



BUNTINGFORD TOWN FC

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BUNTINGFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (BTFC) Players' Agreement and Code of Conduct Effective 1st August 2019

Conduct

You agree to act in a responsible way at Buntingford Town FC (BTFC) matches, training and social events. Your behaviour, be it verbal, physical or by any other means (including social networking websites), is to be such that it will not reflect badly on BTFC.

Player Registration

Once you have filled out the club's registration form, your details will be entered onto the 'PaySubsOnline' system, www.paysubsonline.com, which is used to maintain membership information and also to invoice players for membership fees, match fees, fines etc.

Upon joining the club you confirm:

- All information given to BTFC and League/FA organisations is up to date and accurate.
- You have not played for or previously signed or registered for any other club in any competition that BTFC competes in during the current season (unless going through the appropriate transfer process).
- You are not currently registered with the Football Association as a contract player at any other club.
- You are not currently under any FA or County FA Suspension.
- You have resolved all financial obligations to any previous clubs.

NB. Should BTFC incur any costs (eg League or FA fines) because you fail any of the above criteria the club reserves the right to pass those costs onto you. Any fines that have been passed to you that you have not challenged and that remain unpaid after 21 days may result in you being suspended from all football activities by the club until the fine is paid.

Availability

You agree to inform your team manager or coach in good time if you cannot attend a match or training.

- Players are expected to confirm availability for the next match at least 5 days before the scheduled date of the next BTFC fixture (eg Monday evening in the case of a Saturday fixture).
- Managers will select their teams from players who have indicated that they are available no later than 2 days before the match (eg Thursday evening in the case of a Saturday fixture).
- Once selected for a team a player is expected to play for that team unless a reasonable excuse for non-attendance is given.
- Any player who has misgivings about how he is being treated by the team selection process has the right to raise his concerns with the club's committee.

Fees

BTFC operates a 'pay-to-play' system.

- An annual fee, as determined by the club's committee, will be charged to cover costs related to your participation in football, including match fees, league registration fees, and training fees. This fee may be made in instalments, as determined by the club's committee, and will be collected via the PaySubsOnline system. **The annual fee for the 2019/20 season is £120.**
- Should a player not pay the annual fee or instalments on time, or leave the club, a match fee of £7.00 for each game played plus a training fee of £25 will be invoiced, along with any outstanding fines.
- The annual fee is non-refundable, except in exceptional circumstances (eg long-term injury). Appeals for refunds will be considered by the club's committee.

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Fines

Players are required to pay all fines within 21 days of the invoice date. Failure to do so may result in you being suspended from all football activities by the club.

- Fines issued to players by the Herts FA (eg for red/yellow cards) will be initially paid for by the club. Members will then be invoiced for any monies paid by the club.
- Any member receiving a red or yellow card because of a 'Respect' charge (ie one 'showing dissent by word or action, or using offensive, insulting or abusive language') will be fined an additional sum, starting at £5 for the first offence, and incrementing by £5 for every subsequent offence. This is in order to discourage such behaviour and also in order to offset club fines that may be imposed by the Herts FA. Full details can be found on the following document: <http://www.buntingfordtownfc.com/docs/FARespectSanctions.pdf>
- The club reserves the right to impose fines of no more than £25 on any member who falls foul of club rules.

Equipment

You agree to arrive for games and training with appropriate equipment and refreshments. You agree to return all kit that belongs to BTFC after matches and should you leave the club.

Condition

You agree to be in a good mental and physical condition for BTFC activities. Anyone influenced by alcohol and/or drugs will not partake in any activity. Players with medical conditions should inform their coach/manager giving details of the condition and clearly labelled medication that you agree the manager/coach can administer as per your prior instruction in the case of an emergency. Players under the age of eighteen years will need to supply written parental consent for such medication to be administered.

Insurance

BTFC has purchased Personal Accident Insurance for **all registered players**. This policy exceeds the minimum requirements specified by the Herts FA; however, members are strongly advised to confirm that it meets their individual needs, and if it does not, take out alternative personal insurance in case of injury.

Fundraising Support

You agree to make best efforts to support the club's fundraising & social efforts as these are considered to be essential for team bonding and building the club's finances. You are very welcome to suggest events of this type. You are encouraged to make full use of 'The Bury'.

Initiatives

You agree to support initiatives of BTFC and the FA, for example, the 'Respect' programme.

Contact Information

You agree to accurately maintain your contact details on the PaySubsOnline system, or inform the Club Secretary via email (sec@buntingfordtownfc.com) of any changes.

All members of Buntingford Town FC are required to abide by the Buntingford Town FC Players' Agreement and Code of Conduct.

All players registering for Buntingford Town FC are therefore understood to have agreed to the terms & conditions within this document.

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