

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE HIRE OF FOOTBALL PITCHES FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING AT KENT UNITED FC LTD

1. Fees and Charges

- (a) A charge will be made on 1st of each month from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 (10 months per year). All invoices must be paid immediately by BACS.
- (b) If an invoice remains unpaid for more than 7 days after the due date, the right to use the pitch and facilities will be forfeited.

2. Use of Pitches

- (a) Pitches for regular use on Saturdays and training days will be allocated in July each year for a twelve month period (July to June inclusive). If you wish to use the pitch beyond 30 June 2029, you must apply before the 30th April 2029 to Kent United FC Ltd, giving details of the preferred day of play/hire, with a fixture list if possible. If not available at the time, a fixture list must be presented before the first match of the season. Any matches which are not shown on the fixture list are not authorised and will need to be booked as a casual hiring [see paragraph 2(e)].
- (b) Pitches will be allocated in the following order: 1. Existing hirers i.e. those who have held the pitch for the previous 12 months. 2. New applicants based in Kent who are on the waiting list. 3. New applicants from out of the area who are on the waiting list.
- (c) The pitches shall not be used for any purpose other than football and the Hirer shall not sub-hire or use the pitch or allow the pitch to be used for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way nor do anything that may endanger the same or render invalid any insurance policies in respect thereof.
- (d) No team may use the pitch without authorisation from Kent United FC Ltd. The use of a pitch may NOT be assigned. Individual teams must obtain separate authorisation even when they are part of the same club.
- (e) Any application to use the pitches for one-off matches or charity matches must be made in writing via the Kent United FC Limited office.

3. Changing Rooms and Toilets

- (a) Users are responsible for unlocking and locking the toilets and changing rooms prior to, and after, the match being played.
- (b) The security of the changing rooms is the responsibility of the Hirer. Kent United FC Ltd will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any equipment or personal items. It is recommended that the changing rooms are locked during play.
- (c) The changing rooms and toilets must be left in a reasonable state of tidiness. All football boots must be removed before entering.
- (d) Failure to leave the changing rooms and/or toilets in an acceptable state will lead to a charge being levied for extra cleaning costs.
- (e) Equipment is NOT to be left in the changing rooms.

4. Goal Posts

(a) Goal posts are to be preerected by Kent United FC Limited. The anchor pins must be used to secure the posts into the ground. Any losses of bolts etc should be reported prior to the commencement of the match.

(b) At the end of the match, the posts do not need to be removed. Any loss of parts or damage to the posts will be charged to the team. The team hiring the pitch has the responsibility for checking the safety of the posts prior to commencement of the match. If there is any doubt that the posts are unsafe, the query should initially be brought to the attention of the referee. If it is agreed that if the posts are unsafe, the match should be abandoned.

(c) Teams must ensure that they use the allocated pitch for their match.

5. Insurance

(a) All teams must hold the relevant insurances.

(b) A copy of the appropriate insurance schedules must be provided to Kent United FC Ltd prior to commencement of the first match of each season.

6. Health and Safety

(a) Hirers should be aware of other users or make reasonable efforts to ensure that spectators and players behave safely and responsibly. No alcohol is to be brought into the ground unless purchased from The Glentworth Club and urinating in the open public areas is strictly forbidden.

(b) In the event of an accident or emergency, the hirer should contact the emergency services. Kent United FC Limited, as soon as is practicably possible. An accident record book is kept in the Kent United FC Limited Office which must be completed after any accident or dangerous occurrence leading to injury. The Accident Record Book is kept in accordance with the requirement of the Data Protection Act 1998.

(d) Hirers who run activities involving children and young people using paid employees and volunteers are required to declare that they have a Child Protection Policy in place and that they update their CRB checks on a regular basis.

7. Car Parking

(a) Parking is only allowed in the designated football car park.

(b) Players are encouraged to car share to reduce the number of vehicles using the car park.

(c) The Hirer should encourage players and spectators to park sensibly and with due consideration for other users, pedestrians and local residents.

8. Cancellation of Matches

(a) Kent United FC Ltd reserves the right to cancel a match at any time. Every effort will be made to avoid this.

(b) Kent United FC Ltd will not be liable to the Hirer in respect of expenses, costs or losses incurred directly or indirectly by the Hirer in relation to the termination.

(c) The Hirer may cancel a match at any time. Notification of cancelled matches must be made prior to the date of the match to Kent United FC Limited.

(d) If a match is cancelled, a refund will be made if payment has already been made.

9. Termination of Hire

(a) The Hirer may relinquish the right to use the allocated pitch and facilities at any time on presentation of written notice to Kent United FC Ltd together with payment for any outstanding invoices due. No refund can be made in respect of fees and charges already paid in relation to the hire.

(b) Kent United FC Ltd reserves the right to terminate any agreement with the Hirer, including the right to use pitches and facilities, if the Hirer breaches any of these rules or defaults on the payment of any invoices due.

(c) Either party may cancel this agreement from 1 January 2026 with a six month notice required by the cancelling party.

10. Liability

(a) The Hirer is responsible for all loss, damage and claims arising out of this agreement.

11. Complaints

(a) Kent United FC Ltd wishes to be notified should you have any complaints or problems regarding the use of the pitches, changing rooms or toilets. Please address all correspondence to: Kent United FC Limited Telephone: 07786 230837.

(b) Kent United FC Ltd reserves the right to vary any of these terms and conditions at its absolute discretion.

12. Application of Terms and Conditions

(a) It is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure that all players and spectators associated with their team, and those of their opponents at each match, are advised of the terms of conditions 2 (c), 3 (a)-(e), 4 (b), 6 (a) & (b) and 7 (a)-(c).

13. Agreement Hire of football pitch and training pitch for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029 at £5,000 per annum payable at £500 a month for a 10 month period.

Signed on behalf of Kent United FC Limited:

Position:

I agree to abide by the foregoing terms and conditions throughout the duration of the hire period shown above:

Signed: on behalf of
..... Football Club Name in block capitals:
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Position in club: