



Welcome to the 2020/2021 season at South Molton Junior Football Club – If your child is an existing member of the club, thank you for joining us for another season. If your child is new to the club – welcome, we hope you and your family enjoy being part of the South Molton FC community.

Player Registration

The 2021/2022 season saw the FA introduce a number of mandatory requirements which are essential before players can be registered to play in any league. These are as follows:

- Players **must** be registered with the Devon FA Membership Scheme - *The club will register all players for the Devon FA Membership Scheme.*
- Players **must** have a profile photo uploaded to the Whole Game System (the FA's Information System which is used by all leagues for game and player management). - *The easiest way to do this is to upload your child's photo as part of the online application process.*
- A parent link **must** be set up for every youth player on the Whole Game System – *to do this we will require a parent's email address and date of birth. This will then create a FAN (Football Association Number) for the parent and enable us to link the parent to the child on the Whole Game System. There is a space on the membership form for you to add your date of birth or if you already have a FAN (for example if you play league football yourself or are a coach or committee member) please add this to the form.*

In order to register players with the leagues before the start of the season please go on the clubs website www.southmoltonafc.co.uk and complete the online membership form as soon as possible. Payment of membership fees is available through our online membership form.

TEAMER & FACEBOOK

TEAMER and the Club's Junior Facebook page are SMFC's main forms of communication. We would therefore encourage you to Like & Follow the main Facebook page for the junior section – www.facebook.com/southmoltonjuniorfootballclub/ to keep up to date with the club.

If you're not already set up, we will use the email address that you provide us with on your child's membership form to set you up on TEAMER (we can add more than one email address to a player so that both parents can have access if you wish) and then you will receive an invitation with instructions on how to accept. Once you're set up you will need to download the TEAMER app and then you'll be ready to go. You can also access TEAMER using an internet browser.

Website

Everything you need to know about South Molton Football Club can be found on our website at www.southmoltonafc.co.uk. There you can find details of our committee members, club documents and the FA's Respect Campaign. Please take the time to read the information and watch the [Respect Videos](#) on the website with your child. And please make sure you all read the attached Codes of Conduct for players and supporters. By signing and submitting your membership form, you are confirming that you have read and will act in accordance with the codes of conduct and follow the principles of Respect.

It goes without saying that players must show respect at all times to their team mates, coaches, match officials, other spectators, the opposition and the opposition's coaches and facilities. These rules also apply to parents and spectators – it is never acceptable for an adult to undermine a player, coach or match official from the side-line and it is inappropriate for parents/guardians to enter the playing area unless permitted to do so by match officials – please let the referee and coaches deal with any issues that arise. There have been incidents in the past where the club has been fined for the behaviour of player's parents. Any such fines will be passed on to the parents in future. South Molton FC wishes to uphold a reputation of being a respectful club in terms of behaviour on and off the pitch and our players and young spectators will follow the examples set by the adults around them – so let's make sure that the examples we set are good ones.

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) and our [Child Protection Policy](#) is available on our website. Any concerns regarding child welfare should be directed to the Child Welfare Officer in the first instance.

Training Season

Training usually starts again in September and will run until the end of the football season in May. 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 End of May.

Training for 2021/2022 Season

Typically training is held at South Molton Football Club (SMFC), Alswear Old Road, South Molton EX36 4LB between September and October. Then when the clocks change in October, training traditionally moves to South Molton Community College (SMCC), in the Sports Hall for the Mini-Kickers and the Astro Turf for the other teams. And, when the clocks change again in the spring, training would normally return to the Football Club. Your child's coach will always let you know if training times change, or training isn't on.

Age Group Training Information and Contact Details

Please see the table below for current Oct + training times, subject to change through factors outside of our control.

Age Group	Training Day	Coach	Time & Location
Mini-Kickers (Years 1 & 2)	Monday	James Harries	5:30 - 6:30 - SMCC Sports Hall
U8's (Year 3)	Friday	James Harries	5:30 - 6:20 - SMCC Sports Hall
U9's (Year 4)	Monday	Adam	5:30 - 6:20 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U10's (Year 5)	Monday	Colin Thompson	6:25 - 7:15 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U11's (Year 6)	Monday	Carl Motteram	6:25 - 7:15 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U13' Girls (Year 7)	Monday	Karen Lintin	5:30 - 6:20 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U12's (Year 7)	Friday	Nik Whalley	5:30 - 7:00 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U13's (Year 8)	Friday	Graham Shapland	5:30 - 7:00 - Astro 1/2 Pitch
U14's (Year 9)	Thursday	Ronnie MacNab	5:30 - 6:20 - Astro Full Pitch
U16's (Year 11)	Thursday	Matt Parkhouse	6:25 - 7:15 - Astro Full Pitch
1st Team	Wednesday	Colin Thompson	9:00 - 10:00 - Tarka Tennis

Membership & Payment

We are dependent on revenue coming in to the Club to ensure we can keep going. We attempt to do this in a number of ways, such as the **100 Club**, fundraising events, sponsorship and advertising boards & through our very successful Tea Hut. Unfortunately, this alone is not enough, so we must charge our players a membership fee. This helps cover the costs of training the coaches, DBS checks, AstroTurf hire fees, league fees, ground maintenance, insurances, mandatory annual subscription to the Devon FA Membership Scheme for all players and general equipment such as balls and bibs etc. We always try to keep the registration fee to a minimum and this year no increase will be applied. Payments must be made through the website at the end of the application form. Members are only registered once payment is received.

