

SOUTH MOLTON FOOTBALL CLUB MINI-KICKERS



***Membership Pack
2017-2018***





A very warm welcome to the Mini Kickers
& to the South Molton FC family.
We hope you enjoy your time with us.



The aim of our club for each age group,
and in particular for the Mini Kickers,
is that children have Fun!
That they enjoy coming to training each week,
seeing their friends and learn some new skills.

We train at South Molton Football Club on Monday
between 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.
In the winter we will move to the Sports Hall at South Molton
Community College before returning to the Football Club
in the spring.



When you come to training, make sure you wear
Shin Pads and trainers and bring plenty to drink too!
At training you should always be kind to your team mates
and listen to your coach and their assistant.
Your grown ups should be encouraging but not bossy.
This is called RESPECT and is an important part of football.

Your coach is Jeremy, and Will is there to help him.
Jeremy's phone number is 07879 854253





Important Information for your grown ups

We, as a Club, will do everything we can to make your child's experience a positive one so that they want to keep coming back. If your child is new to the Club, we know it can be daunting - on their first day, please make your child known to the coach and let him know if your child knows anyone else in the group. Please point out any medical conditions your child may have. Also, it is important that your child plays the game with the correct equipment to keep themselves and their team mates safe. Shin pads are essential.

Training starts in September and will run until the end of the football season. Some managers may start training sooner and some may finish training slightly after the end of the season, but this is down to the discretion of each manager. Please remember that our coaches are volunteers (many coach more than one age group) and that the organisation involved in running each age group is a very time consuming commitment, which does impact on their own time. Either way, to allow for pitch maintenance and preparation for the new season, all age groups will finish training by June.

Membership

It is important that your child enjoys their experience at South Molton Football Club. When your child starts with us we won't expect you to pay the Membership Fee straight away. We understand that it can take children time to decide if they enjoy new activities and clubs, and so new starters are welcome to come along to training for a few weeks before committing to payment. **With this in mind, we've extended our payment date for Mini-Kickers from 30th September to 16th October 2017.**

The club's Membership Secretary is: **Sam Piper – email: membership@southmoltonafc.co.uk**

We are dependent on revenue coming in to the Club to ensure we keep going. We attempt to do this in a number of ways, such as fundraising and sponsorship. Unfortunately, this alone is not enough, so we have to charge all players a membership fee. This helps cover the costs of training the coaches, CRC checks, Astro fees, league fees, ground maintenance, insurance and general equipment such as balls and bibs. We have always tried to keep the registration fee to a minimum and **the membership fee for the Mini-Kickers group is £50 (or £60 if made in two stages)**. We hope you will consider that the time given to the club by our volunteers and coaches is worth the fee.

Payments of the membership fee can be made as detailed below:

One off payment

One payment of £50.00 - to be paid before **16th October 2017**

Two stage payment

1st payment of £30.00 - to be paid before **16th October 2017**

2nd stage payment of £30.00 - to be paid before **31st January 2018**

You can pay by Cash, Cheque (made payable to SMJFC) or by BACS payment if you wish.

There is a payment slip at the bottom of the membership form, please complete and return this form when you make your payment. It is especially important that this slip is returned if you pay by BACS - so please don't forget to send it back. BACS payments should be made to Sort Code: 55-50-29 Account Number 61084603 and please use your child's age group and surname as a reference.

Sibling discount

Families with more than one subscribing player will pay the full membership fee for the age group of the oldest child and then be entitled to a discounted subscription per additional player as follows:

First additional Mini-Kicker

One off payment

One payment of £25.00 - to be paid before **16th October 2017**

Two stage payment

1st payment of £15.00 - to be paid before **16th October 2017**

2nd stage payment of £15.00 - to be paid before **31st January 2018**

Any other additional siblings

Free

Concessionary membership status

Concessionary membership will be considered in exceptional circumstances of hardship. The Welfare Officer together with a few members of the Committee will have the delegated authority to grant concessionary membership which will be reported retrospectively, to the General Committee. If any parent/guardian feels that they cannot afford to pay the membership fees, please contact your manager or Sam Piper, Membership Secretary, before a payment is expected. Any request for assistance in payment will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Non Payment of membership fees

In circumstances where fees have not been paid *and there has been no contact* with the Team Manager or Committee to discuss concessionary membership, players will be unable to continue training with the club as they will not be covered by the appropriate insurance. **The Club is keen for all young players to have the opportunity to play football so please speak to us regarding your payment if you need to.**

Child welfare

Every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football, thus every club is required to endorse and adhere to the Football Association's Safeguarding Children Policy.

The club's Child Welfare Officer is: **Sarah Seatherton** – email: sarahseatherton@gmail.com

Our [Safeguarding Children Policy](#) is available on our website – www.southmoltonafc.co.uk and any concerns regarding child welfare should be directed to the Child Welfare Officer in the first instance.

Health and Safety

It is important that during training and matches that the player has plenty of fluids – especially in the warmer weather. Sun cream should always be worn during the hot summer weather. Suitable footwear and shin pads must be worn during matches and training. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child has available at all times any inhalers or other prescribed medication that they may require. If your child does have medical needs please speak with your team manager to explain the condition and the needs of the player. Any player with an injury such as a fracture or similar should take relevant time off training and matches until advised by a doctor that it's OK to resume playing.

Respect

The FA is responding to concern from across the game to tackle unacceptable behaviour in football. The FA is taking action in a variety of ways, and one of the main actions is the [Respect](#) programme. South Molton FC and its players have to play their part. Together, we can make a huge difference. Please take the time to read the information and watch the Respect videos on our [website](#).

