



The Goal Crusader

The monthly newsletter of Comberton Crusaders Football Club

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Welcome

The new football season has arrived. This year seven teams will compete in mini soccer and colts football from the Under 9s to the Under 17s (our very first team for this age group). And during the season we aim to develop an Under 8s team and an Under 11s girls' team.

In addition the Club will be striving to achieve the FA's Development Club Charter – an award that has many benefits for all those involved and associated with the Club.

But all this cannot be achieved without the support of parents. To flourish teams require parents to manage, to support team coaching and to provide inputs on match days. To encourage parental participation, the Club is willing to fund interested parents to obtain the FA's junior manager's certificate. If you are interested please contact your team manager. In addition new managers will be supported by Doug Bailey, the Club coach and coach for the Under 13 boys.

This first issue of the new season contains the Club's Code of Practice. The Code has been developed to inform everyone of the standards of behaviour which Comberton Crusaders Football Club expect from players, parents, coaches and club officials.

For the first time we also publish the fixtures of all seven teams. So if you are wondering what to do on a spare Saturday or Sunday morning why not go along and support one of the Club's other teams.

Have a great season and enjoy playing the beautiful game.

Ed Tranham
Chairman
September 2001

Code of Good Practice

A Code of Conduct for Football

Football is the national game. All those involved with Comberton Crusaders FC, whether as a player, supporter, match official, coach 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 Club is, and remains, high.

Integrity and Fair Play

The Club is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

Community

The Club is part of the local community and will provide opportunities for boys and girls in Comberton and neighbouring villages to play football and develop their footballing skills.

Equality

The Club is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Fairness

The Club is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved at Comberton Crusaders.

A Code of Conduct for Players

Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost - Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

Obligations towards the game

A player should

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina;
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game;
- Teamwork and effort are as important as winning. You should accept losing without undue disappointment;
- Do not gloat when you win a match;
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting;
- Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

A player should

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his or her own team win;
- Never ridicule or shout at a team-mate for making a mistake during a game or at training. Encourage them or keep quiet;
- Not ridicule team mates at school or in places away from the match or training ground

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Comberton Crusaders FC season 2001-2002 fixtures

Date	Under 9s		Under 10s		Under 11s		Under 13 Girls	
8-Sep	Fulbourn A	A	Papworth	A	Girton B	A		
15-Sep	Chesterton	A			Papworth	H		
22-Sep			Hardwick	H			Peterborough Utd	A
29-Sep	Aztecs A	H	Bluntisham B (Rd1 Cup)	H	Willingham	A	Willingham	H
6-Oct			Willingham	A			Cambridge Blues	A
13-Oct	Aztecs B	H			Hardwick A	H	Cambridge City	H
20-Oct			Chatteris	H	Aztecs B (Rd1 Cup)	A		
27-Oct	Fulbourn B	A	(Rd 2 Cup)		Histon	A		
3-Nov			Hardwick	A			Cambridge Utd	A
10-Nov	Ellesmere A	H			Bar Hill	H		
17-Nov			Bluntisham B	A	(Rd 2 Cup)			
24-Nov	Balsham	H	(Rd 3 Cup)		Girton A	H	Cottenham	H
1-Dec			Bar Hill	H			Godmanchester	A
8-Dec	Burwell B	H						
15-Dec			Swavesey	A			Haverhill	H
22-Dec					Bar Hill	A		
29-Dec								
5-Jan	Aztecs B	A					Milton	A
12-Jan			Cottenham	H			Newmarket	H
19-Jan	Balsham	A			Hardwick B	A	Cottenham	A
26-Jan			Bluntisham A	A			Peterborough Utd	H
2-Feb	Burwell B	A			Girton B	H	Cambridge City	A
9-Feb			Papworth	H				
16-Feb	Fulbourn A	H			Papworth	A		
23-Feb			Chatteris	A	(Rd 3 Cup)			
2-Mar			Cottenham	A	Histon	H	Godmanchester	H
9-Mar			Willingham	H			Willingham	A
16-Mar	Aztecs A	A	(Rd 4 Cup)		Hardwick A	A	Newmarket	A
23-Mar			Bluntisham B	H				
30-Mar								
6-Apr	Chesterton	H			Willingham	H		
13-Apr			Swavesey	H			Haverhill	A
20-Apr	Fulbourn B	H			Girton A	A	Cambridge Blues	H
27-Apr			Bar Hill	A			Cambridge Utd	H
4-May	Ellesmere A	A			Hardwick B	H	Milton	H
11-May			Bluntisham A	H				
	Manager: Steve Duff Contact: 01954 203895 Ground: Comberton Rec		Manager: Paul Sexton Contact: 01223 263786 Ground: Meridian School		Manager: Richard Rowlands Contact: 01223 264508 Ground: Meridian School		Manager: Ross Harnwell Contact: 01223 870357 Ground: Haslingfield School	