Respect



Families with more than one subscribing player will pay the full membership fee for the first child and then be entitled to a discounted subscription for the next child. Subsequent siblings will be free.

Concessionary membership will be considered in 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 either your age group manager, or Membership Secretary – email: membership@southmoltonafc.co.uk) or Sarah Seatherton (Welfare Officer – email: sarahseatherton@gmail.com) before a payment is due. Any request for assistance in payment will be treated in the strictest confidence. 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 genuinely need to.

In circumstances of non-payment of membership fees by the due dates where there has been no contact with the Team Manager or the Membership Secretary or Welfare Officer to discuss concessionary membership then players will not be able to continue training with the club or to play in matches.

You will appreciate that it is not fair on those that pay their membership fees to have families who have chosen not to pay to continue to take part in training and matches. You will also appreciate that the club is run by volunteers, who all pay the membership fee for their own children and who have to give up a considerable amount of their own time to deal with non-payment.

Please be aware that the payment dates set out below **MUST** be adhered to if you wish for your child's membership to continue and that **by submitting our membership form you are committing to paying our fees. Contact & Medical Information**

So that we have up to date contact and medical information, and so that we can register your child to the appropriate league, **it is important that you submit your membership form to us as soon as possible.**

Number of Players & Age Group	One Payment	Two Payments	
1 x U8-U16	£100 before 30 th September '20	£50 before 30 th September '20	£50 before 31 st January '21
1 x Mini-Kicker	£60 before 30 th September '20	£30 before 30 th September '20	£30 before 31 st January '21
2 x U8-U16 (£100 for player 1 and £50 for player 2)	£150 before 30 th September '20	£75 before 30 th September '20	£75 before 31 st January '21
2 - where 1 player is a Mini-Kicker (£100 for player 1 and £30 for Mini-Kicker)	£130 before 30 th September '20	£65 before 30 th September '20	£65 before 31 st January '21
3 or more - as for 2 players	as for 2 players	as for 2 players	as for 2 players

Playing in Matches

Mini-Kickers - U11's

Format: friendly Round Robin matches – usually 7 a-side up to U10's & then 9 a-side matches played on bigger pitches and eventually leading to a league format at U11's.

SMJFC philosophy: All players will be contacted and offered the opportunity to play. Places will be chosen on a 'first come, first served basis'. Players that miss out on a place will be asked first for the next fixture. These are the formative years and all about fun and enjoyment. Coaches will use mixed ability teams to ensure that all players get equal game time on the pitch with rotation of positions to enhance player development. Coaches will try to make as many teams as possible with the number of players available for matches but this will also depend on the availability of volunteers and the willingness of parents to support our coaches. If a coach decides to enter a team for a tournament, organised outside of the usual run of matches, then they can choose their own squad and are not required to offer to all players.

U12's

Format: 9 a-side matches played on bigger pitches in league format

SMJFC philosophy: whilst the priority is still on enjoyment rather than a win at all costs. The coaches have the flexibility to select their teams and decide on positions of players and game time on the pitch, although it is recognised that all players should have an opportunity to play football. This can happen in a number of ways with additional friendly games being arranged with opposing teams or a manager trying to utilise the squad members to provide playing opportunities. It is at the manager's discretion as to who they select and the positions players play in. Players are still developing physically and mentally and consideration is given to this but it is the coaches who pick the team and respect must be given to their choices.

Stage 3: U13-senior

Format: 11 a-side on a full size pitch (U13's play 9 a-side matches on a 9 a-side pitch)

SMJFC philosophy: the priority is still on enjoyment rather than a win at all costs. Again, the coaches have the flexibility to select their teams and decide on playing time and positions and it is recognised that all players should have the opportunity to play football and a manager will try to utilise the squad members to provide playing opportunities. It is at the manager's discretion as to who they select and the positions players play in. Players are still developing physically and mentally and consideration is given to this but it is the coaches who pick the team and respect must be given to their choices.

Style of play: South Molton Football Club encourages our teams to play passing football along the ground and out from the back. We believe this is a more enjoyable way to both play and develop players as individuals. All of our players are told to play within the laws of the game and to respect the referee's decision at all times.