What is Respect?

Respect is the collective responsibility of everyone in football to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. It is the behavioural code for football. Respect is a continuous FA programme, not a one-off initiative. We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club 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!

Key RESPECT elements for parents/guardians/supporters

- ~ Respect all decisions of the team managers ~ Accept that your child is playing for themselves and not for you ~
- ~ Watch as many matches and share in your child's experiences ~ Always respect the match officials' decisions ~
- ~ After training and matches it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to collect their child within 10 mins of the session ending unless prior arrangement is made with manager or coach ~
- ~ Remember that children play for FUN ~ Applaud effort and good play as well as success ~
- ~ Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided) ~
- ~ Let the coach do their job and don't 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 ~

The Committee & Volunteers

The Club is run entirely by volunteers and is always looking to encourage new volunteers to become involved in the Club. Volunteer helpers are vital to the success of the Club – parent and grandparent volunteers currently maintain our club by giving up their time to cut the grass, clean the toilets, pick up litter, run the tea hut and help the coaches set up and pack up at the end of the sessions – without these volunteers we wouldn't be able to function. Parents wishing to become a coach/manager will be supported by the Club's committee. FA Level 1 coaching is a minimum requirement and this is funded by the Club. You will be required to be C.R.C. checked, which again will be funded by the Club. We would also welcome anybody wishing to become a referee, again the Club would support this with the relevant FA courses. A tea hut is available during home games and this is run by volunteers – helping out here is a great way to get involved. Whatever time you can give will be valued greatly.

Finally, so that we have up to date contact and medical information for your child, it is important that you return your membership form to us as soon as possible. Sam will be attending every age group's training session for the first two weeks when we return in September, so forms can be handed to her then or passed to Jeremy or Will. Alternatively, you can complete, scan and email your form to Sam at membership@southmoltonafc.co.uk to speed up the process. If you wish to wait until closer to the 16th October to pay your child's membership fee please still return the membership form within the first two weeks – simply detach the payment slip at the bottom of the form and return it with your payment when you make it.

Here's to a great season of football!
P.S. - Don't forget your shin pads!



South Molton Football Club

Mini-Kickers Membership Form 2017~2018 Season

Age Group

Mini-Kickers

Manager's Name

Jeremy Shapland

Please return forms to Sam Piper or your Team Manger at training or post to Sam at 18 St James Close, Landkey, Barnstaple EX32 0PA



Name of Child:		Name of Parent/Guardian :	
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Date of Birth:		School Year:	
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Home Address:			
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Home Phone No.:		Parent/Guardian's Mobile:	
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Parent/Guardian's Email:			
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Does your child have any known health needs? E.g. Diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, allergies.	If No, please print NO. If yes, please give details.
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If your child does have health needs, what does the Club need to do to keep your child well e.g. administer medication / call ambulance / give snacks?	Please be very specific.
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Do Club volunteers need any medical training other than First Aid to care for your child?	Please specify. A volunteer from the club will contact you to discuss the training needs.
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At times the Club may wish to take photos or videos of the teams or individuals in them. We adhere to The FA Guidelines to ensure these are safe and respectful and used solely for the purposes for which they are intended, which is promotion and celebration of the activities of the Club and for training purposes. The images may be published on the Club's website, Facebook Pages, YouTube Channel and in the local press. Please indicate if this is acceptable to you by crossing through one of these options.	Yes	No
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The club uses Facebook pages to communicate with parents/guardians. Children over the age of 13 may use Facebook, but FA guidance requires us to get your permission before allowing U18's access to our Facebook Pages. If your child is over 13, please indicate if it is acceptable to you for your child to 'like' the Club's Facebook pages by crossing through one of these options. If you indicate No, we will use Facebook's settings to ban your child from liking & commenting on our pages.	Yes	No
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Parent / Guardian Signature:		Date:	
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Mini-Kickers – Payment Information Slip

To ensure that we have up to date contact and medical information for your child it **essential** that you return your membership form as soon as possible.

To allow your child to settle in, **payment is not due until 16th October**. If you would like to pay before then – that's great!

But if you'd like to wait, please detach this slip and return it with your payment. If you're paying when you return your form, please still complete the information below.

It is really important that this section of the form is completed & returned with your payment or when you have paid by BACs.

It helps us keep track of payments received – thanks!

Please speak to your manager, our Membership Secretary (Sam Piper) or our Welfare Officer (Sarah Seatherton) if you'd like to discuss payment.

Child's name:		Age group:	
Mini-Kickers Membership for season = £50 (or two payments of £30) then for the 1 st additional sibling for season = £25 (or two payments of £15). Next additional sibling = Free			
How will you pay? Please tick	SINGLE PAYMENT due by 16 th October : £50 (or £25 if 1 st Additional Sibling) [or Free for next additional sibling]		
	TWO PAYMENTS	Payment 1 due by 16 th October : £30 (or £15 if 1 st Additional Sibling) [or Free for next additional sibling] Payment 2 due by 31 st January : £30 (or £15 if 1 st Additional Sibling) [or Free for next additional sibling]	
If your child has siblings in the club please provide their names and the age group they play in:		Sibling 1:	
		Sibling 2:	

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Please complete the information below if you have made a BACs payment. Please use your child's age group & surname as a reference – e.g. U7GERRARD

I confirm I have made a BACs payment of £ on (date): with reference: