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

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### 3.3. COACHES, TEAM MANAGER'S AND CLUB OFFICIAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game.

This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive parents, spectators, and coaches on the side-line.

Play your part and always observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct. On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Promote Fair Play and exacting standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age, and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

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

- Required to meet with the club, league, or County Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the club committee.
- Monitored by another club coach.
- Required to attend an FA education course.

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- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

In addition, my FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

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## 4. Team Selection Policy

Your child has been invited to sign on for Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. in the appropriate age group. You will be aware that for all players a membership fee must be paid upon joining the club.

The membership fee entitles your child to claim membership of Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. and this means your child can:

- Join in the activities of the club.
- Attend team training sessions.
- Receive football skills coaching from suitably qualified coaching staff.
- Be eligible for selection to represent Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. in the appropriate age group in local league fixtures and other matches.

**Please be aware that this does not mean that the child will start the match every time.**

All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

To avoid disappointment before committing your child to the club and incurring a fee you should be aware of the Mickleton Rangers Youth F.C. policy regarding team selection.

Selection will take into account:

- Attitude.
- General conduct on and off the field.
- Commitment.
- Attendance and participation at training sessions.
- Football Association guidance.

The final decision for team selection is that of the Coach.

Dissent from players, parents, carers, and other associated parties will not be tolerated and will be viewed as a breach of the Codes of Conduct.

If you would like further clarification of this policy and to avoid possible disappointment, the appropriate team coach will be pleased to discuss any issues with you before commitment.

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## 5. Useful Resources

### 5.1. OFFICIALS

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POSITION	NAME	CONTACT
Club Chairperson	Lucy Brown	<a href="mailto:lucybent@live.co.uk">lucybent@live.co.uk</a>
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Club Welfare Officer	Joanne Piper-Bourn	<a href="mailto:joannepiper-bourn@outlook.com">joannepiper-bourn@outlook.com</a> / 07807 244976
Treasurer	Mandy Pearce	<a href="mailto:daftdorris@tiscali.co.uk">daftdorris@tiscali.co.uk</a>

### 5.2. AUTUMN / WINTER TRAINING

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U8s to U12s	
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### 5.3. USEFUL LINKS

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<https://mickletonrangersyouthfc.co.uk>

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