Privacy Notice

South Molton Football Club (Club) ("we", "our", "us") take your privacy very seriously.

This Privacy Notice sets out how we use and look after the personal information we collect from you. We are the data controller, responsible for the processing of any personal data you give us. We take reasonable care to keep your information secure and to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of it.

What personal data we hold on you

Personal data means any information about an individual from which that individual can be identified.

We collect, use, store and transfer some personal data of our participants [and their parents or guardians], and other Club members.

You provide information about yourself when you register with the Club, and by filling in forms at an event or online, or by corresponding with us by phone, e-mail or otherwise.

The information you give us may relate to you or your child or a child in your care and may include your/their name, date of birth, address, e-mail address, phone number, gender, and the contact details of a third party in the case of emergency. We may also ask for relevant health information, which is classed as special category personal data, for the purposes of your or your child's health, wellbeing, welfare and safeguarding. Where we hold this data it will be with the explicit consent of the participant or, if applicable, the participant's parent or guardian.

Where we need to collect personal data to fulfil Club responsibilities and you do not provide that data, we may not be able honour or administer your membership.

Why we need your personal data

We will only use personal data for any purpose for which it has been specifically provided.

The reason we need participants' and members' personal data is to be able to run the football club and arrange matches; to administer memberships, and provide the membership services you are signing up to when you register with the club. Our lawful basis for processing your personal data is that we have a contractual obligation to you as a participant or member to provide the services you are registering for.

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Purpose/ Processing Activity	Lawful Basis for processing under Article 6 of the GDPR.
processing membership forms and payments/ subs	Performance of a contract
organising matches	Performance of a contract
sending out match or Club information and updates	Performance of a contract
sharing data with coaches, managers or officials to run training sessions or enter events	Performance of a contract
sharing data with leagues we are in membership of, county associations and other competition providers for entry in events	Performance of a contract
sharing data with committee members to provide information about club activities, membership renewals or	The Club has a legitimate interest to maintain member and participant correspondence for club community purposes.

invitation to social events	
sharing data with third party service or facility providers only where necessary	The Club has a legitimate interest to run the organisation efficiently and as it sees fit. Provision of some third party services is for the benefit of the Club, participants and its members.
sharing anonymised data with a funding partner as condition of grant funding e.g. Local Authority	The Club has a legitimate interest to run the organisation efficiently and as it sees fit. Application for funding is a purpose that benefits the Club, participants and its members.
Purpose/ Processing Activity	Lawful Basis for processing under Article 6 of the GDPR.
publishing match and league results	Consent. We will only publish your personal data in a public domain, including images and names, if you have given your consent for us to do so. In the case of children under the age of 13 then only with written consent of parent/guardian
sending out marketing information such as newsletters and information about promotions and offers from sponsors	Consent. We will only send you direct marketing if you are an existing member, participant or other associated individual and you have not previously objected to this marketing, or, you have actively provided your consent.
To ensure we understand possible health risks	Consent. We will only process details on your medical history with your consent.

Who we share your personal data with

When you become a member of the Club, your information, if you are a coach or volunteer or if you are another participant may be (depending upon which league(s) your team plays in) will be entered onto the Whole Game System database, which is administered by the FA. We also pass your information to the County FA and to leagues to register participants and the team for matches, tournaments or other events, and for affiliation purposes.

We use Teamer as a communication tool, your information will be entered on to Teamer for this purpose

We may share your personal data with selected third parties, suppliers and sub-contractors such as referees, coaches or match organisers. Third-party service providers will only process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

We may disclose your personal information to third parties to comply with a legal obligation; or to protect the rights, property, or safety of our participants, members or affiliates, or others.

The Club's data processing may require your personal data to be transferred outside of the UK. Where the Club does transfer your personal data overseas it is with the sufficient appropriate safeguards in place to ensure the security of that personal data.

Protection of your personal data

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

How long we hold your personal data

We keep personal data on our participants and members while they continue to be a participant or member or are otherwise actively involved with the Club. We will delete this data within 1 month of a participant or member has left or otherwise ended their membership or affiliation, or sooner if specifically requested and we are able to do so. We may need to retain some personal data for longer for legal or regulatory purposes (for example, if there are a player has outstanding fines, outstanding fees or fails to return club property such as kit). The personal data that is stored on Whole Game System is subject to their privacy policy so we advise you review that policy together with this notice. If you would like your personal data to be deleted from Whole Game System then please contact the FA.

Your rights regarding your personal data

As a data subject you may have the right at any time to request access to, rectification or erasure of your personal data; to restrict or object to certain kinds of processing of your personal data, including direct marketing; to the portability of your personal data and to complain to the UK's data protection supervisory authority, the Information Commissioner's Office about the processing of your personal data.

As a data subject you are not obliged to share your personal data with the Club. If you choose not to share your personal data with us we may not be able to register or administer your membership.

