



Verwood Town FC – Youth Section – Club Ethos Explained – Parents



Football should be **safe and fun** for all age groups

The primary focus of managers/coaches should be on the **development of the whole player**, especially in the Foundation stage (Under 10s and below) noting that there are some competitive summer tournaments, where **winning is more important** but should still **not overshadow the need to develop all players**

At Foundation Stage, **all players should play in all positions** across each season, including rotating though the Goal and **development is more important than performance, which is more important than the result.**

At later stages of the players life (beyond Foundation Stage), the order of **importance evolves** so teams can become **more competitive, whilst still developing every player.**

- All supporters must complete the **Respect module** prior to attending any game (Part of your membership process)
- All of the **staff at VTFC are unpaid volunteers** who give up their time to run our club to very high standards. This involves hours and hours of voluntary training, prep, coaching, mentoring, and sitting on committees. **Please remember to be considerate** towards them when they ask for your help, or you have something to raise with them.
- Parents / Carers should see on match day:
 - o Their player experiencing a **range of positions on the pitch** when Under 10s and below.
 - o Their player **getting fairly selected** to play in a game (not necessarily league matches or every weekend).
 - o Their player getting a **fair amount of time on the pitch** (playing around 50% of the game) noting a mix if time in goal and outfield is expected.
 - o Their player **trying their best** wherever they play on the pitch (and where they are not they may see the coach / manager offer them supportive advice via the subs bench)
 - o The Coaching and Management Staff **being positive throughout** and minimal **shouting of instructions** from the dugout.
 - o A **respect Marshall** who helps enthusiastic **parents remain positive and under control** (parents are not allowed to coach from their sideline, must stay behind the respect line, and must keep their support positive for both teams and the match officials).
- Your player may not play every week – younger teams are rotated fairly evenly, older teams can focus more on strongest players for important games.
- Parents who are curious about player development should ask the team manager / coach about how development works in the team. Going with ideas from your player about where they think they are good, and where they feel they need help to improve can **help coaches target player specific areas.**
- If you would like further guidance then contact the club committee, who can help by lining your team up with one of our **FA Level 2 coaches, or an FA Mentor** who can help with ideas for player and team development.
- If you see **anything you are uncomfortable with at the club** – please **raise it constructively with the manager / coaches** present on the day who can offer immediate support. If you still have concerns, please **contact the club committee** for guidance and support.
- In the case of a **child welfare issue, you should immediately contact our Child Welfare Officer** (Mr. Ian Champney) on Child_Welfare@VTFC.co.uk or call on 07900 365461 (save these details to your contacts).