Date	Under 12s		Under 13s		Under 17s	
9-Sep	Mildenhall B	H	Cottenham B	A	Cherry Hinton	A
16-Sep	Panthers	A	Chatteris	H	Alconbury	A
23-Sep	Godmanchester A (Rd1 LC)	H	Brampton	A	Cherry Hinton	H
30-Sep	Ellesmere	A	Little Paxton	H	Barton	H
7-Oct	Aztecs B	A			Hemingford	A
14-Oct	Histon B	H			Cherry Hinton (Rd 2 LC)	A
21-Oct	Aztecs B	H	Fulbourn	A	Earith	H
28-Oct	Burwell	A	Histon	H	Barton	A
4-Nov	Priority A (Rd 1 Cup)				Haverhill	H
11-Nov	Parkside	H	Sawston	A	Bar Hill	H
18-Nov	Stretham	A	(Rd 3 League Cup)			
25-Nov	Mildenhall B	A	Cottenham B	H		
2-Dec	Ellesmere	H	Little Paxton	A	Haverhill	A
9-Dec	Ely	A	Soham (Rd 2 Cup)	A	Bar Hill	A
16-Dec	(Rd 2 Cup)		Chatteris	A	Alconbury	H
23-Dec						
30-Dec	Histon B	A	Huntingdon A	H	Earith	A
6-Jan	Cottenham	A	Haverhill	H		
13-Jan	Bottisham	H			Hemingford	H
20-Jan			Fulbourn	H		
27-Jan	Stretham	H	Ramsey	A		
3-Feb	Parkside	A	Sawston	H		
10-Feb	Burwell	H	Histon	A		
17-Feb	Cottenham	H	Haverhill	A	(Rd 2 Cup)	H
24-Feb	Ely	H				
3-Mar			Brampton	H		
10-Mar	Panthers	H				
17-Mar	Bottisham	A	Ramsey	H		
24-Mar						
31-Mar						
7-Apr						
14-Apr						
21-Apr			Huntingdon A	A		
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Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

A player should

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules;
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

Respect towards Opponents

A player should

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game;
- Always shake hands with the opposition at the end of a match irrespective of the outcome of the game

- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest;
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official;
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not

contradict the spirit of this Code;

- Always arrive at the required times for matches and training. Contact a member of your coaching team if you are unavailable;
- Be attentive and quiet when being spoken to by a member of the coaching team;
- Recognise the value and importance of the coaching team who voluntarily give up their time so that you can play football
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters

A player should:

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

A Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football at Comberton Crusaders because they first and foremost love the game - it's fun. And positive encouragement from parents will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football;
- A sense of personal achievement;
- Self-esteem;
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players;
- Officials;
- Managers;
- Spectators.

Parents and spectators should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team;
- Avoid coaching the child during the game;
- Not shout and scream;
- Not use foul or abusive language;
- Respect the referee's decision;
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented;
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football;
- Not incentivise their children to score goals etc because this has a detrimental affect on the playing of a team game;
- Never publicly question the match officials; decisions.

And remember young people are not playing to satisfy your ambition.

Comberton Crusaders FC

Club Complaints Procedure

In the event that any Club member feels that he or she has suffered discrimination in any way, or that the Club's Policies, Rules or Code of Conduct have been broken, please report the matter to Colin Clarkson, Club Secretary. Tel: 01223 870710

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A Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics at the Club. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches at the Club to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, coach or parent.

Set out below is The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches) which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching at Comberton Crusaders FC:

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport;
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance;
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies;
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect;
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward;
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance;
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players;
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach;
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques;
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.