We may update this Privacy Notice from time to time, and will inform you to any changes in how we handle your personal data.

If you have any questions about this Privacy Notice then please contact Membership Secretary.

Covid 19

As you know, grassroots football has now been given the green light to resume (yay!) I'm sure everyone is excited to get back to playing again, but before we do it's important that players & parents understand the new covid regulations that are in place so we can all enjoy our football as safely as possible, below I have outlined the main points for you to read, apologies for the long message but this is important stuff.

Training & match days.

- If players are feeling unwell, have a continuous cough & have a change in sense of smell & or taste please Do not attend training or matches. Or if the player lives with or has had close contact with
- anyone who has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 in the last 2 weeks, please do not attend.
- We will have a register of attendance for every training session & matches, this is crucial for track & trace purposes, we will also ask if your child is feeling unwell.
- Where possible players should only be accompanied by one adult.
- Please attempt to travel only with members of your own household, no car sharing unless absolutely necessary, if you do travel as a group please attempt to wear a face covering & wash all frequently touched areas of the car after the journey.
- Please use the designated entrances & exits only.
- All players & spectators must adhere to the signage in place, examples being, maintaining social distancing & ensuring the use of the hand sanitiser provided before & after every visit.
- All players must bring their own hand sanitiser, sun cream and any medication. These must all be labelled with the players name.
- Players must bring their own food & drink which needs to be in named containers
- Players must refrain from spitting or shouting in close proximity. No chewing gum is allowed.
- Balls out of play must not be retrieved by non participants
- Injuries can still be treated by coaches unless parents stipulate otherwise, appropriate PPE will be worn.
- Players must refrain from all unnecessary contact, goal celebrations, high fives, handshakes etc.
- Players, spectators & coaches must remain within their "bubble" & must not mix with other age groups who may be on site at the same time.
- Spectators must adhere to social distancing at all times and must stand in groups of no more than 6 people.

- Goalkeepers must ensure their gloves are regularly disinfected
- There must be no sharing of equipment or kit
- Toilets will be open but with limitations on numbers
- Changing rooms will be closed , it is advised that players arrive in kit, ready to play.
- The tea hut will be closed for now.

Off the pitch.

- If any players test positive for Covid 19 or have symptoms they must follow the FA & government advice in place, your age group manager must be contacted immediately.
- Players medical records must be up to date.
- Players will only be permitted to train & play within their age appropriate group.

We appreciate it's a lot to take in & a lot of patience will be required from all of us whilst we get used to it, ultimately though having these measures in place means we can all start playing the game we love again in a safe & enjoyable environment.

By Reading and submitting the online membership form, you are agreeing to abide by the above procedures. You are also consenting to your child to take part in footballing activity and agreeing to SMFC code of conduct.

Below is the Self assessment form that each parent should adhere to before sending their child to training and matches.

Each participant should self-screen prior to arrival at training to ensure they do not have any of the following symptoms (confirmed by a parent for those under age 18), as these are potential indicators of Covid-19 infection.	Check negative	Check positive
A high temperature (above 37.8°C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some clubs may include on-site temperature checking of participants as part of their SOP, this is more relevant to clubs who employ medical staff. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A new continuous cough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shortness of breath.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A sore throat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling generally unwell.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Been in close contact with/living with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous two weeks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Code of Conduct

Respect Code of Conduct – Young Players	Respect Code of Conduct – Parents/Guardians/Supporters
<p>The following is to explain what is expected from the members and parents and what you can expect from the club in the forthcoming season.</p>	<p>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!</p>
Players	Parents/Guardians/Supporters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must comply with the rules of the game, show good sportsmanship and observe fair play at all times. - Show respect for fellow team members, management, opponents and officials. - Show respect for both our own and opponents facilities and equipment. - Recognise that the team is the star and not the individual. - Be aware that you have been chosen to represent your club and behave accordingly. - Be punctual for both matches and training and to inform managers if unable to attend either. - Always wear shin pads. - Pay club membership by the start of the season - (Any player not paid up to date will not play in matches or train). - Most importantly - enjoy your football. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid remonstrating with match officials and representatives from opposing teams. - Respect all decisions of the team managers. - Accept that your child is playing for them self and not for you. - To try and provide transport as and when needed and to inform managers if unable to do so. - Watch as many matches and share in your child's experiences. - 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. <p>We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Code of Conduct for spectators and parent carers at all times.</p>
YOUNG PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT When playing football, I will:	PARENTS/GUARDIANS/SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT When spectating, I will:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 or The FA:	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:
<p>I may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My club 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 	<p>I may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official - Required to meet with the club, league or CFA 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. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

- All kit must be returned if I leave South Molton FC

Please visit www.southmoltonafc.co.uk/respect and take the time to read the information and watch the FA's Respect Videos with your child.

